

# Diocese Marks Twenty Years With Disciples Response Fund

## Disciples Response Fund appeal a first for diocese

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How will the disciples respond? That's the only question left as the Church of Western Kentucky invites us to financially and prayerfully support the Disciples Response Fund.

The Disciples Response Fund, chartered through the Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, has been established to help carry out the evangelical mission of Christ and the Catholic Church. Catholics will be asked for their financial and prayerful support as the fund will distribute monies to six important ministries of the church. Half of the dollars raised in the effort will be placed in the contributor's parish endowment. Other ministries earmarked for endowed dollars are seminarian education, religious education, outreach/unchurched/evangelization and the retired and infirm priest trust fund. About thirty percent of the dollars raised will directly assist diocesan efforts in these areas, while fifteen percent of the monies will be placed in a grant pool to financially assist Catholic parishes and organizations struggling to carry out the mission of Christ. Ten percent of every dollar raised will be spent on efforts that support the poor and homeless.

"I think that every Catholic has something to give," said Bishop(-emeritus) John McRaith about the effort. "Even if for a good reason someone cannot support this effort financially, they can still support this effort prayerfully."

Bishop(-emeritus) McRaith said unlike many diocesan appeals which are called "Bishop's Appeals" or "Diocesan Appeals," the church of western Kentucky "is not really being called together to support the bishop of the diocese. This fund will support the work of Christ and the church. My hope is that as Catholics prioritize their giving dollars, they will give this effort serious consideration." He said it would be defeating for anyone to cut their financial support of their parish or other

Catholic organizations to support the Disciples Response Fund Appeal, "and I am sensitive to the financial plight of many of our Catholic people. But the church cannot stop planning or asking for financial support unless we plan on slowing down what Christ has called us to do. I am confident that there are many generous people throughout the diocese who are pleased to see this type of united effort, and will support it."

The appeal is under the direction of the Office of Stewardship. Tom Lilly, who (then) coordinated office efforts, said that two major concerns (are) being expressed about the fund. One is that it might be "too visionary." Lilly said it could take some time for people to understand and see the importance of endowments, "but I also think the idea is long overdue in the church. This project focuses on solutions to problems and gives everyone an opportunity to become part of that solution. Our church, right down to our parishes and schools, are either growing in their faith formation or they are stagnant. This fund emphasizes

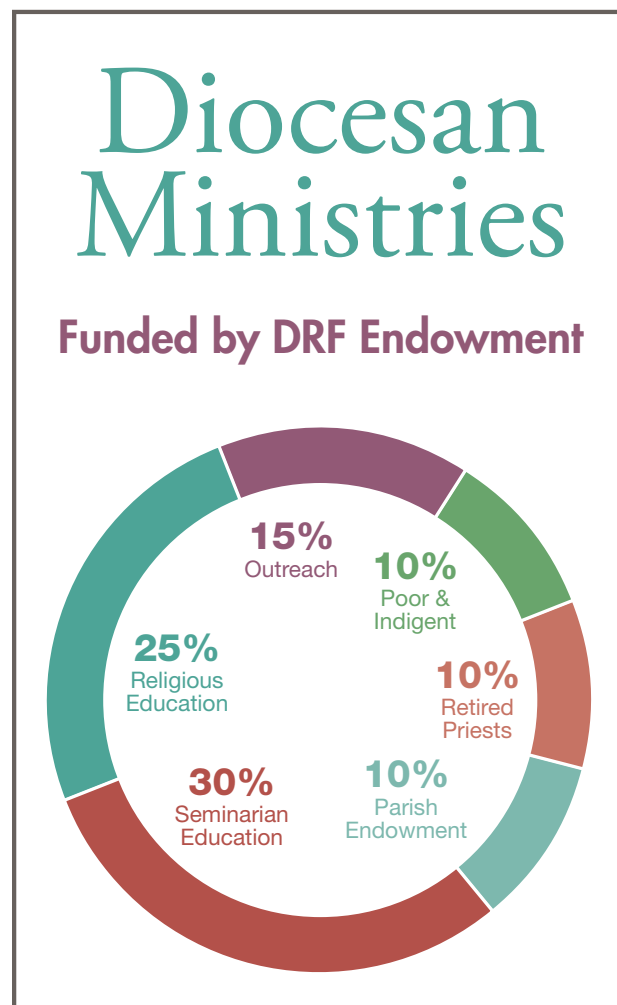


growth. Endowments, I think, are the key to the growth of the church."

He said the second major concern is the sheer number of requests for money that Catholics receive throughout the diocese. "Everyone, not just Catholics, have to sort through requests for money. There are many people who know what it's like to have a limited income and to support a family. We all have to prioritize. If the Catholic Church is not willing to place its needs at the feet of her people, then how will the needs get met? I think we have to look at where the money is going and ask if the needs are important. Then we have to decide whether we can financially participate or not." He said that nobody in the church wants to see people hungry or going without basic needs because they're being too generous with the

church. "But is that a serious problem right now in the Catholic Church? Or do we need to educate our people on what it means to be generous, and to aggressively pursue solutions to the financial problems of our parishes and the ministries that they support?"

He said that every Catholic in the diocese will be asked to fill out a commitment form, even if a household chooses not to financially make a commitment.



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# The Church Calls Us To Focus Our Celebrations In A Year Of Faith



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

My dear friends,  
The Diocese of Owensboro is in the midst of a Jubilee Year to mark the 75th anniversary of the creation of the diocese. Many events have been held and many are yet to come in our celebration. The highpoint of our jubilee will come on

the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, December 8 when we invite all people in the diocese to come together for Mass at 11:00 a.m. at the Owensboro Sports Center to celebrate God's rich and abundant blessings to us.

As always in a busy world, our year-long jubilee overlaps with other noteworthy celebrations throughout the universal Church. Pope Benedict XVI has declared a special observance for the Church throughout the world with a Year of Faith to be observed from October 11, 2012 through November 24, 2013.

October 11 of this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. November 24, 2013 will be the Feast of Christ the King.

Pope Benedict has described the upcoming Year of Faith as "a summons to authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world." In other words, the Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The Pope has described this conversion as opening the "door of faith." The "door of faith," spoken of in the Acts of the Apostles, is opened at one's baptism but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew our relationship with Christ and his Church.

During this year Catholics are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the catechism, published twenty years ago this year, so that we may deepen our knowledge of faith.

Every baptized Catholic is called

through baptism to be a disciple of Christ and proclaim the Gospel. The year of Faith is an opportunity for each and every Catholic to renew our baptismal call by living out the everyday moments of our lives with faith, hope and love. This everyday witness is necessary for proclaiming the Gospel to family, friends, neighbors and society. In order to witness to the Gospel, Catholics must be strengthened through celebrating weekly Sunday Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Just as individuals mark pivotal epochs of their lives, so must the Church. A 16th or 21st birthday is more significant to young people than other birthdays. A 25th or 50th wedding anniversary, ordination anniversary or anniversary of religious life merit more celebration than most. So the Church from time to time calls us to take special note and observe our faith and heritage. The Second Vatican Council was a landmark moment in our Catholic Church history and it is fitting that Pope Benedict would focus our celebration in a Year of Faith.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend William F. Medley  
Bishop of Owensboro

## Bishop Medley's Calendar for September

September 4	9:00 a.m.	CPC Staff Mass and Meeting
September 6	10:00 a.m. Mass,	Owensboro Catholic Schools "Catholics Schools Week" Sportscenter, Owensboro
September 7	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	School Mass, Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson S.P.A.C.E. Picnic, St. Raphael's
September 8	5:30 p.m.	Mass, Marian Conference, Riverpark Center
September 9	10:00 a.m.	Mass/New Pastor Installation, Fr. Jerry Baker, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
September 13	10-3:00	Presbyteral Day, Catholic Pastoral Center
September 15	10:00 a.m.	Permanent Diaconate Ordination, Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green
September 16	10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	125th Anniversary Celebration Mass, St. Elizabeth, Curdsville Diocesan Marriage Celebration, Blessed Mother, Owensboro
September 17	9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Priests' Personnel Board Meeting, CPC Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
September 18	9:00 a.m.	CPC Staff Mass and Meeting
September 19	8:30 a.m.	Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, CPC
September 20	11:00 a.m.	Mass, Brescia University
September 22	12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Mass and gathering with Black Catholics, Blessed Sacrament Chapel Jubilee Event Mass/New Pastor Installation, Fr. Freddie Byrd, St. Ann, Morganfield
September 23	10:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	200th Anniversary Celebration Mass, St. Anthony, Axtel Mass and Celebration with Ursuline Community of Loretto, KY
September 24-28		Mission Bishops' Conference, Chicago, IL
September 29	10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Council of Religious Celebration/Jubilee, St. Martin Confirmation, Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
September 30	10:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Mass/New Pastor Installation, Fr. Steve Hohman, St. Paul & St. Elizabeth, at St. Elizabeth's, Clarkson Mass/Sophia Awards, Holy Name of Jesus Vespers – Benediction, Parish of the Immaculate

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By The Most Reverend William F. Medley, DD, Bishop of Owensboro

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## Canon Law from a Bishop's Perspective



The 2012 Provincial Meeting of Tribunals of the Province of Louisville was held August 7-8 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Held annually, this meeting's location rotates throughout the province, and will be held in Owensboro again in 2018. The 2013 meeting will be held in Louisville. This meeting is attended by canonists and Tribunal personnel from the Dioceses of Owensboro, Lexington, Louisville, Covington, Nashville and Memphis. This year's presenter was Most Rev. Charles C. Thompson, Bishop of the Diocese of Evansville, Indiana. His topic was: "Canon Law from a Bishop's Perspective." In the picture at left, Bishop Thompson delivered the morning presentation. Mel Howard Photo

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# FFA Honored at Diocesan Rural Life Celebration: A Promise of Better Days With Better Ways

By Mel Howard

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The Diocesan Rural Life Committee hosted the tenth annual Rural Life Celebration in the Owensboro Sportscenter on August 12, 2012, a 75th Anniversary Celebration event for the founding of the Diocese of Owensboro. All present enjoyed a free BBQ Chicken dinner prepared by several farmers from the Daviess County area. Again this year, the Committee presented the group's Lifetime Achievement Award. The 2012 award winners were the Future Farmers of America chapters from Owensboro Catholic High School, Daviess County HS, and Apollo HS, all of whom have made a lasting contribution to Rural Life in agriculture education.

One speaker for the evening program, Joenelle Futrell, one of the top 20 FFA students of nearly 500,000 in the US, and a National FFA office candidate from Daviess Co. HS FFA, detailed the benefits of a high school agricultural education in the FFA. She asked for those in the audience of nearly 450 to stand when she asked how many had been in the FFA in high school. Many proudly stood up. She said a benefit to the community is the number of people educated by FFA Ag. Ed. Programs. "No matter how tough it gets, we'll have people who are passionate about what they're doing in farming and in agribusiness. FFA helps keep agriculture alive with its emphasis on learning new technologies and on a careful stewardship of the earth." She said that in the FFA, students not only learn the core level class subjects but also learn to work with their hands to apply what they learn in the core classes." FFA is intercurricular and develops good community members, helping high school students "be interested and passionate in their work, giving them a purpose in learning. It's a personalized Ag. experience," she said.

Miss Futrell noted that the US Agriculture industry is one part of the economy which "is still growing in this economic downturn - a promise of better days through better ways."

**Center: Susan Zogleman, OCHS Ag. teacher and FFA adviser, directed students before the Aug. 12 banquet. At far right, Rural Life Committee member Joe Elliott carrying table cloths. At lower left, Whitesville farmer Bill Brey, right, handing BBQ chicken to Joe Elliott. At lower center left, Sylvester Fischer, left, sharing a smile with Charlie Krampe. At lower center right, John Kuegel, Jr. announced the 2012 Lifetime Award winners ; at back, FFA chapter advisers Susan Zogleman - OCHS, Aaron Tucker - Apollo HS, and Jason Smith, DCHS agriculture education**



Daviess Co. HS graduate Joenelle Futrell addressing the Rural Life Celebration audience of nearly 450 on Aug. 12, 2012 in the Owensboro Sportscenter.



teacher and FFA advisor. At corner right, Diocesan Social Concerns Director Richard Murphy did one final thing to see that the Rural Life Celebration succeeded - taking out bags of table cloths for laundry. Mel Howard Photos





## Sacred Heart, Hickman

The people of Hickman first began celebrating Mass in 1850 when Carmelite priests would come to Hickman for missionary work. In 1858 property on Brooklyn Street was purchased and the predominately Irish congregation named the church St. Bridget. By the late 19th century the Irish were outnumbered by the Germans and a new church was built, this time with the name Sacred Heart. The new church was dedicated on October 5, 1890 and was attended by both Catholics and Protestants.

In 1928 a parochial school was opened with four Sisters of Mercy teaching. Growing over the years, a new school was built in 1949 and included a high school. The school eventually closed in the 1960s but religious education classes



**Sacred heart Church, Hickman**

have continued through the years.

A new church was built in 1977 and dedicated on June 17 by Bishop Soenneker. The red Italian marble altar was a gift from the Crosier Monastery in Anamia, Minnesota. The stained glass windows, Stations of the Cross, statues and pedestals from the old church were restored and incorporated into the new Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Sacred Heart parishioners and friends give thanks to God for the gift of faith and pray for blessings on the future.

Sacred Heart Parish, 411 E. Moulton Street, Hickman, KY 42050. 270-236-2071

[http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish\\_id=105](http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=105)

**Mass Schedule**  
**Saturday: 5 p.m.**

It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the Society unique. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. The Society recognizes that it must assume, also, a role of advocacy for those who are defenseless or voiceless. Some 12 million persons are helped annually by Vincentians in the United States.

The Owensboro Diocesan Council of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society met at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro on August 2, 2012 for a business meeting. Present for the photo of the Council are front row - Irene and Dick Reimbold, Chuck Payne, Pat McNulty, John Clark; back row - Murray McLaughlin, Julia Woodbridge, Bonnie Gibson, and Anthony Payne. Photo by Mel Howard



## Celebrating 75 Years of Parish Life in Western Kentucky

### St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

Mass was first celebrated in Cloverport about 1853. Just four years later Father M. Power built the first church, called St. Malachi. A church was built in 1887, dedicated to St. Rose of Lima. Sadly, a fire on February 28, 1894 burned the church to the ground. Not to be discouraged, new

church was dedicated a year later by Bishop McCloskey. St. Rose opened a parochial school in 1900 with a Mrs. Drury as the teacher, but the school did not last very long. In 1916 the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph came as teachers.

The church underwent major renovations in the 1960s to fit the changes from Vatican II. Over the years the parish has had



**St. Rose of Lima Church, Cloverport**

many improvements and additions, including the construction of the parish hall. The church caught on fire in May 1987 and suffered considerable damage. The church was repaired without sacrificing the original pews and statues. The parishioners of St. Rose of Lima are very proud of their heritage and try to emulate the example set by their forbearers.

St. Rose of Lima Parish, 118 Chestnut Street, Cloverport, KY 40111 270-788-6422

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**Mass Schedule**  
**Saturday: 6 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 8 a.m.**

## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Seeking Charity and Justice

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (or "Vincentians") are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis.

### Celebrating 200 years of Faith

Saint Anthony the Abbot Catholic Church requests the honour of your presence at Holy Mass on Sunday, September 23, 2012 at ten o'clock in the morning, CST Saint Anthony Church,

1654 Highway 79,  
Hardinsburg, KY 40143  
Reception with meal immediately following in Saint Anthony Parish Hall  
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### St. Charles, Bardwell

Father Charles Haeseley built the first Catholic Church in Carlisle County in 1891; consecrated St. Charles Borromeo, after Fr. Haeseley's patron saint. The present church was built in 1956 by Father Edward Russell and Father Pike Powell. The Parish Hall was added in 1995 under the guidance of Father Tony Stevenson.

Sister Martine Hayden Del Immaculate was the first religious vocation from St. Charles and was a member of the Little Sisters of the Poor from the early 1900's. She was the youngest daughter of Jesse A and Jane P Carrico Hayden. Sister Martine Hayden Del Immaculate died May 28, 1955.

Bishop McCloskey celebrated the dedication of St. Charles Bor-



**St. Charles Church, Bardwell**

romeo on November 29, 1893. The St. Charles faith community was blessed not only with an exceptionally beautiful church facility, but with the knowledge that through prayer we can gain the courage and inspiration needed to conquer any fear. Alton Thomas, Leon Thomas, and Edwin Hayden served as the building committee.

Father Albert Thompson began building the St. Charles School in 1920. The project was completed by Father Mark Parrette. Ursuline nuns from Maple Mount, KY staffed the school for 46 years, until shortage of teachers forced its closing in 1966.

St. Charles Parish, 6922 State Route 408 Bardwell, KY 42023  
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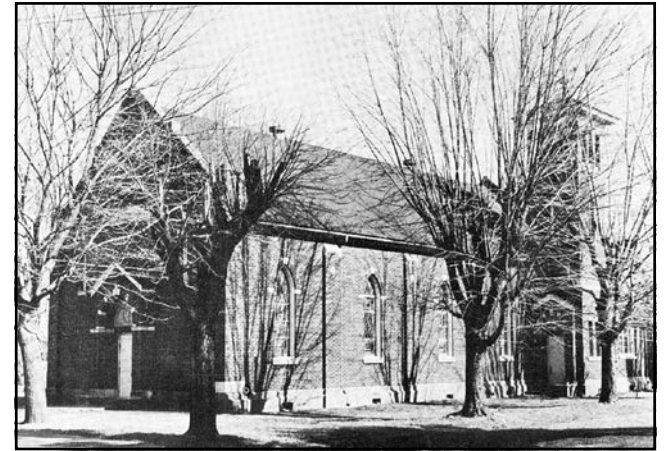
**Mass Schedule  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.**

### St. Elizabeth, Curdsville

As early as 1797 pioneers were settling the area later called Curdsville. The first Catholics attended St. Raphael Church. The increasing number of Catholics made the establishment of a new parish necessary. A new church, St. Elizabeth, was dedicated on December 11, 1887. Many

people, including non-Catholics, came to the dedication. The parish did not have a resident pastor until 1910 and was served by local priests in

the meantime. An elementary school was opened in 1911 and was staffed by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph. High school was offered from 1918 to 1934. A new school building was acquired in 1938 but unfortunately



**St. Elizabeth Church, Curdsville**

it burned in early 1939. The church was not able to build a new school until 1955. With decreasing enrollment, the school was closed in 1973.

The church building was enlarged and renovated in 1925. The sanctuary, two sacristies, and a tower were added and the gallery was enlarged, doubling the capacity of the church.

The parishioners of St. Elizabeth have over the years worked together to preserve their church and school. They have reached out beyond their parish to the entire community, enthusiastic to be of service to the church.

St. Elizabeth Parish 6143 First Street, Curdsville, KY 42334

270-229-4134

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**Mass Schedule  
Sunday: 9 a.m.**



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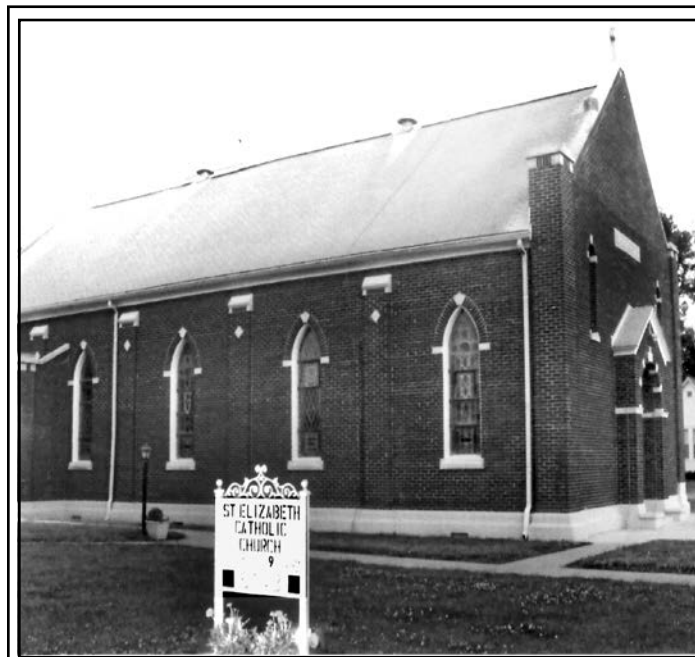
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and Michael Wiedemer



## Celebrating 125 Years Saint Elizabeth Church in Curdsville will be celebrating the church's 125th anniversary on Sunday, September 16, 2012.

For information, email  
stelizabeth@att.net or call  
270-229-4134



## St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

In August of 1893, Fr. Lawrence Ford offered the first Mass in the newly completed mission church of St. John the Baptist in Ohio County. It remained small until the 1940s when Fr. Henry O'Bryan began to offer Sunday Mass at the church.

In early 1965, Fr. Joseph O'Donnell of the Glenmary Home Missioners became pastor. Under his guidance the parish was relocated from Dundee to Fordsville. The first Mass offered in Fordsville was in the public school lunchroom. Later a chapel trailer was moved onto the property which later became the present site of St. John the Baptist Church.

In 1976 the Glenmary Building crew came to Fordsville and



**St. John the Baptist Church, Fordsville**

constructed the church with the help of the Catholic Extension Society. It was built in such a way that it could be converted to a family life center.

Ursuline Sisters of Mt. St. Joseph came in 1983 and have helped in the day to day operation of the parish until the present day. Fr. O'Donnell retired from fulltime parish ministry in 1996. That year Bishop John McRaith appointed Fr. Richard Powers, pastor of St. Mary of the Woods in Whitesville to become Pastor of St. John as well.

Under the direction of Fr. Powers and his successor, Fr. Patrick Bittel, discussion became serious about building a new church. Property on the hill across the street was donated by a non-Catholic businessman. Fundraising was begun by Fr. Powers and a parish building committee was formed.

In June 2004, Fr. Eric Riley was appointed pastor. With the present church at capacity to overflowing into the cry room on some Sundays, construction of a new church completed and dedicated August 27, 2006. The people of St. John the Baptist Parish are a humble people with a great love for God, His Church and the community of Fordsville.

**St. John the Baptist Parish**, 66 Smith Street, Fordsville, KY 42343 270-276-3619

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**Mass Schedule - Sunday: 8 a.m.**

## Celebrating 75 Years of Parish Life in Western Kentucky

### St. Joseph, Mayfield

The first St. Joseph Church building was dedicated on April 19, 1887. A school was founded in the late 19th century taught by lay people. Many improvements

were made to the church over the next several years, including the purchase of pews, the installation of a bell tower,

and the purchase of a new school building, taught by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

On May 4, 1938 the new church was dedicated by the recently installed Bishop Francis Cotton. In the late 1990s the church bought the buildings east of the rectory, those which



**St. Joseph Church, Mayfield**

house the offices for the Hispanic Ministry, the Learning Center and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

In June 2001, many positive programs were instituted including a reorganization of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the needy and the Social Justice Committee. On Thanksgiving Day 2004, Mass was offered for the first time in our newly renovated Church and in August 2005, Bishop McRaith dedicated our new altar and lectern.

In 2009 St. Joseph School celebrated its 75th year. Unfortunately, the school closed at the end of the 2011-2012 academic year.

In 2012, we celebrate our 125th Anniversary. Through the years we have seen many people celebrate the sacraments and grow in their faith in Jesus. Here at St. Joseph Parish, we honor our history and continue the tradition, celebrating the wondrous mystery of God in our lives.

**St. Joseph Parish**, 702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066 270-247-2843 <http://stjosephmayfield.com/>

#### Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00,10:30 a.m.**

**Spanish Mass: Sunday: 2:00p.m.**

## Brescia's Contemporary Woman Program Announces Programs for Fall 2012

Brescia University's Contemporary Woman Program, directed by Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Rose Marita O'Bryan, enters the fall semester with a variety of programs.

The brochure lists new and continuing programs available to both women and men:

- **Women Doctors of the Church**, exploring the life and writings of the four women doctors of the Catholic Church: Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux and Hildegard of Bingen, is presented on six Wednesday afternoons, beginning on September 26 from 1:30-2:30.
- **The Canticle Group**, examining materials that develop issues of spirituality, peace, and justice, meets on Friday mornings from 10 till noon, beginning on September 7. This semester the group will be exploring the theme of beauty and its important role in spirituality.
- **The Partnership Group**, in its 23rd year, meets on the second Wednesday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m., beginning September 12 and continuing through May. The book chosen for dialogue is "Field of Compassion" by Judy Cannato.
- **Soul Gardening with Hildegard of Bingen**, a special opportunity for four Tuesday afternoons in November from 1:30-2:30, consists of guided reflections on the life and writings of Hildegard of Bingen, the newly named woman doctor of the Catholic Church.
- **Learning to See as the Mystics See, part 2**, a program based on a book written by Richard Rohr, is offered on three Saturday mornings on October 13, November 10 and December 8 from 10:30-11:20. (Participants in this program do not need to have taken part 1 of a program offered earlier.)
- **Tolerant Oppression**, a program of three Thursday evening sessions which begins on October 25 from 6:30-7:20, is based on the insights of Dr. Scott Hampton, author of the book "Tolerant Oppression."
- **Dorothy Day: Icon of the Streets**, which begins October 9 from 1:30-2:20, continues for four Tuesday afternoons through October 30.
- **Spirituality and the Journey of the Universe**, beginning November 5 from 10:30-11:30, continues for four Monday mornings in November.

For a brochure and/or more information regarding programs, dates, and costs, contact Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan, OSU, at Brescia University, 717 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301; 270-686-4275; rosemarita.obryan@brescia.edu. Participants are asked to pre-register at least two weeks in advance for each program. You can also access the roster of programs on the website of Brescia University.

## St. Paul, Princeton

St Paul's began in the late 1800s as a mission parish and not until the 1960s did St Paul's receive status as a parish of its own. In 1874 the first building used for Catholic worship was built at the corner of Washington and Harison Streets.

A second church was built in the early 20th century and used until the 1970s. In 1964, newly appointed Bishop Henry Soenneker, named St Paul's their first resident pastor, Father Thomas Clark. Father Clark served St Paul's until 1971 when Father Delma Clemons was named pastor.

In March of 1973, Father Clemons officially broke ground for the new and current St Paul's church and soon after a rectory. The church seats 300, and was designed by the Owensboro firm of Bisson and Associates. The scheme of this church was a product of its time, the 1970s, when stark simplicity in architecture and design were the mode and watchword. St. Paul had a parochial school from 1948-1986 taught by several dedicated lay teachers.

The parish has approximately 65



**St. Paul, Princeton**

families with an active Christian Women's Group, St Paul's Family Aid, and active members in the Knights of Columbus. The following priests served in our current church building since Father Clemons: Fr. Frank Roof, 1981 – 1987; Fr. Patrick Bittel 1987 – 1990; Fr. Peter Hughes 1990 – 1992; Fr. Anthony Stevenson, 1992 – 1994; Fr. John Speaks 1994 – 1995; Fr. Richard Danhauer, 1995 to 2006; Fr. Shaiju Thomas, 2006 – Present.

St. Paul Parish, 813 South Jefferson Street, Princeton, KY 42445-2371 270-365-6786

[http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish\\_id=150](http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=150)

**Mass Schedule - Sunday: 10 a.m.**

## St. William, Knottsville

St. William Church was established in 1887 and by this time the Knottsville area had grown to over 1,000 people. On May 2, 1887 a meeting was held to discuss the growing Catholic presence and the overcrowding at St. Lawrence Church. At this meeting the Parish was divided between St. Lawrence and the new

St. William which came into existence.

The first pastor of the new parish, Rev. J.P. Cronin, arrived and set to work with zeal and enthusiasm to prepare a place for offering Mass until a church could be constructed. He rented an old bar room located on the site where the present brick church office stands next to St. William Church, and this is where the first Mass in St. William parish was celebrated.

Adjoining lots were purchased and the foundation of the present brick church was laid in the fall of 1887. On May 31st,



1898 Bishop George Thomas Montgomery, a native of St. Lawrence who later became Coadjutor Archbishop of San Francisco California, consecrated the new church and altar.

In 1912, St. William Elementary School was opened. The school was staffed by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and the Sisters of Mount St. Joseph. In 1927, St. William High School was established. The high school was consolidated with St. Mary of the Woods High School in the fall of 1967 to form the current Trinity High School which consists of the students from St. Lawrence, St. William and St. Mary of the Woods. Youth from St. Lawrence and St. William currently attend the elementary "Mary Carrico Memorial Catholic School" in Knottsville which was dedicated on May 5, 1963.

In 2012, both St. William and St. Lawrence (now a mission of St. William), is pastored by Fr. Patrick M. Bittel. The two Parishes have a combined member count of over 1,400.

St. William Parish, 9515 State Route 144, Philpot, KY 42366 270-281-4802

[http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish\\_id=163](http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=163)

**Mass Schedule - Saturday: 4 p.m.**

**Sunday: 6:30 a.m., 10 a.m.**

## 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](mailto: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.



## 22<sup>nd</sup> DIOCESAN MARIAN CONGRESS

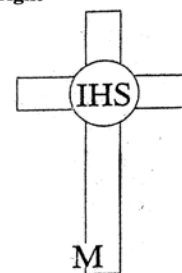
**Sunday, October 28, 2012, 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

Diocesan Marian Shrine, Located at St. Joseph's Catholic Church,  
434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY

**Theme: Do as He tells you; Speaker: Dr. Peggy Wright**

Welcome, Crowning of Statue of Mary, Meditation (at the Parish Center)  
Congress Speaker  
Refreshments, Display of Religious Articles, Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
Our Lady of Fatima Statue procession  
with the Knights of Columbus as Porters, Rosary, Hymn  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Homily (in the Sanctuary)  
Eucharistic Procession with Blessing of the Sick,  
and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Confessions are heard throughout the Congress.**



**Please remember us for pilgrimages!  
Everyone is welcome.**

For More Information: Call Lesa Dill @ 270-782-6751 or Email: [lesa.dill@wku.edu](mailto:lesa.dill@wku.edu)





## PART II

Part I of this series of Father DeNardi's Recollections was printed in the August, 2012 edition of The Western Kentucky Catholic.

I guess my greatest interest in my priesthood was Catholic education.

Soon after moving to St. Paul, one of my first projects was to open a Catholic school. There were no Catholic schools in Grayson County or in adjoining counties at the time. Some years before my arrival at St. Paul, my predecessor built and operated a Catholic school for a very short time. The two-room school building was still there when I came to St. Paul. I renovated the building and opened the school. The number of pupils grew dramatically over the next ten years. At peak attendance, more than 200 children were enrolled. All of these were not from St. Paul. We bussed in children from Clarkson, in fact, from all of Grayson County. As the school grew, we built another school building, having four classrooms, library and restrooms. The building had a full-sized basement that was used for a cafeteria and for general purposes. Several years later we first added one room to the old two-room school as a high school. This was soon followed by the building of a new high school across the road from the Church. All this was a big undertaking, but we succeeded. How we did it? First with the help of God, then 60 years ago lumber was cheap. I remember buying hardwood flooring for 1 cent a foot, and too, all the labor in building these schools was donated by parishioners. Much of the lumber that went into the building was donated by parishioners. The rectory was built for \$1,700.00; the grade school \$11,000.00 and the high school \$28,000.00. The parish never went into debt in all this. The Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph taught in our school. We paid them \$25.00 a month.

The faith of the people was marvelous. I recall very vividly the time I was taking Holy Communion to a man's wife, he was plowing corn in a field nearby, when I passed he stopped his mule and he knelt down there in the field. He knew I was carrying the Blessed Sacrament and

his action showed great reverence for the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Back then whenever there was a church service, the church was filled. On Sundays many would walk to church two miles or more in 4, 6 or 8 inches of snow and sit in church for an hour when the church was not warm enough to thaw the snow on their boots, and then walk back home. I think that called for a real, deep faith. We had Forty Hours, Missions, First Friday Devotions, Lenten Devotions three times a week and the church was practically filled at every service. I would hear confessions for two hours on Thursday before First Friday, two hours on Saturday and before Mass on Sunday. We had Novenas, different societies in honor of the Saints or our Lord, such as Holy Name Society, Christian Mothers, Sodality of Blessed Virgin Mary and Knights of the Altar.

It was not hard to see the hand of God in some cases, as for instance the time I had a sick call to this man who had been out of his church most of his life. It was winter and I got the call about 11:00pm. I made the call in my car, at least partly so. I got to the man without getting stuck in the mud. I gave the man "the works," that is, gave the last rites and straightened him out with God. Coming home was another story. I got stuck about every half mile. Luckily the tracks made by other cars were deep and I could place the car in low gear, get out and push and pry with the aid of rails and slats from some man's fence. I got half way back home but I was so tired that I just got in the car and went to sleep. The next morning someone knocked on the window. I told him of my predicament, so he got his team of mules and pulled me out - an all-night call.

Another sick call that I remember quite well was one that took me in the next county. It was about three miles from home. I had to walk the whole distance. I had a guide in this instance as it was a dark night and I did not yet know that territory. We crossed over Meeting Creek on a swinging bridge, as they were then called. We were walking down a path along the creek and every once in a while I would hear a hoot-owl. I remarked that there were an awful lot of hoot-owls around here. He sort of chuckled and said, "They are not owls but lookouts." At that



Father Charles DeNardi in the Carmel Home Chapel seated before the Blessed Sacrament. Carmel Home Photo

time there was a lot of moonshining and bootlegging of liquor being done around there. My companion went on to explain that there were men stationed at different places to monitor the coming and going of strangers or otherwise questionable people. Their "hoot" would warn the distillers of the movement of unknown people such as us that night.

In September 1957 I was transferred to St. Francis DeSales in Paducah. I went from the extreme east end of the diocese to the extreme west end of the diocese. My assignment at St. Francis deSales at Paducah lasted five years. I felt like I had charge of half the diocese. Besides St. Francis deSales, I had charge of St. Pius X at Calvert City, St. Mary's, LaCenter, Rosary Chapel, the now defunct parishes of St. Joseph of Golden Pond and St. William. I was chaplain of the penitentiary at Eddyville, Lourdes Hospital, Daughters of Isabella, Knights of Columbus, and St. Mary's Academy, an all-girls school. I was

also charged with the spiritual care of five mini rest homes in my parish. In those days the priest heard the confessions of Sisters of neighboring parishes once a week.

In the spring of 1962 I was transferred to St. Jerome Parish at Fancy Farm, Kentucky. Here again

I had charge of two Missions: St. Charles in Carlisle County and St. Denis in Hickman County. At every place I was assigned, I was placed in charge of three parishes. This was during the whole time I was a pastor.

Fancy Farm was a small county town of about 300 people - people with a deep faith and good will. The community was definitely Catholic. The church was large and beautiful. My stay at Fancy Farm was a happy one. I was there for ten years.

I was then offered St. Alphonsus Parish at Mount St. Joseph. I turned the offered down and requested to return to St. Paul. On August 8, 1972, I was reassigned to St. Paul Parish of Grayson County.

*This is not a diary or an autobiography, but recollections that stand out in my mind as a priest. As we all know, certain things in our life stand out in our minds - not necessarily important things, but these things may be occasions of sorrow, joy, entertainment or even realities.*

## Celebrating 200 years of Faith

Saint Anthony the Abbot Catholic Church requests the honour of your presence at Holy Mass on Sunday, September 23, 2012



at ten o'clock in the morning, CST  
Saint Anthony Church,  
1654 Highway 79,  
Hardinsburg, KY 40143  
Reception with meal immediately following in Saint Anthony Parish Hall  
R.S.V.P. to 270-257-2132

## 10 September, 2012 **Students, Teacher Enter Church**

*Editor's Note: The 2012-2013 school year has started in most places within Western Kentucky as this September WKC goes to press. We'd like to re-wind the clock a little for our readers to May, 2012 and share a story of a special celebration that happened in a Catholic School in the Diocese of Owensboro.*

**By: Dawn C. Ligibel**

The last all-school Mass on Friday, May 11, 2012, at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville was more than just an end-of-the-year, all-school Mass. In fact, it was a special celebration as the Church welcomed several students and one teacher into the family.

Mrs. Patty Mitchell, who has been teaching at the school for nine years, and fifth grade student Eve Bratton were both confirmed and received their first Holy Communion. Eighth grade student Jacquise Smith and fourth grade student Madison Benford were both baptized, confirmed and received their first Holy Communion. Emma Benford, a first grade student, was baptized.

"Through baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist, we become the children of God empowered to be the Church in our time. That's what we celebrate today,"



**Patty Mitchell, pre-school teacher at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, was confirmed into the Church and received her first Holy Communion on Friday, May 11, 2012, at the last all-school Mass of the school year. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.**



**Eve Bratton, a fifth grade student at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, received her first Holy Communion on Friday, May 11, 2012, along with two other students and a teacher at the school. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.**

said Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor, during his homily that morning.

While in the narthex preparing to baptize the three students, Fr. Richard led the congregation through the profession of faith. With each question, the congregants and the student body responded with a resounding "I do!" At one point, Fr. Meredith interjected, "I'm getting choked up here!"

At communion, each newly confirmed member was called forth with their family members to receive their first Holy Communion.

In addition to the entire student body being in attendance, the parents of each of the children being baptized and/or confirmed were also present. None of the parents are currently Catholic.

"I'm very pleased," said Gerard Smith, father of Jacquise. "I'm happy that this is something she wants to do." "She's been thinking about it for a while," added Lovey Smith, Jacquise's mother.

"I just had a feeling," Jacquise explained why she wanted to join the Church. "Like my conscience was speaking to me."

"I am extremely joyous to have finally



**Madison Benford, fourth grade, and Emma Benford, first grade, hold their "Light of Christ" candle just after being baptized on Friday, May 11, 2012, during the last all-school Mass of the school year. Standing behind the girls are their sponsors, Mary Beth Wood (left) and Jane Irwin, the first grade teacher in the school. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.**

made my profession of faith in the Catholic Church," said Patty Mitchell. "I've been studying a long time. I wanted to make sure when I made my profession of faith in the Holy Catholic Church that I knew what I was saying."

"God says to love one another," Mitchell continued. "I have felt that here in this church. I want to thank everybody for their prayers and love. People have been praying for this for a long time," she added with a laugh.

"The school, the people and the environment are so loving," claimed Elizabeth Gray, mother of Madison and Emma Benford. "They are an extension of our family. It's wonderful they can be a part of that," she added.

"I was thinking happiness," said Eve Bratton about how she felt being confirmed into the Church.

"I just feel happiness, butterflies in my stomach," explained Jessica Burnett, mother of Bratton. "Eve enjoys it here and has learned all the steps of what a Catholic should do," she added.

"I was very excited for her," said fifth grade teacher Vicki Luckey, referring to

her student Eve. "She's been asking questions all year about the faith. I feel like maybe I had a small part in her decision," Luckey admitted. Luckey stood in for Bratton's sponsor who lives in Germany.

"I hope the pictures taken today somehow captured the love and emotion felt in this church today," exclaimed parishioner Mary Dean at the conclusion of Mass.

"It was like watching a wedding. So much joy," commented Mary Lee, the third grade teacher at the school. "I'm so glad the kids got to participate in their school-mates' reception of the sacraments. Best moment of the day? No contest: watching Patty receive her first communion," Lee added referring to her fellow teacher.

"After years of convergence of different people's lives and the grace of God, it just happened to converge this Easter," observed Fr. Meredith. "Only a positive, loving context of faith could have made this possible. You can't tell when the grace of God stops and human fruitfulness begins. This is what Jesus meant by being fruitful. It's the way it should be. God is good."

"It was inspiring to see that our young people made a personal choice to accept Catholicism as their faith," commented Principal Sarah Kranz. "These students were influenced by our strong Catholic identity at Sts. Peter and Paul."



**After begin baptized, eighth grade student Jacquise Smith waits next to her mother, Lovey, to be confirmed into the Church by Fr. Richard Meredith, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. Four students and one teacher were received into the Church during the last all-school Mass of the year on Friday, May 11, 2012. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.**



# Sibling Scouts are doing their part to keep Audubon State Park beautiful

September, 2012 11

By Judy Jenkins

HENDERSON, Ky. - August 5, 2012 - Forty years from now, when Anna Mayo is 55 and her brother Jack is 53, the work they have done at Audubon State Park still will be making a difference.

So says Park Manager Mark Kellen, who nearly runs out of superlatives when he describes the efforts of the two local siblings whose parents are Allen and Judi Mayo.

Thanks to Anna and the funds and manpower she solicited and obtained, the 74-year-old, 715-acre park is the very first Kentucky state park (out of 49 parks) to have a park-wide recycling program in place. During its not quite completed first year of operation, it already has yielded \$5,000-\$6,000 in funds for the park, reduced litter, and been a love letter to the environment.

That project and three others Anna has undertaken at the park also have distinguished her as only the second female in the history of Boy Scouts in America to receive the coveted Dr. William C. Hornaday Award.

That award, established in 1914, is named for the founder of the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. and is considered an "Olympic Medal bestowed by the Earth." Jack Mayo, at a mere 13, already has earned 38 Boy Scout merit badges — 17 more than he needs for the Eagle Scout status that he'll share with luminaries such as film-maker Steven Spielberg, President Gerald Ford, moon-walker Neil Armstrong and a number of Nobel Prize winners.

The blue-eyed, taller-than-his-older-sister youth organized the back-breaking, muscle-straining total rebuilding of the formerly dilapidated and dangerous 32 steps of the Wilderness Lake staircase.

Thanks to Jack and a host of recruited volunteers, including a number of city firefighters who regularly run the trails for fitness purposes, there now are 71 steps, each four-feet wide, and they're made of a non-eroding material that should still be doing its job in 2052.

Steel rails will be added shortly, and the 100-foot-long staircase will be considered complete.

I hope Jack won't mind me mentioning that he has Type 1 diabetes, previously referred to as Juvenile Diabetes. Type 1 is insulin-dependent, and Jack carefully monitors his blood sugar levels, watches his diet, and gets lots of exercise. He's an



**Anna Mayo, 15, rests on one of 30 recycle bins she has placed in Audubon State Park Friday afternoon, August 3, 2012. This project makes the state park the only one in Kentucky with a park-wide recycling program. Photo by Darrin Phegley, The Gleaner.**

adventurous kid who doesn't seem to be afraid of anything.

Let's not forget the third Mayo offspring, Jack's twin sister Mary Jane, who is a Girl Scout and like her brother and sister, regularly volunteers her services at the park. She's been particularly helpful with the series of youth camps this summer.

The siblings all are deeply involved in the scouting programs at their church, Holy Name, where dad Allen oversees all the various scouting divisions and, with Judi, co-leads the Venturing youth development scouting program.

Anna is part of the Venturing program in the Boy Scouts and has achieved its highest level, Silver, for her four Audubon Park projects.

Two of her projects involve several acres of property obtained by the park about six years ago. It fronts on U.S. 41-North, and was afflicted with an invasion of non-native, invasive plants and debris from the legendary ice storm of a few winters ago.

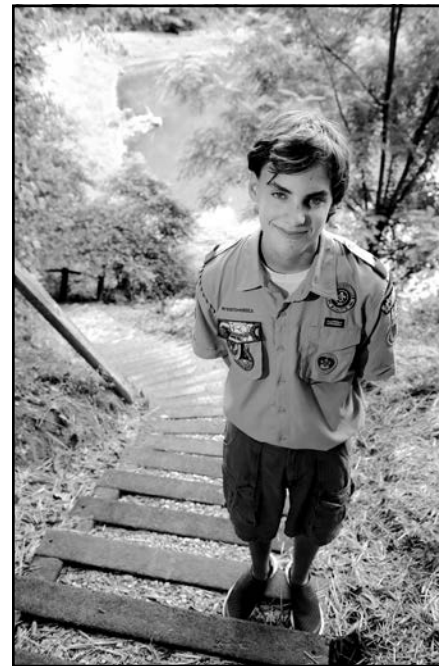
Anna, again organizing labor, banished those unwelcome plants and tree debris.

Both she and Jack had to raise all

the necessary funds for their projects themselves.

Anna, for instance, obtained a \$1,500 grant from International Paper to provide some of the nearly 30 recycling bins situated in high-traffic areas in the park. She also worked with the Tri-County Recycling Center, which has provided many resources and empties the bins at no charge.

Jack has worked with Green Tree Plastics in Evansville, which donated



**Jack Mayo, 13, stands on the steep steps along the Wilderness Trail in Audubon State Park Friday afternoon, August 3, 2012. Mayo is rebuilding the steps as part of his Eagle Scout project. Photo by Darrin Phegley, The Gleaner**

thousands of dollars in recycled plastic steps.

Mulzer Crushed Stone here has provided materials, and The Friends of Audubon park support group has chipped in funds too, as they invariably do for worthy park-related causes.

Mark points out that the state budget for the park can't cover all the many needs, including routine maintenance of the six park trails. Anna's fourth project, to boost the stability of the formerly eroded area of the King Benson Trail, saved the park money, as have all these projects. Scouts, Mark will tell you, for years have played an important role in enhancing the park, and he counts on that continuing relationship.

Anna and Jack's projects have included some 800 man hours and made them part of the Audubon Park staff family.

Anna, a soft-spoken Owensboro Catholic High School sophomore who works part-time at The Gleaner, says she enjoys a challenge and helping the environment is something dear to her heart.

Jack, a Holy Name eighth grader who jokes (I think he's joking), that the word "easy" is not in his dictionary, also is devoted to the environment and both he and Anna plan careers in that field.

When I suggested that they join forces and work together as adults, their mom broke into laughter.

They may be sterling teens, but they're still siblings who don't always see eye-to-eye.

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## True Hospitality

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand are offering a program, "Hospitality," where one can learn about true hospitality, and experience how hospitality can expand the heart.

The program will be held Saturday, September 8, at Kordes Center in Ferdinand, Indiana. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. Eastern time to 11:45 a.m. It will be presented by Sister Donna Marie Herr, OSB, the manager of the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry and Office of Emergency Assistance in Evansville, Indiana.

She will cover how true hospitality is bound up with spirituality, explaining how the Rule of Benedict and the Scriptures serve as guides to a much deeper meaning of hospitality. Sister Donna Marie will also explore how hospitality is a way of living, in openness, in welcome and reverence for both the stranger and those we connect with daily.

Program cost is \$39. Registration is due September 5. For more information, or to register, call 800-880-2777, or 812-367-1411, ext. 2915, or visit [www.thedome.org/programs](http://www.thedome.org/programs).

## Gloria Adams Given Servant of Christ Award

At the National Black Catholic Congress, "Empower, Equip, Evangelize," held in Indianapolis July 19-21, Gloria Adams, in photo at near right, received the "Servant of Christ Award" in recognition of her service to the Church and especially to the Black Catholics of our diocese. As seen in the photo at far right, Gloria was presented the award by Bishop Terry Steib of Memphis and Valerie Washington, the executive director of The National Black Catholic Congress, which meets every five years.

To reward those who have answered the call to share their gifts, The National Black Catholic Congress Inc. created the Servant of Christ Award. Fifty-eight people were honored during the closing of Congress XI.

"We honor sisters and brothers from all across the United States, from all walks of life, from all positions in the church who are serving as Jesus did," said Bishop J. Terry Steib, who presented the awards.

"They are ordinary people, who have done ordinary things extraordinarily well," he said. Submitted photos



## Council #396 Knights Of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary Installed June 9 At Blessed Sacrament Chapel



The Diocese of Owensboro Office of Black Catholic Ministry is pleased to announce the installation of Council # 396, (St Martin dePorres) of the Knights of Peter Claver and Court # 396 Ladies Auxiliary at Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro, KY. on Saturday, June 9, 2012. The Knights installation was conducted by the Vice Supreme Knight, Paul Jones, Jr. of Lake Charles, LA and Central States District Deputy Sam Simms of Nashville, TN. New Knights are: Layson Brooks, Anthony Hagan, Gary Hagan, Robert Johnson, Larry Leachman, Charles Smith of Waverly, KY, and

Grand Knight Jacques Williams.

The Ladies Court was installed by Vice Supreme Lady Yvonne Jackson of Baton Rouge, LA and Central States District Deputy Janice Gray of Denver CO. New Ladies of the Court are: Gloria Adams, Carol Hatchett, Dr. Yvonne Hatchett, Charlene Meadows, Lottie Miller, Jean Smith of Waverly, Ky, Bernice Williams and Grand Lady Veronica Wilhite.

Knights and Ladies from Nashville, Louisville and Lebanon, KY assisted with this installation of this Council and Court. The Rev. John McRaith, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Ow-



ensboro officiated at the Celebration Mass. The Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. and Ladies Auxiliary is the largest and oldest-continually extant predominantly African-American lay Catholic organization. The organization was founded in 1909 by Josephite Father Conrad Friedrich Rebesher and John Henry Dorsey, the second Black to be ordained a Josephite priest for the Catholic Church in the United States.

In 1922, a Ladies Auxiliary was formed to provide the same opportunities for Catholic Action to African American lay women. The Auxiliary was officially recognized as a division

of the Order in 1926. A program for Junior Knights existed from the Order's earliest days. The constitution of the Junior Knights Division was adopted in 1917 and the division formally recognized in 1935. The Junior Daughters division was officially recognized in 1930.

The goals of the organization are to support the pastor, parish and bishop through good works and community action, to provide scholarships and positive influence to youth and to provide fellowship and intellectual stimulation to its members.





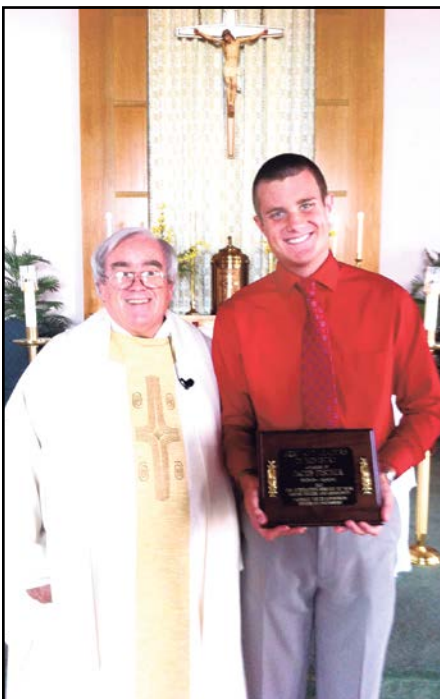
Servant Leader in Ministry Award winner Michae Word with Father Brian Roby, pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah, Ky. The award presentation was on May 26th. Michae graduated from St. Mary High School. Submitted by Zach Ault, Pastoral Minister. YM Office Photo



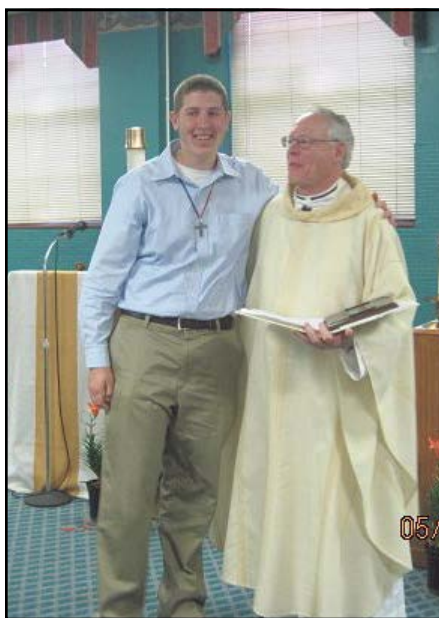
Congratulations to Matt Osterhaus, a recipient of the Servant Leaders in Ministry Award for the Diocese of Owensboro. Fr. Ryan Harpole is at right; Youth Minister Nicole Strasser, at left. The Servant Leaders in Ministry Award is given to juniors and seniors in the diocese who are exemplary leaders in their diocese, parish, community, and school. Submitted by Nicole Strasser for Saint Thomas More Parish, Paducah, Ky. YM Office Photo



From Holy Name Church in Henderson, Servant Leaders in Ministry are pictured from left to right, Helen Beckert (SLIM Award), Amanda Hobson (SLIM Award), Alex Caudill (SLIM Award), Ryan Nally (SLIM Nominee). Submitted by Charlie Hardestv. Youth Minister. YM Office Photo



With Father Maury Roney, a SLIM Award for Jacob Fischer. He is from St. Martin in Rome; his parents are Joe and Marcie Fischer. YM Office Photo



St. Stephen Cathedral Parish SLIM Award winner Sam Rasp with pastor Father John Vaughan. YM Office Photo



Father Uwem Enoh congratulated Olivia Romero, for "receiving the SLIM (Servant In Ministry) Award from our Diocese for your outstanding service in St Thomas More parish, community, deanery and diocese." YM Office photo



Bowling Green, Holy Spirit Parish's SLIM Award recipients: Megan French, left, and Kathryn Thompson, both from Greenwood High School in Bowling Green with Matthew Keyser, their Youth Minister. Submitted by Ginny French

## Celebrating 75 Years PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

Chrism Mass 2012 to Chrism Mass 2013

Loving God, You are the giver of all good things and the source of all strength and life. As the local church of the Diocese of Owensboro celebrates 75 years, we pause to acknowledge your goodness to us and to give you thanks for your blessings. We ask forgiveness for our failures. We beg graces for all challenges. As we move forward, we pray for your continued blessings.

May we be like St. Stephen, a living example of our Catholic faith through proclamation and prayer, through example and service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. - composed by Msgr. Bernard Powers



From a program resented During Professional Development Day, July 27, 2012, with introduction by Jim Mattingly; emcee: Jeff Fritz, OCHS Math Teacher

**Christ the King** – Christ the King School raised over \$3,000 for St. Jude's Children's hospital during the 2011-2012 school year. The students have just begun running on a Cross Country Team which is the first athletic team for the school in over 5 years. The school has implemented a 1-to-1 computer program in Middle School with fully integrated digital textbooks. The school has adopted a completely new curriculum using 2012 texts in all core subjects that fully integrated the Common Core Standards, and has just opened a full day pre-Kindergarten.

**Holy Name** – Holy Name Class of 2012 orchestrated a car wash to benefit Catholic Relief Services as a way to show they cared for the children of KONY



2012 movement. This student organized car wash made over \$1000. This event was recognized on the local, state, and national level. It is now a challenge to all 8th grade classes .... especially this year's 140th graduating class of Holy Name ... to follow in their footsteps.

**Mary Carrico** – We held our living rosary in the parking lot this past October. We entertained residents of Bishop Soenneker Home this past Christmas. We adopted Yeni from Guatemala as our sponsored child this past year. We entertained retired sisters at Mount St. Joseph with song



**Photos: Top: OCHS Math teacher Jeff Fritz led Owensboro Catholic Diocesan Educators in a cheer for all Diocesan Catholic Schools. Lower Photo: OCHS Counselor Scott Lowe helping lead cheers for Diocesan Catholic Schools July 27 at Diocesan Celebration of Catholic Schools. The two educators with Ass't Superintendent Ann Flaherty had Christ The King gym rocking! Mel Howard photos**

and dance.

**Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus** – iPads and/or iPods are now in ALL our classrooms, thanks to a fundraiser from the elementary PTO! Teachers attended training this summer and are ready to take teaching to a new "technological" level – integrating iPads and iPods into daily classroom instruction and assessments.

**Owensboro Catholic 4-6 Campus** – The Owensboro Catholic 4-6 Campus offered their students a special opportunity to interact with members of the community last school year. Students were able to se-

lect from many after school activities such as: Signing, Archery, Photography, Chess, Cooking and Duct Tape Art which were led by leaders in the community. Teachers assisted with each class and worked with each community leader. The response was overwhelming and left the students wanting additional after school activities.

**Owensboro Catholic Middle School** – OCMS purchased phone cards as Christmas gifts for the military serving overseas, and donated money to St. Benedict Homeless Shelter and the Dream Riders Organization. Students sponsored Fr. Steve Hohman to aid the Jamaican Diocese, and bought Giving Tree Christmas gifts for local charities. We collected food for the Help Office and we ran a recycling project to emphasize care for the environment. Our students helped needy residents with yard and garden work, assisted at the K-6 Market Day, and volunteered at the Mt. St. Joseph Picnic. AND - - - our EXPLORE, ACRE, and ITBS scores far surpassed regional, state, and national averages.

**Owensboro Catholic High School** – Our students continue to exceed regional, state, and national averages on PLAN, ACT and ACRE testing. Our students put on the full scale musical Godspell during Holy Week, and carried out the Gospel message through a variety of projects. The St. Joseph of Arimethia Society acted as Pall Bearers for families who had no one to help bury their dead. Students helped the poor through a number of food and coat

drives, brought Christmas to needy families with the Annual giving tree, and teamed with Brescia University students to build a habitat home. All of these activities helped to showcase how Catholic High continue to do the work of Christ here on earth.

**St. Ann** – St. Ann's will soon become John Paul II Catholic School as plans to build a new school are becoming a reality! Over \$3.7million dollars have already been pledged! St. Ann's began a SCRIP program in December 2011; many parents received their first tuition credit in May 2012. St. Ann's fifth grade students exceeded the national ACRE average in 7 of 8 domains; 8th grade students exceeded the national ACRE average in 8 out of 8 domains!

**St. Joseph** – At St. Joseph School in Bowling Green our 5th and 8th grade students exceeded the school's previous scores on the ACRE test in almost all Domains. Our scores also exceeded the National averages in all areas!

**St. Mary Elementary** – We had 4 students in 2nd through 5th grade who joined the Catholic Church and were Baptized and made their First Communion. We are also very excited to have Mimio's and projectors in all our classrooms.

**St. Mary Middle/High** – We have (2) high school students who will be attending the Gatton Academy this school year! We are excited to begin using electronic textbooks in our Spanish and physical science class.

**St. Mary of the Woods** – St. Mary of the Woods School's revived academic team performed beyond all expectations last year! The elementary team placed 5th overall in the region that represents 19 schools, public and private. A 5th grader, Lydia Lambert, placed #1 in the region and 4th in the district in Science! Mary Hardesty, another 5th grader, placed 3d in the region in Arts and Humanities. Look out for St. Mary of the Woods to again excel in this year's competition!

**St. Paul** – St. Paul School worked hard to develop a new Preschool Program! After much hard work and preparation, the school received its state Preschool license on March 24, 2012, and we are looking forward to serving our preschool students again this fall!

**Sts. Peter and Paul** – Our students performed in our first school musical in May with the production of "Annie" over three nights. The student actors traveled to Six

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## 27 Catholic Educators Recognized For Years of Service In Diocesan Catholic Schools

By Mel Howard

MADISONVILLE, Ky. - The annual Celebration of Catholic Schools took place on Friday, July 27 at Christ the King Parish Hall here. Bishop Medley presided at Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church. Several other priests concelebrated: Fr. John Thomas, Fr. Ed Bradley, Fr. Brad Whistle, Fr. Tony Jones, and Fr. Charles Latour, O.P., the keynote speaker.

In his homily, Bishop Medley spoke of Catholic Educators as "shepherds after my own heart," a phrase from the first reading of the Mass. The Gospel for the day contained the Parable of the Sower. "What an appropriate Gospel for teachers to hear," he said. "You wouldn't be here if this Gospel had not called to you. God makes the seed grow; we are but doing God's work. Let God's work be done."

Later in the day's activities, Diocesan Superintendent Jim Mattingly welcomed Catholic Educators and reminded the group that "all Catholic School employees in our diocese make an 'in-kind' contribution to the tune of \$4 million a year." He thanked all Diocesan Catholic School personnel and communities for all that they do to help "fulfill our mission as Catholic Educators."

Father Charles Latour, principal of Archbishop Hannah High School in Covington, La. Fr. Latour spoke about how "all my teachers made me feel like I was



**Bishop William Medley Speaking to Catholic Educators.**

a child of God, respected and nurtured," but never less.

"I am who I am because of Catholic Education," he said. "It's not just about pedagogy, but about formation. I am a Catholic Educator. I have different expectations because that's what Catholic Education is; we lay down standards that students will rise to."

Fr. Latour stopped his talk three times to present questions to his adult audience and then asked them to share with another Catholic Educator beside them, questions like "As a Catholic Educator, What Motivates Me?"

He reminded Catholic Educators that they have those moments they go back to, moments when it is clear this is what God is calling me to. "You are not just here by

happstance," he said.

Later in the activities of the day, Superintendent Jim Mattingly and Assistant Superintendent Ann Flaherty recognized the 27 educators celebrating 10 - 55 years of service. OCHS Math teacher Jeff Fritz led the PD Day participants in recognizing the achievements of Diocesan Schools. After it was finished, Fr. Charles Latour said, "That cheer you all did for your schools, that ROCKED! That tells us that community doesn't just happen; excellence in education doesn't just happen. We create environments in our schools that celebrates what we do and who we are - Called By God To Teach in A Catholic School. Teachers in a Catholic School: you truly are heroes!"

### Years Of Service Celebrated

• **10 Years:** Anna Alexander, St. Joseph School; David Arant, St. Mary High School; Cathy Lutz, St. Mary Middle School; Janet Magan, Trinity High School; Shirley Roach, St. Romuald School; Jennifer Schultz, Owensboro Catholic Middle School; Vickie Stumph, Holy Name School.

• **15 Years:** Joan Butterworth, St. Paul School; Michelle Dunlap, St. Mary Middle School; Ed Hauser, Owensboro Catholic Middle/High School; Connie McFarland, Holy Name School; Tom Tweddell, Holy Name School.

• **20 Years:** Diane Fulkerson, Owensboro Catholic Elem K-3 Campus; George Randolph, Owensboro Catholic High School; Leigh Ann Vowels, St. Ann School; Jennifer Wurth, St. Ann School.

• **25 Years:** Sabrina Farley, Holy Name School; Jan Lange, St. Joseph School; Danielle Stewart, Christ the King School; Robin Swift, Owensboro Catholic Elem K-3 Campus; Karen Tyler, St. Joseph School, Mayfield; Audrey Young, Holy Name School.

• **30 Years:** Janice Clark, Owensboro Catholic Middle School; Bev Howard, Owensboro Catholic High School; Sherry Orth, Owensboro Catholic High School.

• **35 Years:** Maire McCormick, Owensboro Catholic Middle School

• **55 Years:** Laura Lambert, St. Mary High School.

**Christ The King School Educators, from left front, Donna Phillips, Stacey Clauss, Joy Melton in the doorway, Principal Beth Herrmann, Debby Brown and Ginger Ashby.**



**As she gave a certificate for years of service to Catholic Schools, Ass't. Diocesan Superintendent Ann Flaherty, left, was saying to 10-year OCMS teacher Jennifer Schultz, "I am so proud of you!" Mel Howard photo**



**Fr. Charles Latour, O.P. waiting for the assembly of Diocesan Catholic Educators to share responses to questions he asked. He enjoyed hearing what teachers talk about! Mel Howard Photo**

## Catholic Schools' Awesome Achievements

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Flags Music Festival in St. Louis and competed. The word on the street is that "Music Man" is on the horizon for next spring!

**St. Romuald** – As proud as we are that while our graduates represent only 8 – 10% of the freshmen at Breckinridge Co. High, our graduates constitute over 35 % of the honor students recognized at graduation, including the 2010 valedictorian. We're proud that the 2010 3rd Region players of the year in boys and girls basketball and the 2011 girls player of the year, who re-wrote all of the scoring records at Breck. Co., were all from St. Romuald. But we are most proud of the academic achievements of our 2012 8th graders. We focus daily on excellence in Faith Formation, civic development, and academics, and our 8th graders achieved an historical high of 85 composite on the ITBS. They set a new standard that we are all committed to exceeding on an annual basis. WE ARE, ST. ROMUALD!

**Trinity High School** - A group of Trinity Juniors and Seniors along with two teachers, Christina Rhodes and Joe Bland, spent their Fall Break in Italy as a part of an elective course! Upon the group's return, families and sponsors were invited to an Italian meal, prepared and served by the students in gratitude for their support. Our iPad Project became a reality during the spring semester! Teachers grasped the project with enormous enthusiasm. Students, parents, staff and the community embraced the excitement, as the project expanded to our upcoming seniors and then to our juniors. The sophomore class began fundraising for their iPads this summer!



## Sister Mary Timothy Named 2012 Catholic School Educator of the Year

By Dan Heckel, Mount Saint Joseph Staff

Ursuline Sister Mary Timothy Bland was named the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky., 2012 Catholic School Educator of the Year. Sister Mary Timothy teaches second grade at the Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus.

“Sister Mary Timothy has been teaching for more than 44 years, so she has seen the whole range of educational practices and programs,” said Lori Whitehouse, the principal of the K-3 Campus who nominated Sister Mary Timothy. “She has willingly taken on the task of growing and changing her teaching style in order to meet the needs of an ever changing population of students while still maintaining a traditional approach to teaching for mastery. She has embraced technology and has willingly used it to enhance learning in the classroom. Sister Mary Timothy differentiates to meet the needs of individual students, and teaches each child they have their own gifts and talents from God.”

Whitehouse shared the following email from one of Sister Mary Timothy’s former students who was searching for her, as an example of why she should be considered the Outstanding Catholic Educator of the Year.

“My name is Kelley (Sims) Lambert. I was a first-grade student at a Catholic school in Kentucky (near Fort Knox) in 1974-1975. I don’t know the name of the school, but I do know that you lived behind the school, the school had a spaghetti fund raiser and we were in a classroom that was at the back of the school on the left. You had a human body model (I was fascinated with each lesson). You named my reading group after me (Kelley’s group). You sat by me every day at lunch and you always gave me your Popsicle.

“I have been searching for the Sister Mary Timothy who was my 1st grade teacher. I am hoping it is you. I have wanted to find you for so many years and not had any success. I want you to know of the impact you have had on my life. My year with you was wonderful. I felt that I had a bond with you. I didn’t have that connection with other teachers after 1st grade and truly feel that without the strong start that you gave me ... without the



Sister Mary Timothy Bland, O.S.U.

bond ... without the knowledge that I knew that you thought I was good and smart and capable -- my feelings about school and my life would not have been as positive.”

Sister Mary Timothy has been an Ursuline Sister since 1964, and began teaching full time in 1967. She has taught the second grade since 1988, and said earlier this year her love of teaching is what keeps her in the classroom.

“The summer I don’t look forward to going back, I need to start looking for something else,” she said. “Having children that you can teach a skill, that ‘aha’ moment, that just makes it worthwhile.” “Sister Mary Timothy truly has Christ as the center of the classroom,” Whitehouse said. “She uses Guidelines for Success with CHRIST as the acronym to teach children her expectations. She lets children know she has high expectations of them, and they strive to meet those expectations out of respect and love for her. She lives out her belief and faith in the church through her vocation as an Ursuline Sister. She has all kinds of neat little tricks and games to teach children about their faith and especially learning the parts of the Mass. She helps prepare students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion.”

Sister Mary Timothy lives in Owensboro and is a Eucharistic minister

## St. Thomas More Youth Volunteer at Paducah’s Habitat for Humanity Restore

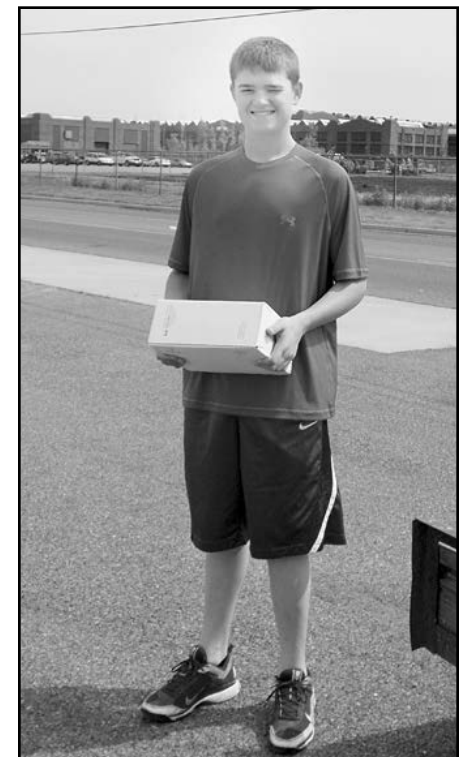


In June, members of the St. Thomas More Youth Group worked with Habitat for Humanity to help organize their shop, Restore. In front of the HFH warehouse, Back Row: Kyle Johnson, Faith Barber, Annie Segebarth, Terry Harris, Jacob Holtgrewe; Front Row: Houston Babbs, Nicole Strasser, and Grace Babbs.

Youth from St. Thomas More Church spent a day moving donated tile from a warehouse to the Habitat for Humanity Restore. They also organized and priced the tile so it could be sold at a discounted rate to raise money for building or rehabbing Habitat for Humanity homes. At right, moving tile, Davis Sims unloads a box of tile for Habitat’s Restore.

at Blessed Mother Parish. “Sister Mary Timothy is truly committed to being part of a team,” Whitehouse said. “She is willing to do anything that is asked of her. She works very well with her fellow second-grade teachers and meets with them weekly to plan together. Sister is always willing to meet with parents to determine the best educational plan for that child, or to figure out what accommodations can be made to help that child be successful.”

Sister Mary Timothy began her 45th year in the classroom on Aug. 8.





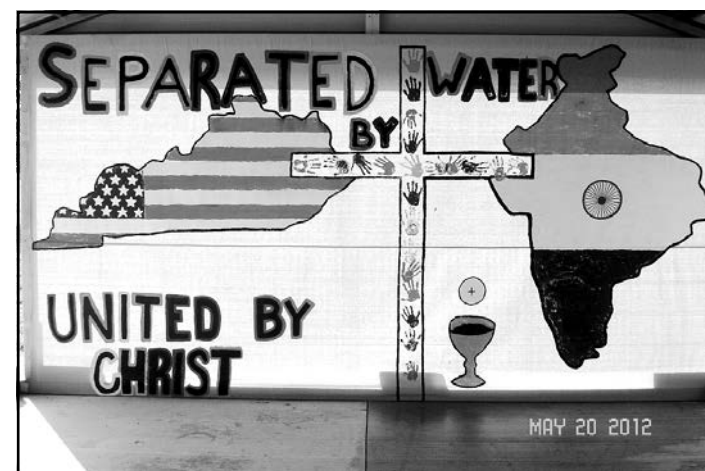
Submitted by Terry Murphy

STANLEY, KY - Sunday, May 6, 2012 St. Peter of Alcantara Catholic Church had a "Going Away Breakfast" celebration for Fr. Suresh Bakka. Before the party started, the congregation celebrated Mass together. Then everyone gathered on the front steps of the church for a photo. Included in the photo is our new parish priest, who is also from India, Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal. We will miss Fr. Suresh dearly, but the people of Stanley and Reed welcome Fr. Jegin with open arms!

At right, photo of St. Peter Church and parishioners by Mackenzie Murphy

In the Photo Below:

On Sunday, May 20, 2012 St. Peter of Alcantara celebrated a youth mass and potluck dinner with Fr. Suresh Bakka before he went back to India. The youth of our parish were spirit-filled and their love outpoured as they said their good-byes to their leader and friend, Fr. Suresh. The youth made this banner at lower right for Fr. Suresh, and it says exactly how our parish family feels about him. Included in the picture at lower left are also Fr. Jegin and Fr. Fid, and our youth group leaders, Jessica Fogle and Mike Coomes. Photo by Terry Murphy



July 26, 2012 - Many parishioners of St. Peter's are still keeping in touch with Fr. Suresh and he says thanks for all the mail, e-mail and Facebook messages. One email from him stated, "I reached home safely and having good time with family and friends, especially with my one to five year old nieces and nephews." St. Peter's church members continue to miss their dear friend, but are glad he is with family and enjoying his home once again. John 15:15 "I shall no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know the master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my Father." Submitted by Terry Murphy

Written by Marilyn Powers

OWENSBORO, Ky. - I was asked to serve as the Inclusion Representative for Disabilities in March, 2011 for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. This is especially near and dear to my heart because my spouse has a disability.

I was overwhelmed with the abundance of literature from the diocesan-wide training and felt incapable of fulfilling this role. After reading the material I realized I didn't have to have ALL the answers, but I could raise awareness of physical, mental, and emotional disabilities that prevented inclusion from the liturgy in our parish. I also learned that no one should be labeled a "disabled person," but a "person with a disability," because everyone is a person first, not a disability.

I started visiting parishioners I knew who had a disability, or were caregivers, and began asking for their input. Together we compiled a list of issues we thought needed to be addressed. I met with our pastor, Fr. Brad Whistle, in May to discuss expectations as the Inclusion Representative. I wasn't sure how to approach him, since we had never worked closely together. He quickly turned the meeting over to me for my input. I didn't know what to say; however, the Holy Spirit did and words started flowing out of my mouth and I'm thinking, "Where did that come from?" I suggested a series of Disability Awareness Masses as a tool to communicate the message to the parish. Fr. Brad was on board with this. We compared accessibility in other parishes to see where we were lacking. We also discussed modifications to improve barriers in our parish, and he was very receptive to solutions to improve the current accessibility.

I was blessed to have 11 compassionate and understanding people agree to serve on the newly-formed Disability Awareness Committee. We began by forming a mission statement to direct the path of our committee which is to promote dignity, compassion, and acceptance to all, and to open the hearts, minds and doors of our parish to those with disabilities. We also brainstormed ideas for a banner, and a very talented couple in our parish created the final design, along with signs for each



**The Disability Awareness Committee at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Owensboro, placed this banner in the church. Submitted Photo**

entrance into church with the words "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." We distributed copies of the Resource Guide which we used as our "Bible," and began planning "Open Door" Masses to promote Disability Awareness.

The first Open Door Mass was on Sunday, August 14, at 11:00 which was the feast day of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe who had tuberculosis. The gospel reading about the woman whose daughter was possessed correlated well with the disabilities theme. For six weeks leading up to the Mass we used excerpts from the Resource Guide, along with the finalized logo artwork, to use with bulletin inserts. Ministers from within our committee and other parishioners were asked to participate. With some encouragement, we had enough volunteers for each ministry.

All ministries included someone with a disability, their caretaker or family member. We had representations of mental disabilities, Autism, loss of limbs, wheelchair or cane use and long-term illnesses. Fr. Brad and committee members assisted with slight modifications to accommodate their needs: chair for the Hospitality Minister who was unable to stand for long

periods of time, and a portable microphone and podium in the main aisle for the Reader in a wheelchair because the altar was not accessible. Despite their disabilities, they fully participated in the liturgy. A committee member wrote a testimony about their loved one with a disability for the bulletin. An article and photos were published in *The Western Kentucky Catholic*. This Mass was a very emotional, yet extremely proud moment for the committee members, those with a disability who participated, their families and the parish as a whole.

The second Open Door Mass followed on Saturday, November 19, at 4:30 with the same format. I wrote a testimony about how my husband's disability has affected us and our family. We had to learn to ultimately trust God's guidance. Our children had a hard time dealing with their dad's disability because it didn't surface until he was about 40. Our 7 grandchildren are very accepting of his disability because this is all they've ever known.

The third Open Door Mass will be held on a Sunday morning at 8am. This will be a milestone of giving parishioners an opportunity to witness at least one Disability Awareness Mass. Open Doors of Welcome reminds me of this reading (Mark 2:2-5):

"Many gathered together so there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and He preached the Word to them. They came bringing to Him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above Him."

We can't literally open the roof of the church; however, we can alter our parish buildings to allow persons with disabilities easier accessibility to participate more fully in the liturgy. Accessibility into the parish buildings, steep inclines on ramps, navigation in small rest rooms, steps to the altar and confessional, absence of handrails, sound, lighting and mobility in churches in general, are all impediments for persons with disabilities. Sometimes we can meet their mental and emotional needs merely by inviting them to be a part of the celebration of the Mass, talking to them, or getting to know them and their

families on a first name basis. They want to be treated like everyone else!

The first accessibility issue we're undertaking in our parish is automatic doors at each entrance. Fr. Brad is currently getting bids for this job. One big project we would like to undertake is handicap accessible rest rooms in church. None of these projects will be quick OR easy, but they are necessary AND beneficial to more than those with disabilities. We also realize that needs change as the diversity of parishioners change.

I cannot say enough about how receptive, supportive and caring Fr. Brad Whistle has been in this endeavor. I pray that each of you has a priest who is approachable and open-minded regarding accessibility. This, along with the compassionate people on the committee, makes disability ministry very rewarding. Every accessibility issue is unique for each parish. Our Lady of Lourdes Church is level with the ground, so there are no steps getting into church. Our parish purchased a van several years ago, picking up residents at the Roosevelt House for the Saturday evening Mass. It continues to work well for those using this service. These are a bonus in our parish, but it doesn't mean we have no accessibility issues - because we do.

I have met the most amazing people with a disability who have not only touched, but also enriched my life since becoming the Inclusion Representative. The toll that a disability takes on a family is HEART-breaking and HEART-warming at the same time. Their loved ones convey that their lives have been blessed because of the special person in their lives. As many of you know, it is a daily struggle for the person with the disability, as well as their caregiver and families. That's a cross they bear every day, and it is truly a testament of their faith, hope and love.

If you are encountering obstacles as the Inclusion Representative, I strongly encourage you to personally reach out to others for help. Communication with your parish priest and/or administrator is vital to improving the physical barriers. It is truly a blessing to witness someone actively minister despite their disability. Meeting these wonderful families, seeing the smiles on their faces, and witnessing God's presence through their optimistic outlook, inspires me to do whatever it takes.



## A Little Help, Please! OCHS Students Answer the Call

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Several Owensboro Catholic High School students assisted the Green River Area Down Syndrome Association with the 'Lose the Wheels' program, July 16-20, 2012. The City of Owensboro donated the use of the Sportscenter for this event which was made possible by a grant from Owensboro Medical health System. The goal was to work with kids with Down Syndrome to ride a bike without training wheels.

GRADSA hosted Lose the Training Wheels – a 5 day camp for kids (and adults) with developmental disabilities who want to learn to ride a bike independently. Lose the Training Wheels is a unique program with an exciting mission: to teach individuals with disabilities to ride a conventional two-wheel bicycle and become lifelong independent riders. This achievement, in turn, creates a gateway of opportunity, helping them gain assurance and self-reliance in many other aspects of their lives.

One member of the Owensboro Catholic Schools family commented about this activity:

The bikers who participate in the camp are not just kids with Down Syndrome, but can have other disabilities as well, like autism or some other condition that makes it difficult for them to get the hang of balancing on a bike.

"The high school kids who volunteered really provided a great service. I think a call for volunteers was made at all the community high schools, but most of the volunteers came from Catholic High, and were mostly members of the football and basketball teams. Each volunteer was paired with a biker for the whole week.

"My daughter, Natalie, completed the camp and I was amazed at the whole experience. The student matched with her for the whole week was Joey Oakes. He was great with her! Hannah Mills, who will be in 4th grade at OCS, also completed the program."

- Holly Pfeifer



Chandler Osborne and Stefan Swift receive a token of appreciation from Michael Smith on the last day of camp.

"I saw the posting about the OCHS students volunteering at the Lose the Training Wheels bike camp this past week, and I thought it might be worth a second look.

"The method and equipment used in Lose the Training Wheels is pretty neat and very effective. It's such a small, discreet set of skills that they work on for the week, but learning to ride a bike independently can make such a difference for these kids in their day-to-day playing with their siblings, neighborhood kids, etc.



Ryan Clark spots Colin Powers as he rides outside the Sportscenter.

In photo at left, Donna Kaelin runs alongside Hannah Mills as she tests her two-wheel skills outside the Sportscenter in the later part of the week.



At left, Natalie Pfeifer, with her volunteers, OCHS student Joey Oakes and Brescia student Lindsey Phipps, shows off her medal and other "parting gifts" at the Lose the Training Wheels closing ceremony.



Chandler Osborne spots Michael Smith as he rides outside the Sportscenter in the later part of the week.



Above, Isaac Wilkerson and Jackson Brett.; at near left, Will Mullican and Logan Cart. Submitted Photos

# One Summer, My Life Changed Thanks To People With Disabilities

By **Christy Stahl;**

**submitted by Sandy Stahl**

In the summer of 1995, I left my hometown (Bowling Green) in Kentucky and traveled to Indiana to work as an Outdoor Leader at Bradford Woods., Indiana University's Outdoor Center. My primary duty was to lead adults and children, all of whom had some form of disability, on overnight camp outs. Not an easy job, when most were either confined to a wheelchair, were administered monstrous amounts of medications on a daily basis, or could not communicate.

The Sunday of every week, parents would drop their children off, hand over bags of medications to the nurses and give instructions on what their child could and could not do. I saw on countless times, Moms and Dads giving hugs and kisses and then rushing to their car so their child would not see the tears rolling down their faces. Most of these parents provided intense 24 hour care for their child, and this was the only time in the year in which they would not be with them. While crying, one mother told me how guilty she felt to be taking her other children to Disney World while she left her "baby" at camp. Her son, confined to a wheelchair could not communicate, had a feeding tube, and required intensive around the clock care. After giving her a hug, I tried my best to reassure her that she deserved this time with her family and how we would take extremely good care of her "baby". Thinking back, it must have been the most difficult thing that those parents had ever done - leave their severely disabled children with complete strangers.

As parents left, we assured them that we would give their child a normal as possible camp experience. Your child is in a wheelchair? No problem, we will carry your son down that muddy trail to the campfire where we will tell stories and eat S'mores. Your kid has a machine to help her breathe? No big deal, an extension cord to a generator will be provided so we can sleep outside under the stars.

As counselors, we knew these kids required special care and received weeks of training before they arrived. We were trained in the proper techniques in lifting a person from a bed and placing them in their wheelchair, administering food via a stomach tube, and even trained in how to administer medications during camp outs.

I carried with me a radio at all times in which I could dispatch a doctor and nurse if a medical emergency occurred. I only had to use that radio once, when a counselor administered the medication to the wrong camper. The look of sheer panic and horror on her face when she realized what she had done will stay with me forever. Only when the nurse assured us that the mix-up was nothing more than Tylenol, were we able to breathe again.

It was my job to allow these kids and adults to feel normal, to roast hot dogs over an open fire, see deer in an open field when dawn broke outside of their tent, and to most importantly to have fun and laugh. Laughter was my only goal because it meant these kids and adults had forgotten about their illness, their disability, or what made them different from all of the other "normal" people in the world.

That summer, I met children and adults with Autism, Down's syndrome, Muscular Dystrophy, Sickle Cell Anemia, Cancer, facial disfigurements, and many others with debilitating disabilities camping. They came to Bradford Woods one week each summer to escape hospitals and needles, overbearing parents scared to let them do anything for fear of them being hurt, and people staring at them in public just because they looked different.

That summer not only changed my view on disabilities, but it changed my life. I witnessed kids with severe facial disfigurements forget about how they looked when a mud fight broke out against other campers.

I sat in awe as I witnessed two best friends, Jacob, born without legs and hands, and Aaron, whose own legs were confined to braces, systematically set up a tent as they worked together allowing one another to tackle the pieces that they were limited in doing themselves. Aaron would wait for Jacob to hold the stake with his arms, while he used the hammer pounding the tent stakes in the ground. They raised that tent without any help from me because they were intent on doing it themselves. Only seeing one another once a year, Aaron and Jacob's friendship was just as solid as if they saw each other every day at school. When their parents picked them up on the last day, they told me about the letters they wrote to one another during the school year, the telling of inside jokes and planning things they would do together at

camp the following summer. Today, their friendship is the only one that I know of that had to overcome both geographical lines and physical limitations.

Working with all of those beautiful children and adults that summer opened my eyes to a lot of things concerning people with disabilities. Most importantly: everyone needs and deserves to be treated with respect. To receive respect, a person has to do only one thing... be born. Most importantly, people with disabilities may look different, walk differently or even talk differently but that doesn't mean they want to be treated differently. That summer, I witnessed kids and adults with physical disabilities do things better than I could ever do.

It was extremely hard for me to return to college when that summer ended in 1995. The friends I made at Bradford Woods are still part of my life today. We all worked together as a team till near exhaustion, experienced numerous bouts of lice outbreaks, lived and worked among each other when camping prevented a simple shower, and successfully celebrated my 21st birthday. I still think about Aaron and Jacob often and wonder how they are doing. I guess that these two would be in their mid 20's. I wonder if they went to college, if they have married, and if they still see each other once a year at camp. There is no doubt in my mind that they are still the best of friends and supporting one another to achieve anything they want!

## An invitation to all persons with disabilities and their families from Special Apostolic Catholic Evangelizers, (SPACE)

Annual Gathering with our retired Bishop John McRaith and Bishop William Medley at St. Raphael's will be on **Friday, September 7, 2012.**

Please bring vegetables or salad. Meat and drinks provided. Come anytime after 5:30 p.m. We'll eat around 6:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and come to have a great time.

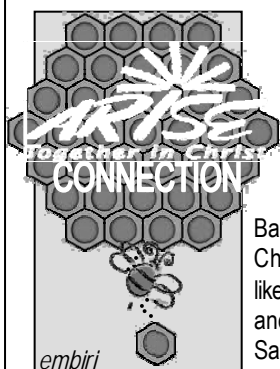
Please RSVP by August 31, so we can plan on how many people to prepare for. You may call Donna Biggs at (270) 852-8324, or e-mail [donna.biggs@pastoral.org](mailto:donna.biggs@pastoral.org) or fill out the registration form below and mail to Donna Biggs, Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust St. Owensboro KY 42301

### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_





### 1. The Samaritan Shift

Soil, sun and water nurture the growth of a seed. If the seed is Faith, what in the metaphor are soil, sun and water?

Baptism brings us into a Christian community which is like rich soil. Faith is nurtured and passed on in community, Sacrament, witness and stories.

The story of The Samaritan Woman at the Well in John's Gospel (JN 4:1-42) gives us an example of what I call "The Samaritan Shift". The woman encounters Jesus and runs to tell her story to the whole town. She was so convincing that they came to see Jesus and invited him to stay awhile. At the end of the story the townspeople tell the woman: "at first we believed because of what you told us, but now we have experienced him for ourselves." This is an important shift in Faith development.

Telling and hearing stories of encounters with Christ is our Faith "gone to seed!" This "giving away of oneself" demands parting with what was and allowing something new to come. Recall Jesus' words: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (JN 12:24)

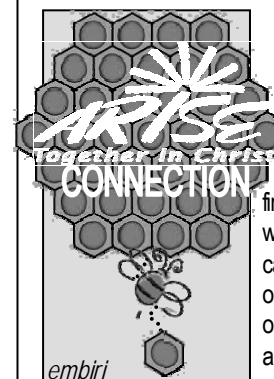
Have you experienced a "Samaritan Shift?" How will you scatter those seeds?



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ENGLISH SESSIONS		
DATE	TIME	PLACE
MONDAY September 10, 2012	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Immaculate Parish <b>OWENSBORO</b>
TUESDAY September 11, 2012	10:00 AM - noon	St. Mary of the Woods <b>WHITESVILLE</b>
TUESDAY September 11, 2012	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Holy Spirit <b>BOWLING GREEN</b>
WEDNESDAY September 12, 2012	6:30 - 8:30 PM	St. Thomas More <b>PADUCAH</b>
THURSDAY September 13, 2012	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Holy Name <b>HENDERSON</b>
THURSDAY September 13, 2012	6:30 - 8:30	Christ the King <b>MADISONVILLE</b>



### 2. TELL ME A STORY

"Go out to all the world and spread the Good News to all creation." (MK16:15)

Christianity spread like wild fire after Pentecost. Those who welcomed and prepared candidates for the Sacraments of initiation passed on the stories of their encounters with Christ and these were eventually recorded in writing.

Today we have these stories at our fingertips in the Gospels. We still use them to catechize and evangelize and to pray. When we share stories of our encounters with Christ we carry forward the practice of passing on our faith through stories. The telling and the hearing are both sacred experiences that keep faith alive. In them we find the connection between our story and the Gospel stories. If you could pass on one faith story from your life to those you love, what would it be?

The following lyrics, verse 1 of an old camp song by Kurt Kaiser, express it well: **Pass It On**

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going. And soon all those around, can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it, you spread His love to everyone; you want to pass it on.*



Hear the entire song on youtube:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCjR4dLY33k>

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El viernes, 14 de septiembre, 2012	6:00 - 8:30 PM	San José y Pablo OWENSBORO
El sábado, 15 de septiembre, 2012	1:00 - 3:30 PM	Ss. Pietro & Pablo, HOPKINSVILLE
El sábado, 15 de septiembre, 2012	6:00 - 8:30 PM	San José BOWLING GREEN
El domingo, 16 de septiembre, 2012	5:00 - 7:30 PM	San José MAYFIELD





# The Mass Of Inclusion, What It Means For All Of Us

By Miriam Kavanaugh, Sisters of the Lamb of God

On Sunday, August 5 Blessed Mother Catholic Church in Owensboro hosted the Mass of Inclusion, one of the Diamond Jubilee events for the Diocese of Owensboro. The Most Reverend William Francis Medley was the celebrant and Reverend Ray Clark was the homilist; also present were Rev. John Meredith of Blessed Mother, Rev. Tony Jones of The Immaculate, and Rev. Brad Whistle of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Imagine going to Mass, constantly being misunderstood, and rarely having your church family understand your needs. More importantly, imagine wanting to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, but have a Eucharistic Minister or a priest not give it to you because they don't know how to give it to you. This is the purpose of the Mass of Inclusion—to include everybody in the Mass.

At the diocesan Mass of Inclusion people of all abilities served as



The sign, "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" stands by Blessed Mother Catholic Church's entrance. "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" is a program whose mission it is to raise awareness within faith communities of the obstacles people with physical, mental, and emotional differences face in practicing their faith, and finding a means of overcoming those obstacles.



**Jamie Dennis, a second year theology student at St. Meinrad's Seminary, who is also blind, was the lector for the first reading from Exodus, which he read from a Braille text. He was led to and from the lectern by his mother.**

commentator, greeters, lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, gift bearers, singers in the choir. No one was left out. If someone needed help being included, a solution was found. One of the lectors uses a wheelchair so portable ramps were brought in for the Mass; one of the greeters uses a walker and had to sit down as she welcomed people; one of the Eucharistic Ministers also uses a walker and she had to sit down as she gave people the Precious Blood. All of the people serving the Lord at this very special Mass carried out their ministries filled with the Holy Spirit.

If people had special needs for Communion they were given a small electric candle or one of two stickers. The small candle indicated to the bishop that he needed to bring Communion to the person. One sticker noted a need for a smaller host, the other a blessing. The Mass of Inclusion is such a profound experience, and as Catholics we should reflect on the fact that some people may only be receiving the Eucharist at these types of Masses. The last inclusive Mass was called the Lifting Up Mass; it was held in November at the Wendell Foster Center.

There were three programs for the Mass of Inclusion: one in Spanish, one in large print, and one with an insert of a step-by-step visual aid of the Mass. How much more praise can we as a



**Sue Weaver, Inclusive Representative at The Immaculate and member of the Awareness for People with Disabilities Committee, greets people at the Mass of Inclusion. Sue distributed electronic candles for people to place on their wheelchair or walker to show they needed Communion brought to them; she also handed out stickers indicating if the person needed a smaller piece of the Host or if they just required a blessing.**

faith community give to the Lord when all are able to worship to their fullest extent simply by knowing what is going on during the Mass?

We are so blessed to have a Mass of Inclusion to let us know that there are people with disabilities in our church families who want to take part in the Mass the same way everyone else does, and are able to take part in the Mass the same way everyone else does. Freedom of worship is something as Americans we all hold very dear; shouldn't inclusion of worship be something we hold just as dear?

Many parishes have Inclusion Representatives; if you don't know who yours is, contact your Social Concerns Committee. If you need help, know of someone who needs help, or want to help with this ministry contact the Inclusion Representative at your parish.

**At right, Michael Smith led the recessional followed by altar servers Lauren Williams (l) and her sister Alli.**

**Cutlines for Photos of the Aug. 5, 2012 Mass of Inclusion pictures contributed by Miriam Kavanaugh for the Sisters of The Lamb of God**



**Above, Denise Parker and her machine. Below, Stacy Green and Bishop William Medley: How does this electric candle work? Photos by Judy Kapelsohn**





# First Day of School 2012-2013

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St Mary of the Woods pastor Father Baker greeted all the Trinity HS students and teachers on the first day. Will Beyke, a school volunteer, welcomed the new pastor. Christina Rhodes photo



August 8, 2012, First Day of School at Owensboro Catholic Middle School: from left, Claire Hagan, grade 7, going to the Band room; Alex Wink, grade 10 at OCHS; Hannah Hagan, grade 10 at OCHS, and Martha Hagan driving. Mel Howard Photo



OCMS Principal David Kessler greeting students at the door on the First Day of School, August 8, 2012. Mel Howard Photo



Trinity HS students waiting to start class in Mr. Joe Bland's religion room are: Hannah Bland, Taylor Johnson, Blake Ward, Lexie Kaelin, Jessica Henson, Shawna Aud, Jessica Payne, Hannah Bland, Dallas Tomblinson and Alex Hamilton. Christina Rhodes photo



On First Day of Holy Name Elementary School, 2012: Abigail Stone, Gabe Sheffer, Julie Bell, Pre-K Instructional Assistant, and Molly Stone. HNS Photo



Ready, Coach! Luke Reynolds, 9, OCHS football player, packing his gear, got to school early on the first day of school. Mel Howard Photo



In the photo at left, at the start of her first day at Catholic high, Alyssa Edmonds, 10, found OCHS Principal Gates Settle who helped her find a SCRUBS student to guide her to her locker. Mel Howard photo



## Michigan Youth Help the Ursuline Sisters and the Community



In the picture at left, for the 17th year, teenagers and adults from St. John the Evangelist Parish in Fenton, Mich., came to Maple Mount the week of July 23 to work on the campus and in Owensboro on behalf of Habitat for Humanity. In this photo, these teens showed their peeling nectarine skills with, (from the center to the right) Sister Clarita Browning, Sister Marie Montgomery, Sister Naomi Aull and Sister Mary Patrick McDonagh. MSJ Photo

### Catholic Charities Christmas Craft Fair

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro is hosting the first annual Catholic Charities Craft Fair on Saturday, November 10, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the parish hall at Our Lady of Lourdes in Owensboro. The table rental fee is \$50 for an 8 foot table (rental fees will be used to support the ministries of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Owensboro). This is your opportunity to sell some of those items you enjoy making. Some examples include woodworking items, glassware, jewelry, knitted and crocheted items, quilts, photography, painting, and other miscellaneous arts and crafts projects. For more information or for an exhibitor registration form, please contact Karen Jarboe [karen.jarboe@pastoral.org](mailto:karen.jarboe@pastoral.org) or Martha Hagan [martha.hagan@pastoral.org](mailto:mhagan@pastoral.org) at 270-683-1545 or visit [www.rcdok.org/craft](http://www.rcdok.org/craft). Registrations are due by October 1.



## Diocese to Host First Youth Rally For Life October 19

### Youth Rally For Life

**When:** Friday October 19th  
**Where:** Owensboro Sportscenter  
 1215 Hickman Avenue in Owensboro  
**Who:** Middle and High School Students  
**Time:** 8:30am - 11:30am  
**Cost:** FREE

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" Proverbs 31:8



**Julia Holcomb** - She is the author of the memoir *The Light of the World - the Steven Tyler and Julia Holcomb story*, published on LifeSiteNews and credits her faith in Jesus Christ as the life line that helped her rebuild her life after her abortion trauma.

#### Kelly Clinger

She was once an extra on the Mickey Mouse Club and a background vocalist for Britney Spears. She met Jesus in 2003 after years of heartache and pain caused by the music industry, divorce, addiction and abortion. Now, at 35 years old, she is a spokeswoman for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, a group of men and women who have chosen to tell their stories of the devastating affects of abortion.



**John Sohl:**  
 WKU  
 Hilltoppers

**Music By:**  
 Maria  
 Spears



The first ever Diocesan "Youth Rally for Life". This event is being sponsored by the Offices for Youth Ministry, Faith Formation and Social Concerns along with its Gospel of Life Committee.

The date is set for Friday, October 19, 2012, at the Sportscenter in Owensboro, from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Kelly Clinger is a former back-up singer for Britney Spears and Julia Holcomb is the former fiancée of Steven Tyler; both have powerful stories to tell. Maria Spears will provide music and there will be other speakers as well.

Ms. Holcomb is scheduled to speak at the Owensboro Right to Life Banquet at the Hines Center on Thursday, October 18th in the evening. She was willing to stay and speak to our youth at no extra charge.

This is a special time in our nation's history as we prepare for the 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Let us pray that our youth hear the truth that is spoken on this day to try and counteract the many lies they hear in our culture every day!

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# Works of Mercy Chapel Becomes a Place of Divine Contemplation

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By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - As the Mass for the blessing of the Works of Mercy Chapel began on July 23, 2012 parishioner and co-chair of the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration program, Connie Hein invited those in attendance to prayerfully consider experiencing the grace provided by a weekly hour of Adoration. Following this, co-chair Dolores Webber was available in the Gathering Space for six weeks after Mass to explain what the opportunity of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration meant and signed up those interested.

An informational meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Monday, June 30, 2012 for those who had signed up, substitutes, and those who were considering being part of the program – an overwhelming response was noted with more than 150 parishioners attending. When the day came for the start of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, all the hours were filled by either permanent or substitute Adorers.

“Comments were so positive! We have heard over and over again what this time of peaceful reflection has already meant in the lives of those participating,” noted Dolores Webber. “They were surprised how the experience moved them and



Parishioners attending the meeting were shown the Monstrance and tabernacle that is used during Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Photo Dom Amato

that the time passed quickly. They also described that the serenity and quiet

allowed for concentration and divine contemplation.”

For those who have been reluctant to sign up because they are unsure what to expect, we would like you to come at any time alone or with a friend. It is fine for several people to participate in Adoration at the same time and members from all parishes are invited to experience God’s grace in this way. Adoration consists of entering the chapel where Christ is present in the fullness of His divine and Human nature on the altar in the Monstrance. The hour allows those in attendance to enter a conversation with God through praying, reading scripture, praising with Psalms, offering petitions, giving thanks, asking for forgiveness, or quietly contemplating – whatever the person chooses.

To join those participating in 24 hour Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, please email [adoration@stm.org](mailto:adoration@stm.org) or call the parish office at 270.534.9000.



Dolores Webber hand out Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration packets to the over 150 parishioners who attended the information meeting.

## Parish Recognizes Servant Leader In Ministry Award Winner



Seth Bland is one of the 2012 SLIM Award recipients. Seth is a graduate of Trinity High School in Whitesville and is a member of St. Mary of the Woods Parish. Seth is the son of Joe and Cathy Bland. Seth received the award the 3rd Sunday in May at Mass.

Seth was the salutatorian of the class

of 2012 at Trinity. Seth has always been very active at the parish level as a younger teen participating in youth group, helping with the middle school youth as a high schooler, volunteering at Vacation Bible School and Church picnics. Later in his high school career he became more involved on the diocesan level with TEC (Teens Encounter Christ), participating and working on a TEC team and helping at the Middle School Lock-In as a Purple Police. He also became very involved at Gasper River Youth Camp both as a participant at summer camp but also volunteering as a counselor for the younger camps and this summer as a SIT (Staff in Training).

Seth is enrolled this year at Western Kentucky University majoring in Nursing.

Seth is pictured at right with Fr. Dave Johnson who was pastor of St. Mary of the Woods until June of 2012. Submitted Photo

## Join us for Reflection Days

- Sept. 7 - “Women in Early Church”
- Oct. 5 - “Mary in the Gospels”
- Nov. 2 - “Spectacular Women 1”
- Dec. 7 - “Spectacular Women 2”



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10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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## Applications still being accepted for Spiritual Direction Training Program

Applications are still being accepted for the next Spiritual Direction Training Program, which will begin the week of Oct. 22, 2012 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount. The two-year program consists of four weekly training sessions each year. This program prepares participants for the ministry of spiritual direction from a Catholic perspective and in the spirit of the Ursuline founder, Saint Angela Merici.

During each of the eight weeks, participants will enter into study, reflection and prayer around a topic fundamental to the understanding and practice of spiritual direction. Topics include spirituality, the inner journey, theology, prayer and scripture, ethics, supervision, and case studies. The last session ends with a three-day retreat. Each weekly session will offer daily opportunities for Eucharist, prayer and reflection in an atmosphere of contemplation. The sessions begin at noon Monday and end at 1 p.m. Friday.

Spiritual direction is the art of listening and companionship someone in an atmosphere of openness, honesty and prayer. Biographies of many saints, including Saint Angela, tell us that people were seeking guidance in their quest for a holy life. People today continue to search for competent directors who will walk with them on their faith journey.

In this program, the director also helps the directee (program participant) to discern the movement of the Spirit in his or her life.

The Spiritual Direction Training Program at Mount Saint Joseph is an opportunity to develop and practice skills necessary to learn the art of spiritual direction. The rural setting of Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (located 12 miles west of Owensboro) offers a quiet and serene atmosphere for prayer and discernment.

The program is designed for both experienced directors and those who feel the call to this ministry. Under competent



The 2010-12 class of the Spiritual Direction Training Program graduated with an anointing ceremony July 27 in the chapel at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The 2010-12 graduating class is, front from left, Janie Monaghan and Father Fideles Levri; second row, Dorothy Wilderman, Jennifer Ewing and Shelley Szoka; third row, Monica Armstrong; back row are the coordinating team, Sisters Marietta Wethington, Elaine Burke and Ann McGrew.

supervisors, all participants will have opportunities to learn and refine their skills. Participants receive intense training, practice, and supervision by a coordinating team of religious sisters and educators.

The fee includes tuition, meals and accommodations. Attendance is required to receive certification as a spiritual director.

For more information, contact Sheila Blandford at 270-229-0269 or [sheila.blandford@maplemount.org](mailto:sheila.blandford@maplemount.org). A brochure can be found at [www.msjcenter.org](http://www.msjcenter.org)

## Diocesan Young Adults Celebrate Mass with Bishop William F. Medley

MADISONVILLE, Ky. - On Saturday, August 11, Bishop Medley was present at Christ the King Parish for a Mass and picnic to which young adults across the diocese were invited. This event was able to bring together young people from across the diocese for a chance of fellowship and prayer with the bishop. Mass was concelebrated by Fathers John Thomas (pastor of Christ the King), Ryan Harpole (Associate Pastor of St. Thomas More), and Father Jerry Calhoun. After Mass those attending gathered for a picnic with good food, games, and a chance to get to know each other.

### MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September

- 7 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 9 Mount Saint Joseph PICNIC
- 10-14 Glenmary Priests Retreat
- 15 First Baptist Choir Retreat
- 18-21 Runaway Quilters
- 24 OCTC Executive Team
- 28-29 First United Methodist Women's Retreat
- 28-30 Yoga Meditation Retreat

#### October

- 5 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 13-14 Catholic Engaged (1 night)
- 15-19 Diocesan Priests Retreat
- 20-21 Marian Retreat
- 22-26 Spiritual Direction Training Program 2012-2014
- 26-28 T.O.P.S. Retreat
- 29-1 Quilt Guild

#### November

- 2 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 3-4 Academy for Young Leaders
- 10-11 Women's Fall Retreat: Experiencing God through Different Forms of Prayer
- 10 Yarn Spinners Day
- 17-18 Thomas Merton Retreat

#### December

- 7 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 13 Advent Day of Prayer with Msgr. Bernard Powers

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# My Brother the Priest...

By Sister John Mary Read, C.P.

Ten years ago, I never thought I'd say that! Not that he did not have priestly qualities but because he had set his course on a different path. It was nine years ago and the evening of my Perpetual Profession of Vows, when I said goodbye to my 22-year-old brother, Jeff Read. I whispered to him to stay close to our Blessed Mother. He became very solemn and said, "We don't pray the rosary enough." I realized then the Lord was awakening within him a desire to live his faith more fully. Two years later he entered Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary and seven years after that on June 2, 2012, he was ordained a Priest of Jesus Christ for the diocese of Evansville, Indiana!

He is only a man, this brother of mine, but a man chosen by God to be indelibly marked as an "alter Christus". "The world looks to the priest, because it looks to Jesus! No one can see Christ; but everyone



**Sister John Mary Read, C.P. and her brother Father Jeff Read, a priest of the Diocese of Evansville, In. Submitted Photo**

sees the priest, and through him they wish to catch a glimpse of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur and dignity of the priest!" ~Blessed John Paul II



**Father Jeff Read celebrated his first Mass at 5 p.m. June 2, just hours after his ordination, at his home parish of St. John the Evangelist in Daylight, In. Submitted Photo**

My brother, the priest...As the days pass, I find myself uniting my life to his priesthood, his offering of Christ and all of humanity to the Father. His call has called me to a greater realization of my own priestly vocation as a baptized daughter of God, offering my life through, with and in Jesus to the Father by the Holy Spirit, to pray and do penance. To live Saint Paul's admonition to the Romans, "...I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect." ~ Romans 12:1 - 2

All the Sisters here are just as delighted as I over this wondrous gift of a priestly vocation in my family. As contemplative nuns, dwelling in spirit at the foot of Calvary, we take seriously our mandate to be spiritual mothers, especially of priests. To pray and do penance for the sanctification of priests following our Lady of Sorrows, Mother of the Eternal High Priest and Helper in his work of Redemption.

"The vocation to be a spiritual mother for priests is hardly known, barely understood and consequently, rarely lived, although fundamental and vitally important. It is a vocation that is

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often hidden, not apparent to the human eye, but intended to transmit spiritual life." ~ Adoration, Reparation, Spiritual Motherhood for Priests by the Congregation for the Clergy 2007

Through fidelity to our daily hidden life, we seek to help priests to be faithful in all their life of self-offering, prayer and duty. I think of the closing words of Bishop Charles C. Thompson, who ordained Fr. Jeff and his classmate Fr. Brian Emmick, "Dare to be priests of JOY."

Yes, we offer our lives for priests that they may know and show forth the joy of a life totally dedicated to Christ. I ask your continued prayers for my little brother, the priest - that he may be a holy priest. A holy priest means a holy people!

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*Sr. John Mary, C.P. is a Passionist Nun of Saint Joseph Monastery, Whitesville, Ky. Originally published in "From the Foot of the Cross" a newsletter by the Passionist Nuns.*

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Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers

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## Teaching Digital Natives Workshop Gets Real With Catholic Educators

By Mel Howard

OWENSBORO, Ky. "Teaching the Digital Native," a workshop for Owensboro area Catholic Educators to experiment with iPads and smart phone apps that can be used in the classroom, was held at St. Pius Tenth Parish Hall on August 2, 2012. Dr. Lori Elliott directed the workshop attended by principals and teachers from Owensboro Catholic Middle and high School, Trinity High School, Mary Carrico Memorial Catholic School, and St Mary of the Woods Elementary.

Dr. Lori spoke about how to fit iPad and smart phone applications (Apps) into classroom instruction, how it fits into lesson plans. She started by asking the participants, "How do you communicate these days?" She said that kids today communicate differently; they use iPads, smart phone, and connect on Twitter, by texting on smart phones, using JPEG pictures and video clips sent out on Facebook or YouTube. Kids text a lot and sometimes more than they talk, she said; less conversation. Talking on a phone can take more time and require more of a personal connection. "I'm busy and I just respond that way. What's a teacher to do faced with that in a classroom today?"

Kids today tell researchers that they prefer to use mobile devices in a classroom learning situation, in addition to a personal relationship with a teacher who knows how to communicate her (his) passion for their subject. Teachers are challenged to make instruction real as well as relevant, Dr. Lori said. Using mobile device apps is a good way to make classroom teaching real, she said, in the ways that kids today learn and communicate on their own.

"Mobile devices and apps," she said, "are great equalizers of access in education today. Access is equal among rural, suburban, and urban students. The iPhone and iPad have equalized the playing field."

"What still matters to kids today," she also said, "is being connected with the teacher who really likes what they're teaching, who is excited about their content. Kids want this relationship more than the content first." She spoke about listening to one student who said, "If the teacher knows my name, I'll pay attention to them." Students want learning to be real, not just relevant, she said. Plus, students like to work with others, together.

Dr. Lori said that even for herself, she'd rather get a text from one of her kids



Photos: At top left, Dr. Lori Elliott observing educators interacting with mobile device apps and one another in a group setting; at top right, Trinity High School teacher Wes Riley, Principal Connie Morgan, and Christina Rhodes, with Mary Carrico Memorial Catholic School Principal Ray Montgomery; at bottom left, trying some mobile device apps for teaching, OCHS Teachers Tony Kraus, George Randolph, John Edge; at bottom right, St. Mary of the Woods Elementary teachers Erin Kamuf, Mary Haycraft, and Ron Williams. Mel Howard Photos



rather than a call on her iPhone. She said, "Texting says that life is good. If they call, something bad's going on."

Much of this highly interactive workshop featured Dr. Lori introducing various apps, guiding participants to open them, find out how they work, try them out, and then share experiences as well as questions. Participants gave Dr. Lori and the workshop a lot of thumb's-up signs and feedback sheets with high marks.

Some of the sites explored in this workshop were Teen Tribune, Tween Tribune, The New York Times Learning Network, [www.wdyl.com](http://www.wdyl.com), (WhatDo You Love.com), and i fake text.

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## Catholics and Social Media

By Sister Mary Ann Walsh, Director of Media Relations,  
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

A recent sign of technology in church was a man watching the Olympics on his Smartphone. He may be among those very few Catholics who, the Public Religion Research Institute says, "incorporate technology into their practice of worship."

Public Religion's July 2012 report finds that few Americans use social technology for religion and that Catholics especially lag in this area: while 19 percent of Evangelical Christians reported having posted something about being in church on Facebook, only six percent of mainline Protestants and two percent of Catholics have done so. It added that while a quarter of Evangelicals have downloaded or listened to a sermon on line, just six percent of mainline Protestants and Catholics have done so.

However, there is much proof that Catholics are present in the new media world via blogs, Facebook, Twitter, web pages and other forms of social media.

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## For Greater Glory Witnesses Faith and Sacrifice for Religious Freedom



**Fr. Ray Clark**  
(Photo by  
**Fr. John Vaughan**)

*Ed. Note: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announced a special time for prayer and education including the 14 days from June 21 – the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, great martyrs who remained faithful in the fact of religious persecution – to July*

*4, Independence Day. This time period, called the “Fortnight for Freedom,” was dedicated to prayer, study, catechesis, and public action about both our Christian and American heritage of liberty.*

**By Father Ray Clark**

I recently saw a film entitled *For*

### Catholics And Social Media *(Continued from page 28)*

The U.S. bishops’ website, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) attracts almost 100,000 visitors each day to its site for liturgical readings of the day, [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings). These visitors see and hear a brief reflection on the readings at [www.usccb.org/bible/reflections](http://www.usccb.org/bible/reflections).

The bishops’ Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/usccb](http://www.facebook.com/usccb), boasts about 40,000 followers and is growing. Posts on USCCBlog, found at <http://usccbmedia.blogspot.com> find their way into other corners of the blogosphere, both through church blogs, such as America Magazine’s “In all things...” and blogs in the secular arena, including Huffington Post, Politico, Washington’s Post’s “On Faith” and USA Today’s “Faith & Reason.”

A recent social media foray is the church’s religious liberty texting campaign. The bishops urge people to text “Freedom” or Libertad” to 377377. Texters can sign up for brief messages about religious freedom, a key issue now.

Church blogs abound. Gossip blogs offer “inside” information, such as who might become a bishop next. Several blogs feed a liberal or conservative base, and, I fear, stoke church polarization in this election year. Some bishops blog. Bishop Gerald Kicanas of Tucson, Arizona, files a “Monday Memo” at [www.tucsondiocese.org](http://www.tucsondiocese.org). Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York often makes news at <http://blog.archny.org>. Cardinal Sean O’Malley of Boston lets people know what he’s doing on his travels with [www.cardinalseansblog.org](http://www.cardinalseansblog.org).

*Greater Glory*. The film is about the Cristero movement of Mexico, which arose in the 1920’s in response to the persecution of the Catholic Church by the Mexican government. I would like to describe the film for you. It seems appropriate during this Fortnight for Freedom (June 21 to July 4, 2012), during which we U.S. Catholics reflect on religious freedom.

A little background. Mexico is Catholic. Public expressions of the Catholic faith abound. In an open-air market is a table with the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe upon it, a votive candle burning before it. This public nature of the faith contrasts with the United States, where the expression of faith is private.

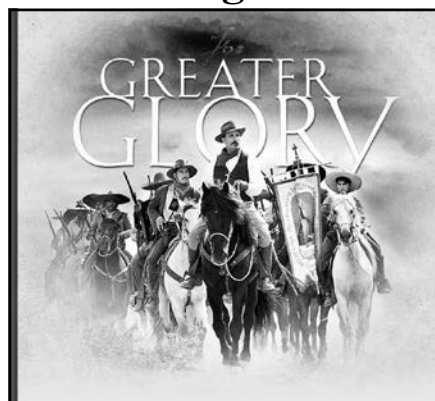
And so the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico seems unimaginable.

Others, such as Bishop Christopher Coyne, apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and Bishop Anthony Taylor of Little Rock, Arkansas, post homilies, or at least 140 characters from their homilies, on Facebook or Twitter.

Catholics who use the Web for spiritual development can go to many sites, including not only the USCCB site but also sites geared to meditation, such as the Irish Jesuits’ <http://www.sacredspace.ie> and Franciscan Father Richard Rohr’s Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico, [www.cac.org](http://www.cac.org).

The church has a long history of wise use of media technology. Once Johannes Gutenberg invented movable type in the mid-15th century, the first book off his printing press was the Bible. Radio became popular in the United States in the early 20th century, and one of its first shows was “The Catholic Hour,” which ran from 1930-1950, and featured the priest/preacher Fulton Sheen. Television surged into popularity in the fifties and Sheen became an Emmy-Award-winning TV star for his program “Life Is Worth Living,” 1951-1957. The syndicated “Fulton Sheen Program” followed, 1961-1968. Given this history, despite the Public Religion Research Institute data, the Catholic Church won’t lag for long in use of the newest technological means of communication, social media.

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But Mexican culture has a dark side, which includes a tendency toward violence. We see this violence today in the Mexican cartels, which have taken thousands of innocent lives.

The film uses a cast of characters to show what it was like to live through the persecution of the Church: a young priest takes up arms and leads an army of peasants; a young man singlehandedly kills fourteen federal troops and leads an army; a leader of the Catholic Defense League, who does not believe in the use of violence but supports the efforts of those who do use violence; a young woman, who represents the countless Mexican women who supported the struggle.

However, TWO characters stand out. The first is a boy named Jose. As the film begins, Jose throws a large piece of fruit

at an old priest and hits him in the head. His father and godfather catch him and leave him to assist the priest. The goodness of the old priest touches Jose. He trains Jose to be an altar server. Jose witnesses federal troops execute the old priest. The goodness and martyrdom of the old priest change Jose.

The second is a retired, atheist general whom the Catholic Defense League hires to lead the scattered peasant armies, known as Cristeros. The general sees that the struggle is for freedom. The film focuses on the relationship between Jose, who joins the Cristeros and by his faith inspires the general.

Jose is captured by Federal troops, is tortured and dies with the rallying cry of the Cristeros on his lips: Viva Cristo Rey! The general dies in battle for Cristo Rey, Christ the King. The character of Jose is based upon a historical person, who has been beatified by Pope Benedict. The character of the general is an artistic creation. He speaks for freedom.

How does *For Greater Glory* speak to U.S. Catholics? The Cristeros do not translate directly from Mexican culture into the United States. *For Greater Glory* does show the communion of saints. The holiness and martyrdom of the old priest inspire Jose, who inspires the general. *For Greater Glory* also witnesses to the faith of the Mexican people and their sacrifice for religious freedom. And that gives us much to reflect upon.

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# My Final Vows

By Sister Debra Ann Bailey

It is an honor to be gathered on the feast of John the Baptist. This feast holds a special place in our hearts as Sisters of the Lamb of God for it was John the Baptist who first pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God. This is significant as it indicates the kind of King, Messiah; Jesus was to become—a sacrificial, humble, servant-King. Therefore, as Sisters of the Lamb of God we are called to be His humble servants.

I have now been with the Sisters of the Lamb of God for 10 years. They have been 10 good years for me. In the Spiritual Exercises St. Ignatius says to us to make our election permanent. That is what I have strived and prayed for since I joined the Sisters of the Lamb of God. I know



**Bishop Medley places ring on Sister Debra Ann while Sister Claire Marie watches. Photos by Miriam Kavanagh**

that I will never be worthy of the calling but God has chosen me to be His in every way. He accepts me with all of my faults and my gifts. The charity He has shown me makes me more charitable towards other people. I love to help others any way I can. I try to be the best servant I can be. I love giving myself totally to God in every way; my daily prayers, helping others in everyday life, being in love with God. I feel that I bring my joy of life to my community. I have



**We three rings of Owensboro are Bearing Christ to those whom we serve Elderly, homeless, hungry too Following the Lamb of God. Sister Mary Herbert, Sister Debra Ann, and Sister Audrey Mary put their hands together as sisters and as Brides of Christ.**

learned to bring God into every part of my life whether it is work or play. God IS my life. I continue to grow everyday in letting God BE LIFE IN ME. As John the Baptist said, "I must decrease and He must increase."

The vow of chastity has taught me to love ALL people no matter what or who they are. The vow of poverty

has let me live with less but more in the richness of God. The vow of obedience has taught me that God wants to talk to me and I want to listen to Him in Chapel and in other people and circumstances.

I have had some challenging times but I will always go to pray to God to help me through it and He does. I have at times, not many, doubted my vocation but God has always let me know that I am where He wants me to be. In my heart I know that this is the life God wants for me and I also want it. It is a wonderful life. And I wouldn't change it for anything in the world.

*For more pictures of the Final Vows of Sister Debra Ann Bailey, look online at <http://sistersofthelambofgod.org/sdafinalvows.html>*



## Cursillo Change in Service Area

By Cecelia Hamilton

Last October I joined the Cursillo regional team as Treasurer after being part of the Owensboro diocese service team. I miss one of the monthly meetings that I had been attending for more than six years and as a consequence miss seeing some of my faith family who live in the Paducah area. As a result, I am looking forward to seeing many Cursillistas at Mt. St. Joseph's picnic, the next Women's Cursillo weekend (Oct.4-7), and other Cursillo events throughout the year.

The region I serve covers dioceses in KY, TN, MO, IN, OH, AR, and IL. I am enjoying meeting and getting to know more people from other areas. Recently I attended our National Encounter in Cincinnati along with 400 plus people. Since I was the only one from the Owensboro diocese who was able to go, the diocese of Knoxville, TN adopted me. Two of us were in a dorm separated from most everyone I knew, so we often walked and explored together. After one of the talks our group was exiting and discovered that it was raining – this hasn't happened much around here this year. One of the three Maria's from Knoxville and I shared the back seat of a golf cart and laughed most of the way up the hill to the main building. We may have rode, however neither of us had an umbrella and the golf cart's cover didn't reach us either. It took quite a while for our jeans to dry!

The keynote speaker, Dr John Cuddeback, shared his insights on the heart of friendship and encountering God, self, and others. Even though he has not made Cursillo, his message the God loves us is very much what Cursillo is all about. Note: When asked Dr Cuddeback said that he would like to become involved with Cursillo when he returned home.

Besides keeping the finances up-to-date, I work the Spring and Fall Encounters for all the dioceses in the region - giving talks, listening, helping the diocese holding the weekend calculate the costs per person, and whatever else is needed.

If you would like to learn more about Cursillo, check out our web site, <http://www.cursillo-owensboro.org/>.



**Bishop Medley poses with a fully professed Sr. Debra Ann.**

At left: Bishop Medley and Sr. Debra Ann kneel while the litany is being sung by Matt Gray. There are over 25 people, saints, and petitions named in the litany; some that are most pertinent to the Sisters of the Lamb of God are our founder, Father René de la Chevassnerie, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Agnes, St. John the Baptist, St. Clare, St. Francis.



# The White House Is The Perfect Fit For Your Retreat



These 27 retreatants from the Diocese of Owensboro experienced the October 2011 retreat (l. to r.) 1st Row: David and Richard Grief, Leo and Doug Thomas, Rudy Elliott, Larry Denton, Marvin Hancock, Joseph Russell; 2nd Row: Howard Grief, Ernie Taliaferro, Gene Young, Larry Higdon, Brent Trogdon, Louis Russell; 3rd Row: Phillip Hatton, Jim Wathen, Chris Denton, Leon Higdon, Ernie Mitchell, Noel Wise, Andre Trawick, Back Row: Mike Taylor, Mike Clark, Matthew Valerius, Pat McNulty, Matthew Feiler and Stephen Trawick. Photo submitted by Ernie Taliaferro

## Submitted by Ernie Taliaferro

For more than fifty years, men from all around the diocese have gathered at the Jesuit run White House Retreat Center near St. Louis during the glorious autumn showcase. Last fall, 27 diocesan men attended the 2011 Retreat. This fall, from Monday October 8th through Thursday October 11th, some 30 or more western Kentucky Catholic men will again spend four days in prayer, reflection, spiritual reading and direction, sacramental reception, silence and some socializing. Just south of St. Louis and overlooking from on high the Mississippi River are the beautifully maintained and secluded grounds which provide the scenic setting for a closer walk with God. Private rooms, fabulous meals, a grand spiritual library, grottos & shrines, trails & pathways enhance the seclusion from the hectic world for four days await the retreatant while shortening the distance between your experience of God.

Take this opportunity to explore your relationship with God. If you haven't been on a retreat since high school (and you graduated 25+ years ago), then it's time for you to consider this adventure. And if

you can't adapt your schedule for October 8th - 11th retreats are held twice weekly for almost every week of the year. And for women looking for the same opportunity to reflect on their relationship with God, there are selected dates throughout the year when the center offers women's retreats as well.

If you're interested at all, call a retreatant and ask questions. The cost is flexible and extremely reasonable. Make an adventure of the week, we car pool for the trip over and back. If you make the retreat once, it will be hard to wait an entire year to get back to that deeper and meaningful relationship with God. For more details or to get answers call Leon Higdon (270) 929-8408, Larry Denton (270) 315-9456, Rudy Elliott or Ernie Mitchell (270) 519-9882. You can also check it all out at [www.whretreat.org](http://www.whretreat.org) for a pictorial tour. (check out Visual Tour and Grounds & Facilities first). The White House is the perfect fit for your retreat. It's the ideal in every way, all you need to supply is the willingness to say yes to a closer walk with God. If you want to make your own reservations with the Retreat Center, just call toll free 1 800 643-1003 and register for Retreat # 51 (Oct 8-11).

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## In Your Kindness, Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sister Rose Theresa Johnson,

### OSU. 81, Who Died Aug. 10



M A P L E MOUNT, Ky. - Sister Rose Theresa Johnson, 81, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Aug. 10 at Owensboro Medical Health System, in her 64th year of religious life. She was a

Mother (1972-77) and Precious Blood (1982-83) schools in Owensboro, Mary Carrico School, Knottsville (1977-81), St. Mary Magdalene School, Sorgho (1983-85) and St. Paul School, Leitchfield (1985-89). She also taught in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

She served as parish minister in St. William Parish, Marion, and St. Mark Parish, Eddyville (both 1989-95), and outreach minister in Caneyville and the surrounding area (1995-99).

Survivors include four sisters, Sister Rose Karen Johnson, OSU, Greenville, Mary Howell, Owensboro, Alma Victoria Higdon, Clarkson and Mary Eveyleen Melton, Cedar Hill, Tenn.; and one brother, Frank Johnson, Evansville, Ind.; nieces and nephews, and the members of her religious community.

The funeral Mass was Aug. 13 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery.

Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements. Memorial gifts for Sister Rose Theresa Johnson may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

native of St. Lawrence.

She was a wonderful primary grades teacher for 38 years in schools throughout Kentucky, a gentle, prayerful woman who enjoyed teaching her students to act out the parables. Since 1999, she served as a pastoral associate at St. Joseph Catholic Center, Greenville, where she was a great witness to God's love for the people.

She was born Lucy Mae Johnson, the daughter of the late Damien David and Catherine Morris Johnson.

She taught at St. Denis School, Fancy Farm (1950-52), St. Benedict School, Wax (1952-56), St. Elizabeth School, Curdsville (1956-58, 1965-72), St. Joseph School, Central City (1958-61), St. Joseph School, Mayfield (1962-64), Blessed

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## Mission Tennessee 2012

by Alex Caudill

On June 23, 2012, a mission team consisting of twenty-three youth and six adults headed down south to Norris, TN representing Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. For some of us, this was our fourth trip, and for others it was their first. After arriving at the home we would be staying at, our eight day journey began in retreat, reminding ourselves to have a servant's heart.

The second day we were there, we attended Mass at the church which was right next to the home we were staying at. While at Mass, we were lucky enough to witness the Baptism of three children that would soon be coming to our Vacation Bible School. The parish was very welcoming and provided donuts for us after Mass. We enjoyed the Sunday together, preparing for the time of service that would soon begin.

We had several projects in Norris and the surrounding area that we would work on in the four days of the mission. One of which was a roofing project where we had to re-shingle a leaking roof. We did several landscaping jobs and home repair projects including re-laying gravel on an elderly couple's home, moving tons of large rocks to a new location at one of the parishioner's homes, removing old wallpaper from the 1970s off of the kitchen walls at the home we were staying, and at Mrs. Mulryan's home where we did landscaping, rebuilt her deck, and washed some of her eight rescue dogs. I was privileged enough to spend two mornings at the Mulryan's, quickly learning of their story. Mr. Mulryan was bedridden since February and Hospice had been caring for him. In the 1990s he had a bout with stomach cancer, which caused his stomach to be removed. After this, they said he only had two years to live. In 2003 Mr. Mulryan discovered he had lung cancer, which caused part of one of his lungs to be removed. He had been through several other hardships, all the while Mrs. Mulryan was by his side and she continued to care for the numerous dogs they had rescued in their time together. Mrs. Mulryan was so grateful for the work we did at her house that she gave me a kiss on the cheek when it was time to say goodbye. The Mulryans were a true example of the power that Christ can have in a family's life.

Besides doing manual labor, we also ran a VBS in the evenings at the parish. Each night, we had forty children or more. Going in, eight of us had prepared a good amount in the way of skits, crafts, games, and lessons believing that the children would have very high expectations. The children were just like any other because they simply wanted love and someone to have a good time with. We gave them our all and were rewarded with a life-changing experience.

After our four days of work were over, we headed to Gatlinburg and were able to enjoy white water rafting and fellowship with each other. For example, seeing a black bear come and steal our trash at the cabin was very bonding!

This mission was the smoothest I had been on in the way that all of the youth and adults worked very well together and did not stray from our goals set for the week. Christ was most definitely present in a special way in our week in Tennessee. We were each rewarded by coming home changed.

## Profile of a Modern Day Superhero ...

... Cape, mask, unnatural super human powers like super vision, super hearing, strength to move mountains, but more importantly the super ability to manifest lasting change for good.

This week our community was visited by a Justice League that impressed, instilled, and made real the tenants of the original Superhero to "Love one another...to imitate...to spread the Good News."

Who are these Superheroes? What did they do? How did they make lasting change? First, they were 24 teens from Holy Name CC, Henderson, Kentucky. All were willing volunteers, time givers, fund raisers, workers, teachers, leaders, and followers of the Gospel message. Second, they built foundations within our community with sweat: roofing a house, building a deck, washing dogs, landscaping, helping our parishioners and neighbors. They did this in the early mornings and hot afternoons. They did it at their own expense, nothing expected in return.

Of the evenings they led Vacation Bible School. They taught about the Super Heroes of the Bible from Jonah to Peter, and saints of the Church. The children were engaged and enthusiastic to be amongst these modern day heroes, looking anxiously forward to each evening because they felt the power, the power of shared, lived Christian witness. On average over 40 children from St. Joseph, St. Therese, Norris Fellowship, and Norris United Methodist attended 4 nights of catechesis.

Finally, they opened doors of hearts and minds. Yes, they brought about a change physically to lives and homes in our community, but more substantially they brought a lasting change of relationship. You see, they may have come to do like Jesus, and to teach about heroes of the Bible but in reality they were the presence of Jesus

and living breathing heroes of the Bible to all of us.

What is the profile of a Modern Day Super Hero? To offer one's heart, mind, and strength being Jesus to others, saying, "Do not be afraid; just have faith."

- Thank you Holy Name Youth!

*By Deacon Dan Hosford, St Joseph Catholic Church, Norris, TN.*

**Holy Name Parish Photo**





## From Holy Name Parish, Henderson ...

By Anna Vettiakal

From June 10-16, 2012, I had the opportunity to join a team of 27 youth and 6 chaperones bound once again for Caruthersville, Missouri and Steele, Missouri. For those of us returning from last year, this trip held extra meaning, as many of the children that we saw remembered us, by name, from our trip last year. Just like a family reunion, it was truly amazing to see how these children had grown both physically and spiritually over the course of just one year. Under the guidance of my mentor, Mrs. Beth Probus, it was my duty, with the help of some fellow Mission team members, during this mission trip to plan and execute the VBS Program for the approximately 150 children that attended on a daily basis. From a planning perspective, the task seemed daunting. From an execution perspective, this was nothing short of a truly fun-filled labor of love for me and an experience that I will never forget!

In addition to the daily VBS, about half of the other members of the Mission Missouri team spent the week fixing up a building that was going to be used as a thrift store for women and children in the local community. Through the hard work of the entire Mission Missouri Team, both the VBS program and the thrift store project were huge successes. In our short 7-day trip, I feel that the mission team was able to truly touch the hearts of the kids in Steele Park, and to offer critical assistance to the local community with its construction site efforts.

None of this would have been made possible without the help of Sister Darlene, our contact in Caruthersville, MO, Charlie Hardesty, the numerous adult chaperones that put up with us the entire week, and, of course, the spiritual and financial support of our Holy Name Church family. Thank you all for yet another experience of a lifetime!

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27 youth and 6 chaperones bound for Caruthersville, and Steele, Mo. For Mission Trip 2012. Holy Name Parish Photo

## So That the World May Know New Hope



Councils and Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus serve the Catholic Church as stewards of God's gifts, ever going about their council or assembly's activities with prayer, faith, hope, and love, as the KC theme for 2011 and the 2012 national conventions states, "So That the World May Know New Hope." 26 Councils of The Knights of Columbus serve in the Diocese of Owensboro. The Owensboro 4th Degree Assembly 2074 members attended a memorial Mass at St Sebastian Church at Calhoun Ky July 29, 2012 for deceased members of assembly 2074. The Mass was offered by Father John Okoro. The deceased members the Mass was offered for were Eugene Bickwermert, Joseph Castlen, Charles Ebelhar, Thomas Hardesty, Ira Hardy, Owen Hayden, Rev Peter Hughes, William Mattingly, Anthony Mattingly, Paul McCarty, Frank Molnar, Rev Joseph Rhodes, Robert Osborne. KC Councils in the 2074 Assembly are 817, 2046, 6101, 7387, and 10725. Submitted by Faithful Navigator of 2074, Jerry R Abney.



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**Fun Run, ages 13 and under: Female – 1st place Mallory Wilson, 2nd place Nicole Wilson, 3rd place Zoe Wilson.**



**Ages 13 and under, male – 1st place Derek Wilson, 2nd place Samuel Hale, 3rd place Nathanael Laird.**



**19 and under: Female – 1st place Casey Kupper, 2nd place Lakyn Sams, 3rd place Sarah Hale; Male – 1st place Will Graves, 2nd place Ryan Hobbs, 3rd place Connor Grogan.**



**20 to 29, Female – 1st place Julia Watkins, 2nd place Brandi Thompson, 3rd place Lindsey Terry; Male – 1st place Todd Jones, 2nd place Ian Carrico, 3rd place Nathan Storm.**



**30 to 39 - Female – 1st place Melissa Henderson, 2nd place Emily Jennings, 3rd place Jennifer Hayden; Male – 1st place Josh Redden, 2nd place Michael Yarbrough, 3rd place Levi Fowler**



**40 to 49: Female – 1st place Ellen Carrico, 2nd place Gina Knight, 3rd place Jessica Thomas; Male – 1st place Kelly Hutchins, 2nd place Glenn Walker, 3rd place (tie) Ron Kupper & Scott Hayden**



**50 and up: Female – 1st place Joy Parham, 2nd place Teresa Brown, 3rd place Jeanine Wehrmeyer; Male – 1st place Gary Jackson, 2nd place Mike Rowland, 3rd place Jeff Jones**

#### **By Lory Beth Wilson**

CARLISLE CO.,Ky. - On the eve of the annual St. Charles Picnic, our community came together to help save babies. Over six months before, we considered various ideas to raise money and awareness for West Kentucky Right to Life Pro-Life initiatives. Let's put on a 5k and Fun Run to promote and educate others, plus draw ecumenical strength and prayers from the community. Four individuals decided that this was possible, through God and His guidance, so they used their strengths and talents to put together a running event and unite our community together for this cause. Only one person in this group had any prior experience in running, but Friday, July 20th a 5k and One mile Fun Run for Babies was held in the St. Charles/Thomasville/Cunningham community at the crossroads of Hwy 408 and 307.

Believing in the mission of West Kentucky Right to Life organization and Hope Unlimited, the Western Kentucky area united together to raise money and awareness. Men and women from St. Charles Catholic Church, Bardwell Baptist Church, Kirbyton Baptist Church, St. Jerome Catholic Church, Arlington First Baptist, Beulah Baptist Church, St. John's Catholic Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Knights of Columbus – Fancy Farm, St. John's & Holy Rosary, and area businesses helped to provide prayers and startup funds to get the idea off the ground. Next came the leg work, research, and planning from volunteers who supported this cause. The event drew in 97 participants for the Run for Babies and numerous volunteers registered runners, handed out hundreds of bottles of

water or gatorade, fruit, ice cream, and cold rags to help refresh the runners, cheered on the runners, and assisted with other tasks that were needed. The blessings of the Lord were shining down for us to move this event from an idea to fruition and to give us an opportunity to promote and educate others about the Right to Life, all life. As Ronald Reagan once said, "I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion is already born." As a parent, the best set of jewels that I will ever have around my neck is the arms of my children.

West Kentucky Right to Life organization helps to protect the right to life for every human being, no matter how young, how old, how poor, or how handicapped. There are many ways we can work together to achieve the goal that include building a strong and viable

membership, educating ourselves and others, fund-raising, legislative action, voter surveys, and promoting alternatives to abortion. Hope Unlimited also promotes the right to life through education to lead to prevention, intervention in crisis and restoration for healing. Both of these groups are Christian and Community based organizations. When all of the money was counted and bills were paid, the event was pleased to be able to donate \$2000 to West Kentucky Right to Life and \$2000 to Hope Unlimited.

At the end of the night, several awards were presented to the winners in different categories. Please visit the Run for Babies website for pictures and individual scores. <https://sites.google.com/site/runforbabies/home>





## Join the Passionist Nuns in Praying for our Nation

In preparation for our National Elections we are hosting Eucharistic Evenings of Prayer throughout 2012

Each evening will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture, Sermon by a Father of Mercy, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Solemn Benediction.

Join us from 6:30—8 p.m.  
on the following dates:

September 4

October 2

November 6

Passionist Nuns Monastery

8564 Crisp Rd\*

Whitesville KY 42378

270 233-4571

\*Crisp Road is located off of Highway 54  
twelve miles southeast of Owensboro

“The more the human conscience succumbs to secularization and moves away from God...the more the Church has the right and the duty to appeal to the God of mercy ‘with loud cries.’ These ‘loud cries’ should be the mark of the Church of our times, cries uttered to God to implore his mercy...”

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



### Mount Saint Joseph Sisters Visit Peonia, KY

Sisters Alfreda Malone, Mary Louise Knott, and George Mary Hagen of Mount Saint Joseph recently enjoyed a meal, fellowship, music with students and friends of Sister Alfreda at the home of Coreen & Erv Moore in Grayson County. Sr. Alfreda taught school at Peonia, Kentucky during mid-1950's. Pictured from left to right. Front: Bonnie & Jim Grant, Judy Clemons, Alice & Alfred Grant, Sister Alfreda, Tommy Clemons. Back: Sister George Mary, Pete & Roz Hill, Sister Mary Louise, Coreen Moore, Father Ed Bradley, Louis Patterson, Martha Witten, Father Brian Johnson. Submitted by Coreen Moore



### A Check on Her Catholic Students after 60+ Years

Sister Alfreda of Mount Saint Joseph (at right front) recently enjoyed a meal and fellowship with some of her former students at the home of Coreen & Erv Moore. She taught school at Peonia (Grayson County), KY during the mid - 50's. Pictured from left to right. Fr. Ed Bradley, Louise Patterson, Martha Witten, Pete Hill, Coreen Moore, Alfred Grant, Tommy Clemons, and Sister Alfreda Malone. Submitted by Coreen Moore



### Serving up Catholicism: A Series for Catholic Young Adults

Please join the Owensboro Catholic Young Adult Group for the Fall 2012 series of talks exploring various aspects of our Catholic faith. Join us at El Toribio Mexican Restaurant (101 Frederica Street) for a Happy Half-Hour at 7:00 PM followed by a talk at 7:30 PM with a Q&A session following. Come and bring a friend!

Thursday, Sept. 20: Catholic Church Music  
Sister Kim Mandelkow, OSB

Thursday, Sept. 27: Giving Back to the Church  
Kevin Kauffeld, Chancellor  
of the Diocese of Owensboro

Thursday, Oct. 4: The Catholic and the Political Scene  
Father Tony Stephens, CPM

Thursday, Oct. 11: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vatican II  
Father Tony Shonis

The Owensboro Catholic Young Adult Group is open to ages 18-40 and to those married, single, or in the religious life. For questions please call Sarah Patterson or Robin Tomes at 683-1545.





## St Mary School, Whitesville, Says JOY (Jesus, Others, Yourself), Together We Can Make a Difference

By Erin T. Kamuf

WHITESVILLE, Ky. Each year St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School chooses a theme to make the focus of the year. This year the theme is JOY (Jesus, Others, Yourself), Together We Can Make a Difference.

As part of the kick off for the year each child was provided with a shirt displaying the theme during Open House. On Thursday, August 16, the students and staff came together to spell out JOY and hold their morning prayer outside.

After the prayer and picture, the students were led in song. In addition teachers have the theme displayed in each classroom to remind the students of how we can come together to make the school, community, and world a better place for everyone. That not only includes little things they can do for each other every day, but reaching beyond the community to help others in need.

St. Mary of the Woods faculty is led by Principal, Sister Suzanne Sims OSO, and includes: Kathy Henson (PreK), Cheryl Jones (K), Denice Moore (1), Elizabeth Payne (2), Jill Payne (3/4), Doreen Abbott (5), Erin Kamuf (Middle Grades), Heather



On Thursday, August 16, the St. Mary of the Woods Elementary students and staff gathered together to spell out the word, "JOY," and offer their morning prayer outside. Photo by David Ward

Howard (Middle Grades), Kay Howard (Middle Grades), Mary Haycraft (Middle Grades), Jacob Hein (Music), Ron Williams (Resource Teacher), Lisa Howard (Aid), Julie Foster (Aid), Peggy Clark (Librarian), and Christina Huff (Secretary). There are currently 137 students that attend the school.

## Annual Community Days at Mount Saint Joseph

All but a handful of the 151 Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph returned to Maple Mount July 11-13 for the annual Community Days. The sisters held meetings and shared ideas about their future and had a chance to relax and reminisce. On the evening of July 12, the sisters gathered in the dining room to enjoy the first Dinner Theatre at Mount Saint Joseph, a series of four plays performed by the sisters highlighting the 100 years of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, who are celebrating their Centennial this year. Sister Pam Mueller was the master of ceremonies for the night. The first act was called "Disguise Spies in a Pickle" to address the first 25 years of Mount Saint Joseph, 1912-1936. The second act was called "A Little Bit of Heaven between a Flood and the Vietnam War," covering 1937-1962. Act three was titled "The Way We Were," from 1963-1987. The final act chronicled the last 25 years, and was performed from the "newsroom of MSJ-KY." The event was coordinated by Sister Mary Celine Weidenbenner and the members of the Social Committee, Sister Pam, Sister Joan Walz and Sister Mary Agnes VonderHaar.

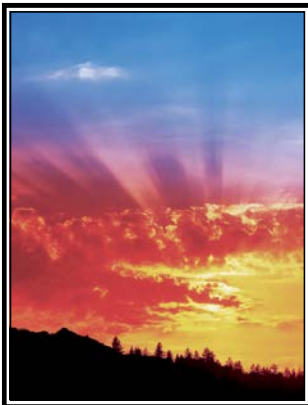


Sister Marie Michael Hayden enjoys banana punch and the festivities on July 12 during community days at the Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse. Sister Marie Michael ministers as a pastoral associate and director of religious education at St. John the Baptist Parish, Fordsville. She also served as the DRE for the Owensboro Diocesan Office from 1979-87.



During their annual community days, "reporter" Sister Kathleen Condry hands the microphone to Sister Michele Morek during a skit about the past 25 years in the history of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. Sister Kathleen was the superior of the Ursuline Sisters of Paola, Kan., before they merged with the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in 2008. At that time, Sister Michele was the congregational leader at Maple Mount. MSJ Photos





## "Bringing Light to the Darkness"

### A Thomas Merton Retreat

Nov. 17-18, 2012

Retreat Director: Brother  
Dan Kenneth Phillips

In a world characterized by  
confusion and a sense of  
hopelessness, insights from



Thomas Merton, whose massive writings cover from 1941-1968, will provide us with hope and new perspective on living the Christian life in our day and time.

Brother Dan Kenneth Phillips has been a leader in spirituality for over four decades. He has led conferences on prayer, spiritual journaling, the spirituality of Thomas Merton, and spiritual development throughout the U.S. and Canada.

To register, contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206

kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

A flyer can be found at [www.mscenter.org](http://www.mscenter.org)



## Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

8001 Cummings Road  
Maple Mount, Kentucky 42356-9999  
270-229-4103  
[www.mscenter.org](http://www.mscenter.org)  
[msj.center@maplemount.org](mailto:msj.center@maplemount.org)

Fee is \$125 for  
residents or  
\$80 for commuters.  
Deduct 10% if paid  
in full by Oct. 17.

For scholarship information contact Sister  
Ann McGrew: 270-229-4103 ext. 801



Eucharistic Celebration of  
Final Profession  
of Vows to our God  
of  
**Aida Badillo**  
in  
The Glenmary Home Mission  
Sisters of America  
  
March 24, 2012  
Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
Owensboro, Kentucky

## Sugar plum Christmas Bazaar

**St. Sebastian  
Church,**  
180 Hwy  
136 West,  
Calhoun, KY

Saturday,  
December 1,  
2012,

8:00 a.m. -  
2:00 p.m.

10' x 8' Booths  
Available

Contact Elaine  
Fulkerson  
(270) 273-  
5441

email  
[efulker325@  
bellsouth.net](mailto:efulker325@bellsouth.net)

## PRO-LIFE NOVENA FOR UNBORN BABIES

### MASSES FOR UNBORN BABIES



### ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES



September 29th - October 7th • 2012

The multinational PRO-LIFE NOVENA FOR UNBORN BABIES is a special nine days for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered and the Rosary to be prayed for the following intention: **For the protection of unborn human persons.**

You may be a part of the September 29th - October 7th PRO-LIFE NOVENA FOR UNBORN BABIES by doing one or both of the following:

1) Have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered\* 2) Pray one Rosary on each one at least once on any of the following days:

September 29th, 30th; October 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th

The intention for all Masses and Rosaries is: **For the protection of unborn human persons.** Registration for Masses and Rosaries may be done by sending the form below to: **Saint Michael the Archangel Organization; P. O. Box 41257; Memphis, Tennessee 38174; U.S.A.** Or, you may go to the website [www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org](http://www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org)  
\*To offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, a priest needs to be in good standing with the Catholic Church which has Pope Benedict XVI, the 264th successor of Saint Peter, as pope.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_ Nation: \_\_\_\_\_

1) I have scheduled to have \_\_\_\_\_ Mass/Masses offered as part of the Novena as stated above.  
2) I am registering \_\_\_\_\_ person/persons to pray a novena of Rosaries as stated above.

## THE FIRST ANNUAL DIOCESAN FAMILY DAY



October 20th at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center • Near Bowling Green

### 11AM-1PM

Open Time to Browse the Grounds and Enjoy Your Own Picnic Lunch as a Family

### 1PM-4PM

Games, Activities, Prayer

### 4PM

Mass with Bishop Medley

### 5PM

Potluck Cookout (Hamburgers, Hotdogs And Drinks Provided)

PLEASE RSVP TO THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE:  
270-852-8377 OR [TAMI.URCIA@PASTORAL.ORG](mailto:TAMI.URCIA@PASTORAL.ORG)

**FOOD! FUN! GAMES!  
ACTIVITIES! PRAYER!  
BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS!  
QUALITY FAMILY TIME!**

## "Mary and Prayer"

Annual Marian Retreat Weekend

Oct. 20-21, 2012

Retreat Director: Msgr. Bernard Powers



Pope John Paul II frequently spoke of the need to pray. He called the faithful to "rediscover the art of prayer," thus he took us to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The annual Marian Retreat includes opportunities for solitude, communal prayer, recitation of the rosary, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Liturgy.

The \$125 fee includes retreat, meals and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$80. Deduct 10% if paid in full by Sept. 20. Retreat begins Saturday at 9 a.m. and ends Sunday at 2 p.m.

Contact Kathy McCarty  
270-229-0206  
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Find a flyer online:  
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## Holy Redeemer Parish Says, “SKY - Everything Is Possible With God!”



The Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam, parish hall while under construction

**By Charlotte Paez**

BEAVER DAM, Ky. - The parishioners of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church here are very excited about their new parish hall and remodeled facilities, and are already putting them to good use. Mary Chinn, chairperson of the beautification committee, said “We now have the best of both worlds, small church feel and large church space!”

The new addition and renovation project brought parishioners together in donating their time, talent and treasure. While the facility was under construction, it created a new awareness that we are here. People often asked “What’s going on at the Catholic Church?” while others made a point of driving by to look at it. Their curiosity is a good thing! Gail Critchelow, religious education coordinator for the parish, commented, “Our community sees Holy Redeemer as a church that is growing, alive and passionate in our love for Christ. Our new church campus will let people know we have made room for them and want them to join us.”

The renovations included 3 new classrooms in the basement, larger bathroom facilities, storage and an expansive new kitchen, better suited to our needs. The parish hall addition now has enough space to be considered for wedding receptions, and other large gatherings. The upstairs has three large classrooms and additional storage space. Gail Critchelow who has served on the parish council and building committee from the

beginning knew our parish had long outgrown the space we required for classrooms. Bob Higdon, member of the finance committee, was in charge of overseeing the project and arranging financing from the diocese. He is most pleased with the new classrooms which are better suited for teaching and less distractive for the students. Bob and his wife, Francil, helped in painting the new hall and classrooms. The beautification committee made recommendations concerning the kitchen appliances and decisions on colors and flooring for both the new construction and the renovation.

What is greatest about our new facility is that the people of our church joined together to build it. Many hours of work from dedicated volunteers went into painting walls, doors, and trim, refinishing floors, cleaning, installing appliances and fixtures, and whatever else that needed to be done. Great food and fellowship kept the workers happy and on task.

Many remarked that the planning, dedication, compromising, love and labor put into this project will stand as a sign of our faith and love for God for many generations to come. And this was evident as we opened our doors and hearts to the community at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Vacation Bible School. The theme this year was SKY-Everything is possible with God! No matter where you go, who you are, or whatever you do- TRUST GOD! And we did! The VBS averaged 80 children each night and 30 adult teachers and volunteers. The fund raiser recipient



for our mission was Hope for Life Women’s Resource Center in Beaver Dam, Kentucky, a pro-life movement to help women and families provide and care for their babies. The Center’s biggest need was diapers. The VBS children raised \$696 in four days which purchased 2, 644 diapers.

Yes! Everything is truly possible with God and we here at Holy Redeemer Parish are witnessing to that!

**Pictures:** Above, right, a large group picture of the Vacation Bible School staff and students. At right, pastor Father Jean Rene Kalombo dresses as a Roman Centurion during the VBS at Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam. At right below, parishioners working on the remodeling of the basement space and new parish hall. At bottom center, hard workers need a break for lunch, here talking things over with their pastor, Fr. Kalombo; all worked side by side getting the parish hall and basement ready. Charlotte Paez Photos





## Marriage Celebrations

for September 2012

Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50  
and over 50 Years of Marriage  
Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Ben & Thelma Crump, 63

**Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson**

Kenny & Janet Barkley, 25

Charles & Gladys Buckman, 51

Ronald & Joan Hockey, 53

Steve & Veronica McAtee, 25

Charles & Dawn Tucker, 25

**Holy Spirit, Bowling Green**

Jeffrey & Kelly Harper, 25

Barbara & Kenneth Burch, 56

James & Veronica Diemer, 50

Robert & Frances Fiore, 55

Robert & Mary Graham, 53

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro**

Frank & Betty Chapman, 52

Barney & Pat Dickens, 54

John & Pat Kelley, 52

James & Marilyn Kurz, 56

Bill & Jeanne O'Bryan, 62

Charles & Ruby Wayne, 64

**Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro**

Joseph & Dorothy Bowlds, 57

Joe Bill & Sherma Clark, 57

Joseph C. & Sue T. Riney, 68

Eugene & Anna Scheidegger, 54

Jack & Nikki Hayden, 25

**Precious Blood, Owensboro**

David & Audra Murphy, 25

**Resurrection, Dawson Springs**

Carl & Rosa Lee Coffey, 56

**St. Agnes, Uniontown**

Dorris & Joyce Collins, 52

**St. Ann, Morganfield**

Stephen & Anita Buchanan, 40

Earl & Emma J. Duncan, 56

Leon & Eva Hendrickson, 56

Paul & Bernice Chandler, 52

Charles & Catherine Dyer, 60

**St. Anthony, Axtel**

Narvin & Laverne Whitworth, 52

**St. Anthony, Peonia**

Bob & Lynn Gambrell, 59

**St. Augustine, Grayson Springs**

Charles H. & Lillian White, 59

**St. Augustine, Reed**

Stephen & Shelia Byrne, 40

**St. Columba, Lewisport**

James & Pattie Toler, 63

**St. Francis de Sales, Paducah**

Basil & Judi Humphrey, 50

David & Nancy Smith, 51

Thomas & Rose Marie Weitlauf, 64

Hugh & Doreen Smith, 51

**St. Henry, Aurora**

Thomas & Janet Moore, 50

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September, 2012 39



Saint Columba Parish in Lewisport celebrated the wedding anniversaries of three couples on August 5, 2012 during the 8:30 Mass. After Mass, pastor Father Crispin Oneko, left, gave a special blessing for the three couples, from left Eddie and Rachel Gray, 40 years; Pat and Harry Roberts, 40 years, and Paul and Ruth Madden, 51 years. Mel Howard Photo

**St. Jerome, Fancy Farm**

Howard & Jackie Elliott, 53

**St. John the Evangelist, Paducah**

Richard & Betty Wurth, 50

Paul & Jerri Durbin, 60

Paul & Ellen Carrico, 54

Vernon & Dot Neihoff, 57

William C. & Barbraa Hayden, 56

**St. Joseph, Mayfield**

Joel & Maria Dela Paz, 40

Mike & Debbie Pickard, 40

Marvin & Martha Byrd, 50

Doug & Lois Jenson, 51

**St. Lawrence, Philpot**

Joseph & Nancy Payne, 52

George & Mary Catherine Payne, 51

**St. Leo, Murray**

Tomas & Sara Royal, 59

William & Joann Rogers, 40

Elwyn & Ellen Frazier, 63

Byron & Mary Cates, 61

Edward & Joan Shinnars, 58

**St. Mark, Eddyville**

Richard & Bonnie Wiening, 54

**St. Martin, Rome**

Charles & Juaretta Dockemeyer, 55

**St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho**

Bobby & Terry Knott, 53

**St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville**

Joe & Donna Howard, 25

Bernard & Dorothy Crisp, 50

**St. Michael, Oak Grove**

Albert & Nancy Scheller, 50

James & Joan Oldham, 57

**St. Paul, Leitchfield**

Rodney & Teresa Lush, 25

James R. & Helen Gawarecki

**St. Peter, Waverly**

Robert & Bettye Bolds, 51

**St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley**

Michael & Cathy Wimsatt, 25

**St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City**

John & Dolly Bardsley, 50

Chuck & Diane Fischer, 56

**St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro**

L. K. & Gloria Burcham, 62

James & Barbara Coomes, 58

Gilbert & Mary Ann Lindsey, 54

Clifton & Wanda Young, 52

**St. Romuald, Hardinsburg**

Tim & Dana Flood, 25

Pat & Ruby Wheatley, 61

Dwight & Betty Phillips, 25

Larry & Sharon Henning, 40

David & Elaine Adkins, 40

Donald & Alice Bland, 53

**St. Rose, Cloverport**

Thomas & Leigh Flood, 65

**St. Stephen, Cadiz**

James & Betty McVey, 56

Richard & Sally Gust, 53

**St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**

Jesse L. & Nora Mattingly, Jr., 25

Edward C. & Beverly Wathen, 50

John M. & Patsy Clayton, 55

Charles B. & Margaret Payne, 69

**St. Thomas More, Paducah**

Dwayne & Mary Ellen Worth, 25

David & Lori Althouse, 25

Leo & Marilyn Wurth, 58

**St. William, Knottsville**

Joseph & Mary Sue Elliott, 52

Stanley & Doris Fulkerson, 62

Lawrence & Dortha Mae Johnson, 61

James & Cecelia Lorene Mattingly, 55

Charles O. & Joyce Mills, 55

David & Janette Ford, 25

**Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro**

Norman & Mildred Harrington, 40

James L. & Theresa Clouse, 55

John & Nancy Grimes, 55

Jack & Rose King, 59

James & Imogene Loyd, 53

**Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville**

William & Linda Keach, 40

James & Eunice Johnson, 50

Andrew & Annette Mongeon, 60

Robert & JoAnn Spader, 53

## Sophia Awards Mass Set For Sept. 30 At Holy Name Church, Henderson

The 14th annual Sophia Awards Mass is Sunday, September 30, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Henderson, Kentucky. A reception will be held in the parish hall following Mass.

The Owensboro Diocesan Sophia Awards are a way to honor our senior citizens who have given so generously to the Church of Western Kentucky. Sophia Award recipients are nominated by individuals from the parish. The person receiving the most nominations from their parish, will be a Sophia Award recipient for 2012. Every parish in the diocese can participate in this process. If all parishes participate, we can have as many as 79 Sophia Award winners!

For more information, contact Cathy Hagan at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 270/683-1545. E-mail [cathy.hagan@pastoral.org](mailto:cathy.hagan@pastoral.org), or look online at: [www.rcdok.org/sophia](http://www.rcdok.org/sophia).

## Journey To My Ancestral Home At Ft. Knox Cemetery

Submitted by Pamela Oldham  
Pressgrove

After reading stories from the Wise Genealogy Book about my ancestors having to sell their farms and leave sometimes within ten days so they could expand Ft. Knox during World War II, I had been wanting to visit Pitts Point Catholic Cemetery where many of my ancestors were interred.

One day while visiting my friend, Belle, we were talking about her sister Cindy getting a new job as a Speech Pathologist in Hardin County when I mentioned to her that my Wise family had come from Ft. Knox and she said that she had family that came from Ft Knox also. I mentioned that several Wise brothers had married French sisters. She said that she had the name French in her family, We decided we were related and I was then invited to her family reunion at the Loretto Convent on the Sunday before Memorial Day. We then decided to visit the Cemetery at Ft Knox on Memorial Day since that was the only day it was open for visitors.

We left Bowling Green at 8:00 am CST

When we arrived at the gate in Ft Knox we asked the soldier where Pitts Point Catholic Cemetery was. He said there were over 200 cemeteries located there. (Actually, there are 121 cemeteries.) He told us to go to the Military Police which we did. The soldier there located Pitts Point on the map then gave us the directions. We carefully followed the directions and stopped at the check point where soldiers were helping the visitors find their family cemeteries. They laughed when they saw the directions we had been given and gave us other directions.

We then decided to go to the Visitor's Center. The soldier there was worried that we would not make it before the cemetery closed at 3:00 pm EST. He gave us directions but we had to go outside Ft Knox to Shepherdsville in Bullet County. We arrived at Pitts Point at 2:00 P.m., but the soldier there said that my Honda would not make it to the Cemetery. He said it would tear up my car. I asked him if we could walk and he said it was 12 miles. I then asked if someone could take us. Fortunately, Ranger Jim heard us on his

radio and came to our rescue in his big truck. The road was very dusty and rough. and there were lots of horses n our path. If we hadn't gotten a ride from Ranger Jim, we would have had to hitch a ride on those horses.

We arrived at Pitts Point Catholic Cemetery thinking we would have our picnic with other family members but by this time we did not have enough time. We located W.H. Wise and Elvira Katherine French Wise, my great grandfather and great grandmother. We located many Wise and French graves. I said a prayer over their graves hoping they have gone to their eternal reward in Heaven.. We also were told by Ranger Jim that there was a doctor and his wife who would come from Louisville every Memorial Day to visit the Viers grave where his wife's mother was buried. They had also brought a new tombstone one year which was very difficult to get into the Cemetery. They had already come earlier that morning. I shared this experience with my sister and my niece, Sarah in Newnan, Ga. It just so happened that Sarah had given her daughter, Annalie, an assignment, after reading about the Titanic, to go to Ancestry.com and find out if we had any family members who were on the Titanic. She had discovered the Wise family and was especially interested in Katherine French Wise since the French family came from Ireland. Annalie had been wondering where she got her bright red hair from and decided it must be from Katherine French Wise.

One day, I decided to google Pitts Point Catholic Cemetery and found all of the 98 people buried there. It was very interesting. You can also leave virtual flowers and messages for your loved ones. Next year, I hope to go back to Pitts Point with other members of my family who are interested in this since this is part of our heritage as is our Catholic faith.

*Pamela Oldham Pressgrove is a daughter of Dorothy Wise Oldham, (daughter of J.B. Wise and Rosa Edith Wise,) Great Granddaughter of William Henry Wise and Katherine French Wise.*

## Catholic Ancestors From Maryland To Kentucky

By Pamela Pressgrove

Recently, I have been delving into my ancestors on my Mother's side of the family. My Uncle William Harold Wise retired from being a metallurgical engineer in New York then researched his family tree and gave me the "Wise Book". It was interesting to find out that our family had been part of a group of southern Maryland residents that formed a "Catholic League of Families " in 1785 and had agreed to move to Kentucky. John Carroll, Archbishop of Baltimore promised to send a parish priest if the emigrants settled together.

So, my main question was why did this group move to Kentucky from Maryland? I had always been impressed that Maryland had been named in honor of the Mother of God by Cecelius Calvert in 1633. I was surprised to discover that after several attempts of overthrowing the Proprietary government in Maryland, the Protestant revolution of 1689 was successful. It was fomented largely by the nonCatholic colonists of Maryland - about two-thirds of the population of Maryland. Almost immediately after the take-over occurred, the subjugation of all Catholics began in Maryland. Justices and other



Ancestors. MDH Photo

public officials, even sheriffs and clerks, were replaced if they were Catholics. Arms and ammunition of Catholics were confiscated. The very presence of any Catholic in St. Mary's City during the session of the Protestant Associators, the group which was to constitute the ruling body of Maryland for the next two years was forbidden.

In 1662, an Act was passed which established the Anglican Church as the official church of the colony and all residents were taxed to support the church. Catholics were excluded from public office, from voting, or even jury duty.

Catholic churches and schools in the province were forced to close. Most of the Catholic still clung to their Faith, however, and practiced their religion privately in their own homes. These restrictions on public worship and other persecution of Catholics continued through the colonial period, which extended to the American Revolution and the Bill of Rights.

Both Catholics and Protestants fought valiantly in the American Revolution and were rewarded with thousands of acres in western land in what is now the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

St. Mary's County, alone lost nearly 5,000 persons to the westward migration between 1790 and 1810. Most of these people went to the area of north-central Kentucky which now comprises Washington, Nelson, Marion and Hardin counties. Because most of these people were Catholics, the area of Kentucky is known, even today as the Western Holy Lands.

After reading about the persecution and hardships that my ancestors went through to keep their Catholic faith, it certainly made me appreciate my own faith and

want to connect with descendants of these Catholics that moved from Maryland to Kentucky. I have talked to several of these descendants who know that their ancestors came from Maryland but did not know the reasons behind the move.

I am very proud to be descended from these strong Catholic families and think it is important for all Catholics to remember what our ancestors went through for their Catholic faith and stand strong in these times when our religious beliefs and freedom of religion is being challenged.

By getting on the Internet, I also learned that there have been many family reunions in Kentucky and Maryland with sometimes over 700 people in attendance. There is a book entitled "Putting Meat on the Bone, A Tribute to Our Maryland to Kentucky Families" located at the Marion Public Library and the Special Collections Library located at the Western Kentucky Museum. The last "Maryland to Kentucky Reunion" was held in July 2010 in Leonardtown, Maryland.

If anyone is interested in organizing another family reunion for the descendants that are still living in Kentucky, you may contact : Pamela Pressgrove at pamgrove@insightbb.com.



## *The Permanent Deacons in the Diocese of Owensboro* **Let's Meet Another Deacon Candidate, Tim Barnes** **A journey of faith...**

Dear community of the Dioceses of Western Kentucky,

Thank you for letting me share our journey of faith with you. My name is Tim Barnes and, along with my wife, Vicky, I am preparing to serve you, the people of the Diocese of Owensboro as a permanent deacon.

The Lord has entrusted us with two beautiful children, Ginny and George. Ginny is a senior at Georgia State University. She studies English literature. George is a junior at University of Kentucky. He is studying animal science. Vicky and I are beginning to experience the empty nest syndrome. We live in Hopkinsville, Kentucky and attend Saints Peter and Paul Church. Vicky teaches foreign languages at a Christian Academy and I work at the Pennyriple Area Development district as the computer manager.

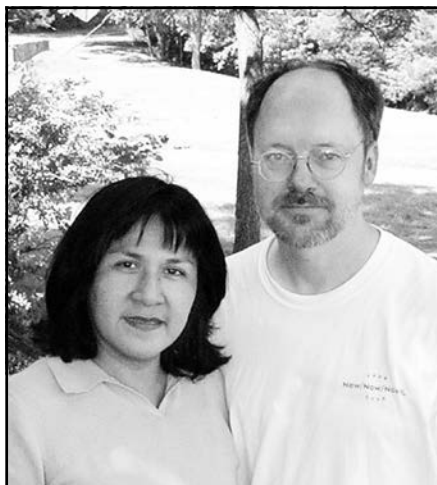
I was born in Owensboro to Southern Baptist parents. My parents installed in me the love of God and daily bible reading. We went to church every Sunday in the morning and evening and on Wednesdays evenings. We attended revivals and Sunday school. I will always treasure my early faith formation because it put me in the right direction to later move toward perfection.

After high school and junior college, I moved to California to continue my education. I started to attend the Newman Center, a Catholic campus ministry. It was there that I met the most beautiful, intelligent Peruvian Catholic girl. Vicky came to the United States to continue her education in human genetics. We dated and got married three years later, on September 3rd on the feast of St Gregory, patron of teachers. We moved a year later to Kentucky.

We both loved our Lord with passion and did not mind attending both churches services (Baptist and Catholic). We went to Saints Peter and Paul Church on Saturday afternoons and to First Baptist Church on Sunday mornings. We met great Christians in both churches. Vicky became disillusioned with research practices in genetics in this country. She decided to use her knowledge in foreign languages and became a teacher. The years passed and the Lord blessed our marriage with two wonderful children and the ability to love them unconditionally. Vicky decided to stay home and be a mom. I respected her decision and enjoyed her optimism and positive thinking and her trust in the Lord. I admired her dedication to our children and the way she was teaching her Catholic faith to them. I did not know that the Spirit was using her to stir in me the desire to be Catholic.

On December 13, 1997, I was initiated into the Catholic Church on the feast of Saint Lucy. It was during Ginny's first communion preparation when the Spirit whispered a little louder in my heart to become Catholic and receive the Eucharist with my family. It was the best decision I have made. Father Gerald Baker was my spiritual director and instructor to the faith. Under his kind direction and wise advice I learned to love my Lord as a Catholic. I was ready to say yes when the question came about to serve the Lord as a deacon.

I did not imagine how trying, painful and amazing the journey through the diaconate process was going to be. During these years of prayers, preparation and study Vicky and I went through difficult times. Our son was in a very tragic accident. Only by the grace of God he is fine today. A few weeks later my



**Tim and Vicky Barnes have a firm trust in the Lord as they begin a new part of their life - Tim's calling to be a Permanent Deacon involves both of them saying Yes to God. Submitted Photo**

**Tim y Vicky Barnes tienen una confianza firme en el Señor al iniciar una nueva etapa de sus vidas – El llamado de Tim a ser Diacono Permanente los involucra a ambos a decir Sí a Dios. Fotografía enviada.**

father-in-law, Pedro, suddenly died after a wonderful visit to the Virgin of Guadalupe. Three months later my father died after long years of suffering. Nine months later my mother-in-law, Olga, went to be with the Lord. In the midst of this time of suffering we felt the real comfort and unspeakable peace of God. Father John Thomas, Father Carmelo, Father Anthony and Father Uwem, were with us through this time. Saints Peter and Paul Church has been blessed with many holy priests.

It was at this time when all my brothers in the Lord, the deacon candidates, came together to pray and help each other to carry out their crosses. These men who love the Lord deeply and humbly are not afraid to show their weakness. We bring all to our Lord and ask Him to do with us as he pleases. Surrendering our lives to the King is a prerequisite to be a candidate for the diaconate. It is not easy, but you know that God is carrying you all the way. So, fear not. Pray about it and considerate the vocation of being a permanent deacon, a servant of God. Why not do on earth something that we are going to be doing in heaven?

We underwent an extensive formation

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## *Los diáconos permanentes en la Diócesis de Owensboro* **Quedamos Otro candidato Deacon, Tim Barnes**

### **Un camino de fé...**

Querida comunidad de la Diócesis de Owensboro, les agradezco por dejarme compartir con ustedes mi camino en la fé. Mi nombre es Tim Barnes y junto con Vicky, mi esposa, estoy preparandome para servir a la comunidad de la Diócesis de Owensboro como diácono permanente.

El Señor nos ha confiado con dos hermosos hijos, Ginny y George. Ginny está en el ultimo año de la Universidad y estudia Literatura Inglesa. George está en el tercer año en la Universidad de Kentucky. El está estudiando Ciencia Animal. Vicky y yo estamos comenzando a sentir el síndrome de la casa vacía. Nosotros vivimos en Hopkinsville, Kentucky y asistimos a la iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo. Vicky enseña idiomas extranjeros en la Academia Cristiana y yo trabajo como gerente de computación en el Distrito del Desarrollo Económico para el Area del Pennyriple.

Nací en Owensboro, Kentucky y mis padres eran miembros de la iglesia Bautista. Ellos instalaron en mi el amor a Dios y la lectura diaria de la biblia. Nosotros íbamos a la iglesia todos los domingos en la mañana y en la tarde; y los miércoles en la noche. Ibamos a la escuela dominical y a los programas bíblicos de verano. Yo siempre atesoraré mi temprana formación en la fé porque me puso en el camino correcto para que más tarde llegara a encontrar la perfección.

Después de la secundaria y el colegio preparatorio, me mudé a California para continuar la Universidad. Empecé a asistir al Centro Newman, un ministerio católico universitario. Fue allí donde conocí a la joven más hermosa, inteligente, Peruana y católica. Vicky vino a los Estados Unidos para continuar sus estudios en genética humana. Después de tres años de cortejo nos casamos un 3 de septiembre, en el día de San Gregorio, santo patrón de los profesores. Nos mudamos un año después a Kentucky.

Vicky y yo amabamos al Señor con pasión y asistíamos a los servicios de las dos iglesias (Bautista y Católica.) Ibamos a San Pedro y San Pablo los sábados por la tarde y a la Primera Iglesia Bautista los domingos por la mañana. Conocimos a maravillosos cristianos en ambas iglesias. Vicky se disilucionó de las practicas en genética humana en este país y decidió poner en uso su conocimiento en idiomas extranjeros y recibió la certificación para enseñar. Los años pasaron y el Señor nos bendijo con dos maravillosos bebes y la capacidad de amarlos incondicionalmente. Vicky decidió quedarse en casa y ser mamá. Yo respeté su decision y aprecié su optimismo y manera positiva de ver las cosas, pero sobre todo su fé real en el Señor. Admiré su dedicación a nuestros hijos y la manera como les enseñaba su fé Católica. Yo no sabía que el Espíritu estaba usando esas condiciones para motivar en mi el deseo de ser Católico.

En diciembre 13, 1997, ingresé a la iglesia Católica en la fiesta de Santa Lucía. Fue durante la preparación para la primera communion de Ginny, cuando el Espíritu me susurró un poco más fuerte en el corazón, para ser Católico y recibir la eucaristía con mi familia. Fue la mejor decisión que pude hacer. El padre Gerald Baker fue mi director espiritual e instructor en la fé. Bajo su amable dirección y sabios consejos aprendí amar a mi Señor

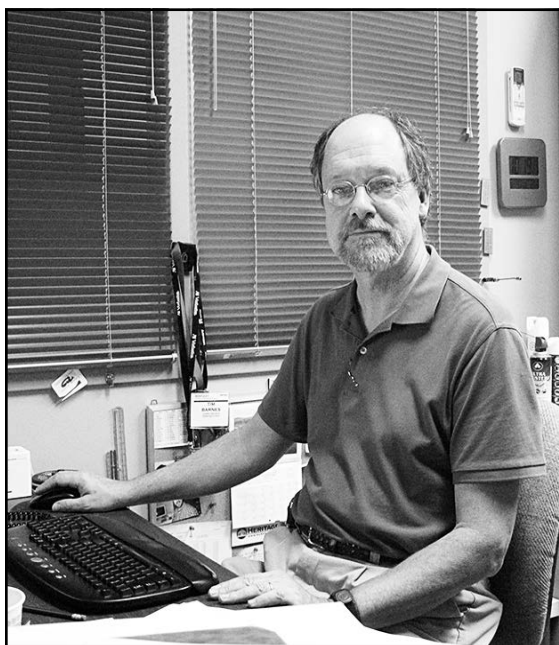
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process lasting four years, including study in areas such as scripture, Theology, Canon law, Homiletics and Liturgy, as well as a communal retreat at St. Meinrad. Vicky and I have deepened our spiritual life and added to our prayer time the liturgy of the hours, which brings us together in spirit and love.

I think that being a Christian is a life style and as a permanent deacon, we represent not only ourselves and family but our Church wherever we are, wherever we go. We bring so many experiences in life that can be used to serve the people. We, as permanent deacons, bring our gifts and talents that are placed at the altar for God's glory. We serve in humility people who need the Lord.

We believe that compared to what God has done for us, the things we do to serve our church is like a drop in the vast ocean of His Grace. There is no better time than this to evangelize and live the faith we profess. It is my joy to be Catholic, to have the rich tradition, the sacraments and able to call Mary, my mother.

**God bless you,  
Tim Barnes**



**Tim Barnes at his desk working at the Pennyrile Area Development district as the computer manager. Mel Howard Photo**  
*Tim Barnes en su escritorio trabajando para el Distrito de Desarrollo del Área de Pennyrile como Gerente de Computación. Foto tomada por Mel Howard.*

como Católico. Estuve listo para decir Sí! cuando vino la pregunta, para servir como diácono.

No me imaginé que tan difícil, doloroso y maravilloso el camino al diaconado iba a ser. Durante estos años de oración, preparación y estudio Vicky y yo pasamos tiempos muy difíciles. Nuestro hijo estuvo un trágico accidente. Sólo por la gracia de Dios está bien ahora. Pocas semanas después mi querido suegro, Pedro fallece repentinamente después de una maravillosa visita a la Virgen de Guadalupe. Tres meses más tarde mi padre fallece, después de largos años de sufrimiento. Nueve meses después mi dulce suegra, Olga partió donde el Padre Celestial. En medio de todo este tiempo de sufrimiento sentimos la real presencia y la paz indescriptible de Dios. Padre John Thomas, Padre Carmelo, Padre Anthony y Padre Uwem estuvieron con nosotros todo este tiempo. La iglesia San Pedro y San Pablo ha sido bendecida con muchos sacerdotes santos.

Es en este tiempo cuando mis hermanos en el Señor, los candidatos al diaconado, nos juntamos para rezar y ayudarnos a llevar nuestras cruces. Estos hombres que aman al Señor profunda y humildemente no tienen miedo de mostrar sus debilidades. Todo lo llevamos al Señor y le pedimos que haga con nosotros lo que El desee. Abandono total de nuestras vidas al Rey de Reyes es un requisito para ser candidato al diaconado. No es fácil, pero uno sabe que Dios nos está llevando en sus brazos todo el camino. No tengan miedo, rezen y consideren sobre la vocación de ser deácono permanente, un servidor de Dios. ¿Por qué no hacer en la tierra algo que estaremos haciendo en el cielo?

Nosotros pasamos por un extensivo proceso de formación de cuatro años, los estudios incluyeron entre otros, areas como las Escrituras Biblicas, Teología, Leyes Canónicas, Homileticas, y Liturgia; como también un retiro communal en San Meinrad. Vicky y yo hemos profundizado nuestra vida espiritual y hemos incluido en nuestro tiempo de oración la liturgia de las horas, lo que nos une en espíritu y caridad.

Yo pienso que ser Cristiano es una forma de vida y como diácono permanente, no sólo representamos a nosotros mismos y a nuestras familias, sino también a nuestra Iglesia donde estemos o vayamos. Nosotros traemos muchas experiencias de la vida secular que pueden ser usadas para servir a la comunidad. Como diáconos permanentes traemos dones y talentos que son puestos en el altar para la Gloria de Dios. Nosotros, con la ayuda de Dios, servimos en humildad a las personas que necesitan del Señor.

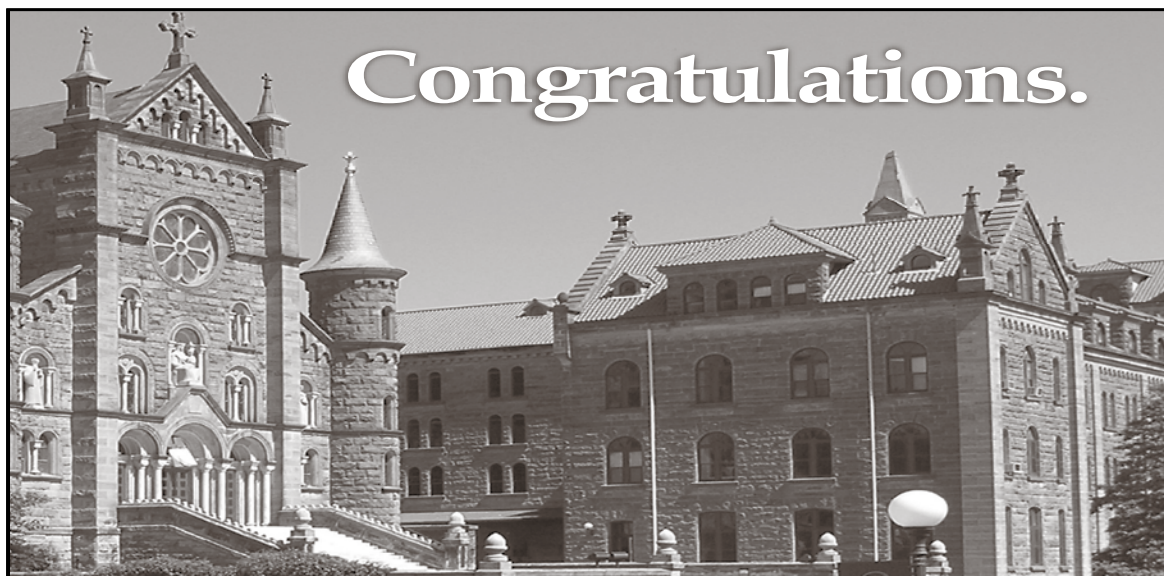
Nosotros creemos que comparado con lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros, las cosas que hacemos para servir a nuestra iglesia es como una gota de agua en el vasto océano de la Gracia de Dios. No hay tiempo mejor como el presente para evangelizar y vivir la fé católica que profesamos.

Es mi mejor gozo ser Católico, tener las exquisitas tradiciones, los sacramentos y poder llamar a Maria, mi madre.

*Que Dios los bendiga,  
Tim*

### **Adultos Jóvenes de la Diócesis Celebran con el Monseñor Medley**

MADISONVILLE, Ky – El Sábado, 11 de Agosto, el Monseñor Medley estuvo en la parroquia Cristo Rey para una Misa y picnic a lo cual se invitó a los adultos jóvenes de a través de la Diócesis. El evento congregó a los jóvenes de la Diócesis para convivir y rezar con el Obispo. La misa fue concelebrada por el Padre John Thomas (párroco de Cristo Rey), Padre Ryan Harpole (Vicario de Santo Tomás Moro) y el Padre Jerry Calhoun. Después de la Misa se juntaron todos para un picnic con comida rica, juegos y la oportunidad de conocerse.



*The monks, students, faculty and Permanent Deacon Formation Office of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology congratulate the new permanent deacons of the Diocese of Owensboro. Helping with your formation has been a blessing to us.*



*Saint Meinrad*



## March for Life 2013: Forty Years after Roe v. Wade

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The Diocesan Gospel of Life Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the March for Life on January 25, 2013, once again due to renewed interest in this effort. You are invited to join them and say yes to life and no to losing a good portion of another generation of children to abortion on demand.

### Forty Years and over 54 Million Children Lost to Abortion:

Every 26 seconds in this country a child dies as the result of an abortion. You can take a stand with thousands of other Americans to be the voices of our unborn children. You can help assert their right to life and liberty promised in the Declaration of Independence, and tell those representing us to grant that most basic birthright to the unborn. We must stand together to effectively advocate for the rights of our little brothers and sisters.

### Plan for the Trip:

The Gospel of Life Committee is working to set up a bus trip to and lodging in the Washington D.C. area to allow those interested in going to the

March for Life to make their voices heard. Arrangements for travel will likely be with Toby Tours Bus Lines that will provide a late model bus or buses with bathroom facilities and with passenger capacity of either 47 or 55 people. The size of the bus or buses to be booked for the trip will be based on those making reservations by December 10, 2012. Please note that the final balance due should be paid by, January 10, 2013.

The group will depart from the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro on Wednesday night at 8:00 PM on January 23, 2013, and arrive in Washington on Thursday afternoon on the 24th in time to check in at the hotel, freshen up and visit the convention in progress. The group will likely be staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington on Capitol Hill where the Convention takes place. On Thursday evening the group will go to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Mass for Life, and then return to the hotel that night.

The morning of January 25th, the group

will likely attend a pre-march Kentucky Congressional Breakfast. The March for Life takes place in the early afternoon. It will be necessary to travel there by late morning. The group will stay the night of Friday, January 25 at the Hyatt. Some may have an interest in attending the March for Life's fundraising event called the Rose Dinner. Arrangements can be made to attend this event; however it will be at a cost beyond what the trip cost is listed.

The next morning January 26, 2013, the group will depart for home at 8:00 AM, and should arrive back in Owensboro in the early morning of January 27, 2013.

Consider Making Plans and Getting your Name on the List:

To insure an accurate count for the number of rooms to reserve and to determine the size of the bus to take, it is necessary to set a date certain for registration of December 10, 2012. The total cost per person for round trip bus

fair, two nights at the hotel with multiple occupancy, and the Congressional Breakfast is estimated to be \$300 or less. This cost is contingent on a number of factors that could impact the price such as the quoted price per room per day, the size of the bus or buses taken and the number of people taking part. More will be known about the price closer to the March for Life and will be shared with readers in future articles. If you believe that you would like to be part of this pilgrimage of faith, fellowship and exercise of citizenship, then please send a check payable to the Diocese of Owensboro for \$50 per registration and mail it to: Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, Attention: Richard Murphy. All travelers are asked to have their final payments in by January 10, 2013.

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

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## Saludos de Bani *(Viene de Catolico la página 5)*

### Greetings From Bani! *(Continued from Catolico page 5)*

installed me. We did have a bit of difficulty in trying to determine the appropriate wording for the questions, as part of the rite calls for a renewal of priests promises – including the promise of obedience to the bishop and his successors. From the way I understand the way the question was fumbled, I am obedient to Bishop Bretón until such time as Bishop Medley's successor says I can return to Kentucky. At least, I'm assuming that the question was a bit complicated and that there was no secret pact between the bishops of which I was not aware.

Upon becoming the pastor of Saint James the Apostle Parish, I took the opportunity to read the Book of Saint James in the New Testament. I'm not sure what exactly prompted me to do so, given that the Letter of James is not written by Saint James the Apostle, but for some reason, it seemed appropriate. Now I remember why Martin Luther wanted the book taken out of the Scriptures and why I have never heard a Catholic priest, Protestant pastor, or Evangelical preacher ever quote the book.

1:22 Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

2:1-5 My brothers, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings on his fingers and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? Listen, my beloved brothers. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

2:15-17 If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

I'm beginning to think this James fellow was a socialist or communist or Christian or something along those lines.

patronal el 25 de julio y me instaló. Teníamos un poco dificultad en determinar la redacción adecuada para las preguntas, como parte de las llamadas de rito incluye la renovación de las promesas de los sacerdotes – incluyendo la promesa de obediencia al obispo y sus sucesores. Por lo que yo entendí, ahora soy obediente a Monseñor Bretón hasta el momento en que el sucesor del Monseñor Medley dice que puedo volver a Kentucky. Espero que eso fuera debido a la dificultad de traducción y no a ningún pacto secreto entre los obispos.

Al convertirse en el pastor de la Parroquia Santiago Apóstol, decidí en leer el libro de Santiago en el Nuevo Testamento. En verdad, la te me llevó a hacerlo, dado que la Carta de Santiago no fue escrito por Santiago Apóstol, pero se me parecía buena ida por todos modos. Ahora recuerdo por qué Martin Lutero quería que el libro fuera sacado de las escrituras y por qué nunca he oído un sacerdote católico, pastor protestante, ni un predicador evangélico citar el libro.

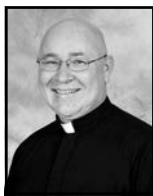
1:22 Pongan por obra lo que dice la Palabra y no se conformen con oírla, pues se engañarán a sí mismos.

2:1-5 Hermanos, si realmente creen en Jesús, nuestro Señor, el Cristo glorioso, no hagan diferencias entre personas. Supongamos que entra en su asamblea un hombre muy bien vestido y con un anillo de oro y entra también un pobre con ropas sucias, y ustedes se deshacen en atenciones con el hombre bien vestido y le dicen: "Tome este asiento, que es muy bueno", mientras que al pobre le dicen: "Quédate de pies", o bien: "Siéntate en el suelo a mis pies". Díganme, ¿no sería hacer diferencias y discriminar con criterios pésimos? Miren, hermanos, ¿acaso no ha escogido Dios a los pobres de este mundo para hacerlos ricos en la fe? ¿No les dará el reino que prometió a quienes lo aman?

2:15-17 Si un hermano o una hermana no tienen con qué vestirse ni qué comer, y ustedes les dicen: "Que les vaya bien, caliéntense y aliméntense", sin darles lo necesario para el cuerpo, ¿de qué les sirve eso? Lo mismo ocurre con la fe: si no produce obras, es que está muerta.

Estoy empezando a pensar esta Santiago era socialista o comunista o cristiano o algo de esas líneas.

## Greetings From Bani!



**By Father Stan Puryear**  
Hurricane season is back. That always cheers up life around here, so long as the hurricanes stay well offshore and send needed rain, but only enough rain to water

the field and not cause flooding. Usually, here in the Dominican Republic, it is the flooding that kills, as many people without resources are forced to build houses in low-lying areas. As I write, Ernesto has made a blessed pass that left many farmers content, while the river only rose a couple of feet.

Last month was not such a blessed time for myself here. One Monday morning, I awoke to discover that my computer and cell phone had been stolen while I slept. We caught the thief the next day, as it was one of the street kids who live in the area. But he had already sold the gadgets and they were long gone. Even worse, because he was a minor, the police remanded the 13-year-old into the custody of his family, and within seventy-two hours of the crime, he was back living on the street. In my humble opinion, he would have been better off being sent to the reformatory – which is run by a priest. But the family was embarrassed to have a member of their family in jail, so they bailed him out. Apparently, it is not embarrassing to have a 13-year-old member of the family living on the street and stealing in order to survive. There are some things I suppose I will never understand.

At any rate, I got a free phone by signing an 18-month contract which, as it turns out, was cheaper than what I was paying for phone service before the theft. And great friend Father Frank Roof (a priest of our Diocese of Owensboro) sent a new laptop from Miami. Once I get back to the US, I'll be getting a phone that will work while I am home and instead of interchanging sim cards, I'll have two phones (and two rechargers) to keep up with.

As I was dealing with the consequences of another's sin, I came across an article in the Dominican newspaper Hoy that caught my attention. Quoting British researchers Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett's *The Spirit Level: Why More Equal Societies Always Do Better* (US Publisher: Bloomsbury Press, December, 2009) a United Nations official visiting

the Dominican Republic pointed out that societies with greater disparity of wealth generally have higher crime rates and other markers of social decay. Though I'm not fully convinced of direct cause and effect, I would have to agree that, in general, economic disparity (i.e., the gap between rich and poor) leads to more crime.

Before I get nasty letters calling me a socialist or communist or Christian or something along those lines, let me point out that one big difference between the Dominican Republic and the United States, something I think the researchers failed to take into account. For many people in the developing world, there is no hope to ever attain prosperity through legitimate means. In the United States and in other first-world countries, if someone studies and works hard and sacrifices and perseveres, she or he can realize the American dream of owning a home with a yard in front and a huge gas grill in back and a two car garage full of unused exercise equipment. Here in the Dominican Republic, the obstacles are too great so long as one stays in the country. Unless one resorts to drug trafficking or is a gifted baseball player, the only way to break out of one's social class is to immigrate (legally or otherwise) to Europe or the United States. In other words, without hope, there is a breakdown in society.

One of the biggest obstacles for many missionaries living here in the Dominican Republic, and the reason many have left, is the crime rate. For example, several months ago, I purchased some chickens to raise for dinner for a youth group gathering in December. So long as I was living in Paya where I was keeping the chickens, things were going nicely. But because of a blown inverter (meaning I don't have electricity half the time), I am staying in Bani until we can raise the DO\$25,000 (US\$625) to repair the fried batteries. And the chickens are slowly disappearing. The turkeys, I might add, are fine, because turkeys like to roost very high and Dominican criminals apparently are acrophobic.

On a positive note, I have now been officially installed as the first pastor of the Parish of Saint James the Apostle (Parroquia Santiago Apostol). Bishop Freddy Bretón came to the celebration of our patronal feast on July 25 and officially

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**Por el padre de Stan Puryear**

La temporada de huracanes ha llegado, y esa siempre anima la vida aquí, mientras que los huracanes permanecen lejos y envían lluvia, pero sólo lo suficiente para darle agua a los campos y no tanto que causa inundaciones. Desafortunadamente, aquí en la República Dominicana, son las inundaciones que son fatales, dado a que muchas personas sin recursos construyen sus viviendas en zonas bajas. Mientras escribo, Ernesto ha hecho un bendito pase que dejó a muchos agricultores contentos mientras que el río subió sólo un par de pies.

El mes pasado no fue tan bendito tiempo para mí. Una mañana, desperté al descubrir que me habían robado mi computadora y el teléfono celular mientras dormía. Fue capturado el ladrón al día siguiente, ya que era uno de los niños de la calle que viven en la zona. Pero ya había vendido los electrónicos. Peor aún, porque era menor de edad, la policía preventiva tuvo que entregar al joven de 13 años a la custodia de su familia, y dentro de setenta y dos horas del crimen, otra vez estaba viviendo en la calle. En mi humilde opinión, habría sido mejor enviarlo al reformatory – que es dirigido por un sacerdote. Pero la familia tenía vergüenza por tener un miembro de su familia en la cárcel, por lo que le sacaron. Pero, no tienen vergüenza tener un familiar de 13 años viviendo en la calle y robando para sobrevivir. Hay algunas cosas que nunca entenderé.

Por todos modos, recibí un teléfono gratis por firmar un contrato de 18 meses que es mas barato que lo que estaba pagando para servicio telefónico antes del robo. Y mi gran amigo el Padre Frank Roof (un sacerdote de nuestra Diócesis de Owensboro) envió una nueva laptop desde Miami. Después de llegar a los Estados Unidos, tendré que conseguirme un teléfono que funcione allí.

Mientras sufría las consecuencias del pecado de otro, encontré un artículo en el periódico dominicano Hoy que capturó mi atención. Citando a dos investigadores británicos, Richard Wilkinson y Kate Pickett, El nivel de espíritu: por qué más iguales las sociedades siempre hacer mejor (publicado en EUA por Bloomsbury Press, diciembre de 2009) un funcionario de las Naciones Unidas en su visita a la República Dominicana señalaba que las sociedades con mayor disparidad de la

riqueza generalmente tienen mayores tasas de delincuencia y otros marcadores de decadencia social. Aunque no estoy completamente convencido de efecto y causa directa, tengo que estar de acuerdo que, en general, la disparidad económica (es decir, la brecha entre ricos y pobres) conduce a mas delincuencia.

Antes de enviarme cartas desagradables diciendo que soy socialista o comunista o cristiano o algo en este sentido, permítanme señalar una gran diferencia entre la República Dominicana y los Estados Unidos, algo que creo no se ha podido tomar en cuenta los investigadores. Para muchas personas en el mundo en desarrollo, no hay esperanza alguna vez lograr prosperidad a través de medios legítimos. En los Estados Unidos y en otros países de primer mundo, si alguien estudia y trabaja duro y sacrificios y persevera, él o ella puede realizar el sueño americano de ser propietario de casa con un patio en la parte delantera y una parrilla de gas enorme atrás y un estacionamiento de dos coches lleno de equipos de ejercicio abandonados. Aquí en la República Dominicana, los obstáculos son demasiado grandes para que mientras uno permanezca en el país. A menos que uno recurre al tráfico de drogas o es un jugador talentoso, la única forma de salir de la clase social es inmigrar (legalmente o no) a Europa o Estados Unidos. En otras palabras, sin esperanza, hay una avería en la sociedad.

Uno de los mayores obstáculos para muchos misioneros viviendo aquí en la República Dominicana y la razón que muchos se han ido, es el crimen. Por ejemplo, hace varios meses, compré gallinas para criar para la comida de una celebración entre los jóvenes en diciembre. Mientras vivía en Paya donde están las gallinas, todo estaba bien. Pero debido a un inversor quemado (lo que significa que la mitad del tiempo no tengo electricidad), me quedo en Bani hasta que nos podemos levantar la DO\$ 25.000 (US\$ 625) para reparar las baterías. Y las gallinas se están desapareciendo. Los pavos están bien, porque a los pavos les gustan posar muy altos y los criminales dominicanos tienen miedo de alturas.

En una nota positiva, ahora he sido instalado oficialmente instalado como el primer párroco de la Parroquia Santiago Apóstol. El Monseñor Obispo Freddy Bretón celebró la Misa de nuestra fiesta

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**“En Nombre de Dios”****Día del trabajo**

Por Luis Aju

La celebración del Día del Trabajo, un día Sagrado para todos los que trabajan con sus manos y los que trabajan con su inteligencia sentados horas tras horas en alguna oficina, en

una fabrica, en el campo, en la ciudad o en cualquier lugar donde se suda con el sudor de la frente para ganar y solventar las necesidades básicas de la familia.

La Iglesia Católica a la que varios millones de personas hombres y mujeres pertenecemos, hemos aprendido de las grandes Encíclicas magnas de los papas. Así como del Celebre Papa Juan XXIII y el Papa Juan Pablo II en su encíclica *Laborem Exsercen* sobre la dignidad de la actividad Humana que lo conocemos por trabajo, que hombres y mujeres tenemos como un privilegio el mandato de Dios de ser co-creadores de la creación. En nuestro mundo y en nuestra realidad es una bendición tener un trabajo. Recordemos que el trabajo dignifica a la persona, porque esto nos hace partícipes en el caminar de la humanidad, por lo tanto colaboradores en la creación de nuestro mundo. El trabajo digno, honrado y justo es lo que debe ser ofrecido, a las personas que lo buscan, no un medio de explotación donde el hombre se aprovecha de la necesidad de otras personas y los explota o los esclaviza y de esta manera ya iría en contra de la dignidad humana. Esta reflexión va para todos ya que en nuestra sociedad tanto hombres como mujeres buscamos una oportunidad, pero desafortunadamente no se nos trata por igual. Sabemos que en varios lugares se sigue discriminando por origen por edad y por genero. Es doloroso que en pleno siglo veintiuno no hemos superado este mal social.

Al saber que hombre y mujer fueron creados por Dios y en su grandeza de ser su imagen, se les confío seguir con la creación con su trabajo que el mismo Dios les heredo.

En el plan de Dios el hombre y la mujer están llamados a someter la tierra como administradores (buenos) de Dios. Esta soberanía no debe de ser un dominio arbitrario y destructor. A imagen del

Creador que ama todo lo que existe (Sab 11:24) el hombre y la mujer son llamados a participar en la providencia respecto a las otras cosas creadas. De ahí su responsabilidad frente al mundo que Dios les ha confiado.

El primer hombre no solamente fue creado bueno, sino también constituido con la amistad con su creador y en armonía consigo mismo y con la creación en torno a el, amistad y armonía tales que no serán superadas mas que por la gloria de la nueva creación en Cristo. (Cf. LE. # 374)

LE. # 378 Signo de la familiaridad con Dios es el hecho de que Dios lo coloca en el jardín. Vive allí, “para cultivar la tierra y guardarla (Gen. 2:15) El trabajo no le es penoso, sino que es la colaboración del hombre y de la mujer con Dios en el perfeccionamiento de la creación visible.

Para terminar el salmista nos invita a esta oración en honor al día del trabajo: A imagen tuya creaste al hombre y le encomendaste el universo entero para que, sirviéndote solo a ti su Creador, dominara todo lo creado.

Por lo tanto todos nosotros, estamos llamados en ubicarnos delante de Dios y darle gracias a El, por la vida y el honor de ser parte de la creación y no olvidarnos de ver a todos por igual sin hacer distinción de raza, color, lengua etc. Todos tenemos la oportunidad de trabajar para el bien común. Dios nos puso en nuestro mundo (paraíso) para cultivarlo y engrandecerlo si nos dan la oportunidad como hijos de un solo Dios.- Feliz Día del Trabajo. Dios bendiga a usted, amigo labrador, constructor, obrero, carpintero, sembrador y pensador. Ora et Labora (R.OSB) ofrezca su trabajo como su oración a Dios. Paz a todos.

**Renewed Respect For Workers Is Key To Renewed Economy**

WASHINGTON—People of faith stand with people who’ve been left behind and should seek economic renewal that makes workers and their families a central concern, according to the annual Labor Day Statement from the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

“Millions of Americans suffer from unemployment, underemployment or are living in poverty as their basic needs too often go unmet. This represents a serious economic and moral failure for our nation,” wrote the committee’s chairman,

**Labor Day**

By Luis Aju

The celebration of Labor Day, a sacred day to all who work with their hands, work with their intelligence for countless hours sitting in an office, in a factory, in the countryside, in town or anywhere that requires hard work. We all overcome all of these hardships to meet the basic needs of a family.

The Catholic Church, to which several million men and women belong, has learned from the great encyclicals of the Pope’s Magna. For example, Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II in their encyclical *Laborem Exercens* on the dignity of human activity, which we know as, labor. Both men and women have a privilege to be in God’s command as co-creators of creation. Recall that labor dignifies the individual, it makes us participants of humanity’s journey, and therefore we become partners in creating this our world. In this world and in our reality it’s a blessing to have a job. Good, honest and fair labor is what should be offered to individuals who seek it, not means of exploitation where man takes advantage of the needs of other people and enslaves and exploits them, this then is an act against human dignity. This reflection goes for all in our society due to the fact that both men and women seek an opportunity, but unfortunately are not treated equally. We know that in many places discrimination of origin, age and gender is still present. It is hurtful to know that in the twenty-first century we have not overcome this social problem.

Knowing that man and woman were created by God and his greatness to be his living image. God trusted humans with his creation, with his work and we have inherited all of this.

Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, California, in the statement, *Placing Work and Workers* at the Center of Economic Life.

Bishop Blaire cited the 12 million Americans officially unemployed, the millions more who are underemployed or who have given up looking for work, 10 million “working poor” families, and 46 million people, including 16 million children, living in poverty as a sign of a broken economy. He cited the words of Pope Benedict XVI, who said poverty often “results from a violation of the dignity of human work,” either because

In God’s plan man and women are called to be administrators of the earth as (good) stewards of God. This given sovereignty must not be an arbitrary and destructive domination. In the image of the Creator who loves everything that exists (Book of Wisdom 11:24) man and woman are called to participate in the ruling over all created things. Hence their responsibility to the world God has entrusted to them.

The first man was created not only good but also formed with friendship towards his creator and in harmony with himself and with the creation around him. Friendship and harmony such as not to be overcome other than by the glory of the new creation in Christ. (Cf. LE. # 374)

LE. # 378 A sign of family with God is that God places him in the Garden of Eden. The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. (Gen. 2:15) Work is not painful, but it is the collaboration of man and woman with God in perfecting the visible creation.

To end the psalmist invites us to this prayer in honor of Labor Day: To your image you created man, trusting the entire universe to him and with serving only you his Creator, rule over all creatures.

Conclusively, we are all called to place ourselves before God and thank him for life and the honor of being part of creation and not forgetting to see everyone equally regardless of race, color, language etc. . We all have the opportunity to work for the common good. God put us in our world (paradise) to cultivate it and make it grow, if we are given the opportunity, as children of one God. - Happy Labor Day. God bless you, friend, farmer, builder, laborer, carpenter, farmer and thinker. Ora et Labora (R.OSB) offer your work as a way of prayer to God. Peace to all.

of a lack of job opportunities or because, in the words of Pope John Paul II, “low value is put on work and the rights that flow from it.”

“This Labor Day, millions of working people and their families have urgent and compelling needs,” Bishop Blaire concluded. “I ask you to join me in a special prayer for them and all workers, especially those without a job struggling to live in dignity. May God guide our nation in creating a more just economy that truly honors the dignity of work and the rights of workers.”

## The impact of Arise in the Hispanic community of the Diocese

By Luis Aju

By using this method of writing, we want to express to our Diocese and Hispanic Ministry our gratitude, for giving us the opportunity to grow in our Catholic Faith through the program, ARISE during this year, that we have received. We are happy that the team members of REBIRTH AND ARISE, lift our spirit motivating us to learn our responsibilities as Catholics that we should know.

Our thanks to the Diocese for taking into account the Hispanic population in our Diocese. We are very excited to continue the next stage, we believe this program is the beginning of the New Evangelization that suggests how to follow the New Diocesan Plan in respect to training adults for these three consecutive years, after learning the content we are very excited to continue our training as leaders in our communities and in our own families.

Our participation in the study of Rebirth and Arise makes us feel safe and strong in our Catholic Faith. We learn in various ways that the community is our church where we can all be part of this great family, the method and the ideas we have learned will help us strengthen our faith and make us able to guide our children in our households.



To all who are part of the formation team of the programs, we ask and say to you to keep going forward and be sure that the Hispanic community of this Diocese welcomes and greatly appreciates you for your sharing of knowledge towards communities.

To Sr. Ethel - Marie as a director and to Rev. Alejandro for arranging dates and times for these courses, may God bless you. According to the schedule we will see you soon and will be waiting with open arms to welcome you. Go forward brothers and sisters with this mission that our Church is asking of you. We wait for you for the following content and to continue covering and learning the next issues that will be waiting for us to learn, and to continue carrying out with great eagerness our mission to bring the Good News of Jesus to every corner of our Diocese and our world. Thanks for the encouragement and the joy of it. God bless you.

## La Diócesis Tendrá el Primer Evento Pro-Vida Juvenil el 19 de Octubre

Es la primera vez que se hace un "Evento Pro-Vida Juvenil". Este evento es patrocinado por las oficinas diocesanas de Ministerio Juvenil, Formación en la Fe, y Asuntos Sociales junto con el Comité del Evangelio de la Vida.

La fecha será el 19 de Octubre del 2012 en el "Sportscenter" en Owensboro, de 8:30am - 11:30am. Dos mujeres compartirán sus historias poderosas: Kelly Clinger quien era el acompañamiento vocal para Britney Spears y Julia Holcomb quien era la prometida de Steven Tyler. Maria Spears proveerá música y habrá otros expositores también.

Ms. Holcomb está programada para hablar en el Banquete Pro-Vida de Owensboro en el Centro "Hines" el Jueves, 18 de Octubre en la noche. Ella está dispuesta quedar la noche y hablar a los jóvenes sin cobrar nada extra.

Es un momento especial en la historia de nuestra nación mientras nos preparamos para el 40 aniversario de Roe v. Wade. ¡Oremos por nuestra juventud que escuchen la verdad que se presentará ese día e intentar contrarrestar las muchas mentiras que escuchan en nuestra cultura cada día!

## Impacto del programa Arise (Levántate) en la comunidad Hispana en la Diócesis.

Por Luis Aju



Usando este medio queremos expresar a la Diócesis y Ministerio Hispano nuestra gratitud, por darnos la oportunidad de crecer en nuestra Fe Católica a través del programa Levántate, que durante este año, lo hemos recibido nos alegramos que los integrantes del equipo de RENACER Y LEVANTATE, nos levantan el animo de conocer nuestras responsabilidades como católicos que debemos saber.

Nuestro agradecimiento a la Diócesis por tomar en cuenta a la población Hispana de nuestra Diócesis. Nos sentimos muy animados para seguir la siguiente etapa, creemos que este programa es el inicio de la Nueva Evangelización que nos sugiere seguir el Nuevo Plan Diocesano en lo que respecta a la formación de adultos, para estos tres años consecutivos, después de conocer el contenido estamos muy animados para seguir con nuestra formación como líderes en nuestras comunidades y en nuestras propias familias.

Nuestra participación en el estudio de Renacer y Levántate, nos hace sentir seguros y fuertes en nuestra Fe Católica. De varias maneras aprendemos que la comunidad es nuestra Iglesia donde todos podemos sentirnos parte de esta gran Familia, el método y las ideas que hemos aprendido nos servirán a fortalecer nuestra fe, así poder orientar a nuestro hijos en nuestro hogar.

A todos los que forman el equipo de formación de los programas, les pedimos seguir adelante y tengan por seguro que la Comunidad Hispana de esta Diócesis, les da la bienvenida y la gran apreciación por compartir sus conocimientos a nuestras comunidades.

A la Hna. Ethel - Marie como directora y al Rev. Alejandro por organizar los horarios y fechas para la realización de estos cursos, Dios los bendiga. Según la calendarización pronto nos veremos. Aquí los esperamos con los brazos abiertos. Adelante hermanos con esta misión que Nuestra Iglesia les esta pidiendo. Los esperamos para los siguientes contenidos para ir cubriendo y aprendiendo los próximos temas que nos tocara aprender y seguir con mucho afán nuestra misión de llevar la Buena Nueva de Jesús a todos los rincones de nuestra Diócesis y de nuestro mundo. Gracias por el animo y la alegría de hacerlo. Dios los bendiga.

## GRACIAS

Las palabras no alcanzan expresar nuestra gratitud a:  
Director del Programa Padre John Thomas  
Monseñor McRaith y Monseñor Medley  
Nuestros Instructores

Nuestras Familias de Hospedaje  
La Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo  
La Parroquia de Cristo Rey

Todos los que han rezado por nosotros durante nuestra formación  
LA CLASE DE DIÁCONOS PERMANENTES DE 2012

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Michael Clapp, Victor Fromm, Bill Grant,  
Matthew Keyser, Terry Larbes,  
Tim Nugent, Randy Potempa,  
John Prough, Bill Sweet,  
Jaime Tiu, Tom Torson,  
y Michael Wiedemer



# La Iglesia Nos Llama A Enfocar Nuestra Celebración En Un Año De Fe



+Monseñor  
William Medley,  
Obispo de la  
Diócesis de  
Owensboro

Mis Queridos Amigos, La Diócesis de Owensboro está en medio de un Año de Jubileo para marcar su 75 aniversario de creada como diócesis. Bastantes eventos han sido llevados a cabo y muchos más se darán dentro de nuestra celebración. El culmen de nuestro jubileo se celebrará en la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción el Sábado 8 de Diciembre, cuando se invite a toda la gente en la diócesis a congregarlos juntos para la Misa a las 11:00am en el "Sports Center" de Owensboro para celebrar ricas y abundantes bendiciones de

parte de Dios hacia nosotros. Como siempre y en un mundo tan ocupado, nuestro año entero de jubileo coincide con otra notoria celebración en la Iglesia Universal. El Papa Benedicto XVI ha declarado de especial observancia para la Iglesia a través del mundo un Año de Fe a ser observado entre el 11 de Octubre del 2012 al 24 de Noviembre del 2013. El 11 de Octubre este año marca el cincuenta aniversario de la apertura del Concilio Vaticano II. El 24 de Noviembre del 2013 será la Fiesta de Cristo Rey.

El Papa Benedicto ha descrito el año venidero de la Fe como "una convocación a la auténtica y renovada conversión al Señor, el único salvador del mundo" En otras palabras, el Año de la Fe es una oportunidad para que los católicos vivan una

conversión; volvemos a Jesús y entrar en una relación más profunda con El. El Papa ha descrito esta conversión como el: "abrir la puerta de la Fe." "Puerta de Fe" como descrito en los Hechos de los apóstoles; es abierta en nuestro bautismo, sin embargo durante este año los católicos estamos llamados a abrirla de nuevo, a caminar sobre ella y redescubrir y renovar nuestra relación con Cristo y su Iglesia.

Durante este año a los católicos se les pide estudiar y reflexionar sobre los documentos de Vaticano II y el Catecismo que fue publicado veinte años atrás este año, y esto para que profundicemos nuestro conocimiento de la Fe.

Cada católico bautizado está llamado a través del bautismo a ser discípulo de Cristo y a proclamar el evangelio. El Año de la Fe es una oportunidad para cada uno y todo católico de renovar nuestro llamado bautismal al vivir los momentos de cada día de nuestras vidas con fe, esperanza y amor. Este testimonio diario es necesario para proclamar el evangelio a la familia, los amigos, vecinos y sociedad. Para poder dar testimonio del evangelio, los católicos deben ser fortalecidos semanalmente a través de la Misa dominical y el Sacramento de la Reconciliación.

Así como individuos marcan épocas clave de sus vidas, también debe la Iglesia. Una "Quinceañera" o el cumplir la mayoría de edad son más significativos para jóvenes que otros cumpleaños. Unas bodas de plata o de oro matrimonial, aniversario de ordenación o aniversario de vida religiosa meritan más celebración que muchas otras. Entonces pues, la Iglesia de vez en cuando nos llama a recordar con especial atención nuestra fe y herencia. El Concilio Vaticano II fue un momento histórico en la misma historia de nuestra Iglesia Católica, y cabe muy bien que el Papa Benedicto enfocase nuestra celebración en un Año de Fe.

## Calendario del Sr. Obispo Medley para Septiembre 2012

4 de Septiembre	9:00am	Misa y Reunión de Personal Diocesano, Centro Pastoral Católico, Owensboro (CPC)
6 de Septiembre	10:00am	Misa, Escuelas Católicas de Owensboro Sportscenter, Owensboro
7 de Septiembre	9:00am 5:30pm	Misa Escolar, Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson Celebración para aquellos con capacidades especiales San Rafael.
8 de Septiembre	5:30pm	Misa, Conferencia Mariana, Centro "Riverpark" Owensboro
9 de Septiembre	10:00am	Misa Toma de Posesión nuevo Párroco. P. Jerry Baker, Santa María del Bosque, Whitesville
13 de Septiembre	10-3:00pm	Día Presbiteral, CPC
15 de Septiembre	10:00am	Ordenación de Diáconos Permanentes Parroquia del Espíritu Santo en Bowling Green
16 de Septiembre	10:30am 2:00pm	Misa Celebración de los 125 años, Sta. Isabel, Cursdville Celebración Diocesana Matrimonial, Madre Santísima O'boro
17 de Septiembre	9:30am 1:30pm	Reunión del Comité del Personal Sacerdotal, CPC Reunión Consejo Presbiteral, CPC
18 de Septiembre	9:00am	Misa y Reunión de Personal Diocesano. CPC
19 de Septiembre	8:30pm	Reunión de Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – CPC
20 de Septiembre	11:00am	Misa en la Universidad de Brescia, Owensboro
22 de Septiembre	12:00pm 4:00pm	Misa y Convivio con Afro-americanos Católicos. Capilla del Stmo. Sacramento Evento Jubilar. Misa de instalación de nuevo Párroco. P. Freddie Byrd, Santa Ana, Morganfield
23 de Septiembre	10:00am 3:30pm	Celebración/Misa del 200 Aniversario. San Antonio, Axtel Misa y Celebración con la Comunidad Ursulina de Loretto KY
24-28 de Septiembre		Conferencia Episcopal de Misiones, Chicago IL
29 de Septiembre	10:00am 4:30pm	Celebración de Consejo de Religiosas/ Jubileo. San Martín, Rome KY Confirmación, Parroquia del Espíritu Santo, Bowling Green
30 de Septiembre	10:30am 2:30pm 5:00pm	Misa de Instalación de nuevo Párroco. P. Steve Hohman San Pablo y Sta. Isabel en Sta. Isabel, Clarkson KY Misa y Premios Sofía, Parroquia del Santo Nombre, Henderson. Vísperas- Bendición, Parroquia de la Inmaculada

+ Monseñor William F. Medley  
Obispo de Owensboro

## Miembros del Comité Examinador Diocesano Están Listos para Responder Llamadas

Los miembros del Comité que responden a las alegaciones de abuso sexual en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Sr. Ken Bennett, Sr. Mike Boone, Sra. Kay Castlen, Chair, Pbro. Mike Clark, JCL, Pbro. Pat Connell, Sr. Jeff Ebelhar, Sr. Mike Flaherty, Sr. Nicholas Goetz, Sr. Brandon Harley, Sra. Teresa Henry, Sr. Dan Howard, Sra. Mary Beth Hurley, Hna. Eula Johnson, SCN. La Sra. Louanne Payne sirve como el enlace entre el Obispo y el Comité Examinador.

Cualquier persona que desea comunicarse con el Comité Examinador Diocesano debe llamar al Centro Pastoral Católico a 1-270-683-1545 y pedir hablar con un miembro del Comité Examinador. Para hablar con un miembro particular de este Comité, dígame a la recepcionista. En cualquier caso la recepcionista en el Centro Pastoral Católico le dará la información de la persona que llama a un miembro del Comité Examinador Diocesano para seguimiento.

Las personas que llaman pueden ser anónimos para la llamada inicial a la recepcionista. Los números de teléfono de los miembros de este Comité no serán divulgados al público.

También se puede contactar al Comité por su email a [reviewboard@pastoral.org](mailto:reviewboard@pastoral.org). No se olvide de incluir su información de contacto. No se responderá directamente por email porque no se puede garantizar la confidencialidad por email. Seguimiento será por teléfono.

## ¡Vengan a Celebrar su Matrimonio con el Monseñor William Medley!

Su compromiso y el amor que comparten es un regalo de uno para el otro, su familia, la comunidad y la sociedad. No los subestimamos y nos gustaría felicitarlos y celebrar con ustedes.

Vengan el Domingo, 16 de Septiembre a la Iglesia Santísima Madre en Owensboro para la Celebración Matrimonial Anual. La misa empieza a las 2:00pm con una recepción que sigue inmediatamente. Todos están invitados y las familias están bienvenidas, solamente les pedimos que digan a Charlotte Hedges si van a llegar a (270) 683-1545 o [Charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org](mailto:Charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org). Patrocinado por la Oficina Diocesana de la Vida Familiar.



## Parroquia del Santo Redentor dice, "SKY-Todo es posible con Dios!"

Por Charlotte Paez

Los miembros de la Iglesia Católica, Santo Redentor, en Beaver Dam están muy emocionados con el nuevo salón y las remodelaciones a las instalaciones previas, que ya se están poniendo a buen uso. Mary Chinn, la presidenta del comité de embellecimiento, dijo "¡Ahora tenemos lo mejor de ambos mundos, el sentido de una iglesia pequeña pero el espacio de una grande!"

El proyecto de la adición y renovación unió a la parroquia. Miembros donaron de su tiempo, talento y tesoro. Con la construcción de la instalación, vino se hizo evidente que estamos aquí. Gente a menudo preguntaba, "¿Qué están haciendo en la Iglesia Católica?" mientras que otros pasaban en frente de la iglesia solo para verla. Su curiosidad es algo bueno! Gail Critchelow, coordinadora de la educación religiosa de la parroquia, comentó que piensa que nuestra comunidad ve a la iglesia Santo Redentor, como una que está creciendo, viva y apasionada por su amor a Cristo. Nuestras nuevas instalaciones dejaron a la gente ver que hemos hecho espacio para ellos y que queremos que vengan a compartir con nosotros.

Las renovaciones incluyeron 3 salones de clase nuevos en el sótano, baños más amplios, almacenes y una cocina nueva, más grande y mejor adecuada para nuestras necesidades. La adición del salón, añadió espacio suficiente para tener recepciones matrimoniales, y otros eventos mas grandes. El segundo piso tiene tres salones de clase extensos y más espacio para almacenar cosas. Gail Critchelow,

quien ha servido como funcionario en la junta parroquial y en el comité de construcción, supo desde el principio que la parroquia haci mucho tiempo había sobrepasado el espacio requerido para los salones de clase. Bob Higdon, miembro del comité de finanzas, estuvo a cargo de la supervisión del proyecto y de coordinar el financiamiento con la diócesis. Lo que más le agrado fueron los salones nuevos de clase, ya que conducen a un mejor ambiente educativo y resultan en menor distracción para los estudiantes. Bob y su esposa, Francil, ayudaron con la pintura de la adición nueva al igual que con la de los salones. El comité de embellecimiento hizo recomendaciones acerca de los electrodomésticos de la cocina y decisiones sobre los colores y el tipo de piso, tanto para la construcción del salón como para la remodelación de la sala. Lo mejor sobre nuestra instalación nueva es que la gente de la iglesia participo para construirla. Muchas horas de trabajo dedicaron los voluntarios a pintar paredes, puertas, molduras, acomodando pisos, limpiando, instalando electrodomésticos, aparatos, y accesorios, y ayudando en cualquier cosa que fuera necesaria. Con comida rica y compañerismo se mantuvo a los trabajadores felices y en su labor.

Muchos comentaron que la planificación, la dedicación, el compromiso, el amor y la labor que hicieron evidente en este proyecto resaltara como un signo de nuestra fe y amor a Dios, que perdurara en las generaciones por venir. Esto se hizo evidente cuando abrimos nuestras puertas y corazones a la comunidad a través de la

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Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones hecha por la Iglesia Católica de Santo Redentor. ¡El tema de este año fue "EL CIELO"--Todo es posible con Dios! ¡No importa donde vayas, quien eres, o que haces--CONFIAN EN DIOS! ¡Y lo hicimos! El programa de EBV tuvo un promedio de 80 niños cada noche y 30 adultos, maestros y voluntarios. El programa de EBV hizo un objetivo de recaudar fondos para la misión, Esperanza de Vida para Mujeres, en su Centro de Recursos en Beaver Dam, Kentucky; esta misión es pro-vida e intenta ayudar a mujeres y familiares proveer y cuidar a sus bebés. La necesidad más grande del centro era pañales. Durante la semana de EBV, los niños recaudaron 696 dólares en cuatro días, que se utilizaron para la compra 2.644 pañales. ¡Sí! ¡Todo es realmente posible con Dios y aquí en la parroquia de Santo Redentor somos testigos de eso!