

Ursuline Sisters celebrate 100th anniversary with Louisville Ursulines

By Dan Heckel

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph celebrated their 100th anniversary as an independent community Oct. 13 with the sisters who gave them their start, their “city cousins” from the east, the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville.

“When I was first told that the city cousins were coming, I said, ‘Are we going to pray in English or in German?’” said the Most Rev. William Medley, bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro, who celebrated Mass with both communities. “We can laugh about that now after 100 years.”

The Ursulines of Louisville came down the Ohio River via flatboat to what is now Maple Mount in 1874 to open Mount Saint Joseph Academy. Over the next 20 years, several of the Academy graduates wanted to join the Ursuline Sisters, but did not want to move to Louisville, where the sisters spoke primarily German. An English-speaking novitiate was opened at Maple Mount in 1895.

When an effort was put in place to close the novitiate at Maple Mount beginning in 1910, the sisters petitioned Rome to become an independent community. That permission was granted on Oct. 12, 1912, creating the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.

To celebrate the Centennial, all of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville were invited to Maple Mount for Mass, lunch and bunco. More than 25 Ursulines from Louisville came, and were surprised when after Communion, they were each embraced with a prayer shawl by an Ursuline of Mount Saint Joseph. Sisters, Ursuline Associates and friends have been working on the shawls all year so that every Ursuline of Louisville could have one. Extra shawls were sent back to Louisville for those sisters who could not attend.

During his homily, Bishop Medley talked about the human need to belong to a community larger than ourselves. “Today we gather under the Ursuline flag,” he said. “The real flag of the Ursuline Sisters is the cross of Jesus Christ.”

He spoke of the children taught by the sisters who carry the Ursuline charism wherever they go. (Bishop Medley was taught by the Ursulines of Mount Saint Joseph in St. Francis, Ky.) In all that they do, Ursuline Sisters are “still renewing the face of the earth,” he said.

Referencing the Gospel reading, Bishop Medley said, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me. Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,” which means ‘To the greater glory of God.’”

“How beautiful you all look,” Sister Sharon Sullivan, congregational leader of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, told the sisters from Louisville. “You have been our mothers, our city cousins, our neighbors, our friends and



Sister Martha Jacob, left, an Ursuline of Louisville, gets last minute instructions from Sister Suzanne Sims of Mount Saint Joseph before carrying the Louisville Ursuline banner during the Mass procession.

our travel agents for the flatboat trip down the Ohio River. Yet we have always been sisters, sharing Saint Angela’s DNA, and sharing the mission of Christ.”

She spoke of the sisters in Louisville planting the saplings in 1874 that gave birth to the community today. “Perhaps it was a painful birth, but what births aren’t?” Sister Sharon said. “We are sending extra prayer shawls home with you to wrap, enfold and support each other in prayer and love.”

The sisters went to the dining room

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St. Joseph Hall is now part of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.

Following a few games of bunco, the sisters from Louisville returned home. The next day, Oct. 14, the Ursulines of Mount Saint Joseph celebrated with Mass and the game “100 Years of Hysteria,” in which sisters were given historical items from the museum and instructed to build a story around them.

The Centennial year continues until Dec. 31, with fasting and prayer service days on Nov. 12 and Dec. 12, and the culmination of Centennial Service Projects that have been ongoing all year.

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Thumbs Up For Lane Is A Unique Expression Of The Communion Of Saints



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

My dear friends,

The communion of saints is the Church. We confess the communion of saints in the Apostles' Creed and we may ask, "What is the Church if not the assembly of all the saints?"

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that since all the faithful form one body, the good of each is communicated to the others. The traditional meaning of the communion of saints reminds us that this holy body includes both those "who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith" and we who continue our pilgrim way on this earth.

November is by tradition the month of special devotion in our Catholic tradition for praying for the dead and intercession of the dead. On November 1st we celebrate the feast of All Saints and

November 2nd the Commemoration of All Souls.

Western Kentucky in recent weeks has been a focal point of what we might call a unique manifestation of the communion of saints. Thirteen year old Lane Goodwin died on October 17, 2012 at his home at Beech Grove in McLean County. In the weeks before his death Lane and his courageous battle with cancer became a celebrated cause on the internet. He shared his struggle and his optimism via Facebook with a notable photo of himself showing a "thumbs up" gesture.

In response Lane received the prayers and good wishes of tens of thousands, including presidential candidates, celebrities, football game crowds and student groups. The photo messages of encouragement came from all around the world with photos of groups returning his "thumbs up" greeting.

All too often we hear of stories of the tragic effects of a generation seemingly addicted to the internet, where young people access pornography or engage in cyber bullying or are distracted from real human relationships.

But a western Kentucky boy managed to rally the world around something positive as masses of people young and old took a keen interest in his health and well-being.

One might now say that the story has a sad ending as Lane has lost his earthly battle. But for believers the passage from this life to eternal life is a happy ending. We read in the Book of Wisdom, "In the view of the foolish he did appear to die, his going forth from us utter destruction." And then the writer reminds, "But he is at peace."

Lane's death is a terrible loss for his family and friends, including his newfound friends around the globe. But he is still a part of us, a part of the communion of saints. Let us celebrate Thanksgiving and pray that this loss can remind us all that the internet can bring the world together in compassion and care and prayer.



High School students from Owensboro and Daviess County held Thumbs Up for Lane Goodwin during a Leadership Conference Sept. 21, 2012. Bev Howard Photo



The Brescia University has been praying and sends this Thumbs Up for Lane Goodwin. Photo by Brescia University PR Department

The month of November is traditionally one where Catholics observe the devotion of praying for the dead, accentuating that communion that we believe that we share.

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May God Bless You All.

Yours in Christ,

+William F. Medley

+Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar for November 2012:

- 1 10:35 a.m. OCHS School Mass, Owensboro
2:00 p.m. Mass, Veterans Center, Hanson, KY
- 3 9:00 a.m. Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting, CPC
4:00 p.m. Mass, Blessed Mother Parish, Gideon Productions Mass
- 4 10:30 a.m. Confirmation, St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm
- 6 9:00 a.m. Staff Mass and Meeting, CPC
2:00 p.m. Mid-South Leadership Conference, Lake Barkley
- 7 10:30 a.m. Mass, conclusion of Mid-South Leadership Conference, Lake Barkley
5:30 p.m. Confirmation, St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove
- 8 9:00 a.m. School Mass, Owensboro Catholic Middle School, Owensboro
- 10-15 USCCB Conference/Meeting, Baltimore
- 16-17 ODYC, Bowling Green, Sloan Convention Center
- 18 3:00 p.m. Blessing of New Altar and Dedication of Renovated Church,
St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
- 19 9:30 p.m. Priests' Personnel Board Meeting, CPC
- 20 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Presbyteral Day, CPC
- 21 8:30 a.m. Finance Council Meeting, CPC
- 22 8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass, St. Stephen Cathedral
- 24 5:30 p.m. Will Thompson, Admission to Candidacy, St. Stephen Parish, Cadiz
- 25 10:30 a.m. Emmanuel Udoh, Admission to Candidacy, Precious Blood Parish
- 26-28 Priests' Council Provincial Meeting, Lexington

75th Jubilee Celebration

Saturday, December 8, 2012

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
11 a.m. at the Owensboro Sportscenter

Celebration immediately following at the RiverPark Center

Lunch and refreshments

Performances by

Grammy®-nominated songwriter Sarah Hart

Josh Blakesley

King's Highway Bluegrass Band

Youth activities

Free tours of the International Bluegrass Music Museum

Open house at St. Stephen Cathedral



Join us **Saturday, December 8, 2012** for a day of worship and fellowship.

The Diocese of Owensboro celebrates its **75th Jubilee** with **Holy Mass** at the Owensboro Sportscenter at 11 a.m.

Immediately following Mass, join us at the RiverPark Center for a nourishing lunch, fun activities for youth, and performances by **King's Highway Bluegrass Band**, **Josh Blakesley**, and Grammy®-nominated songwriter **Sarah Hart**.

Enjoy a free tour of the **International Bluegrass Music Museum** and nearby Smothers Park.

In addition, the newly renovated **St. Stephen Cathedral** will host an open house.



Prayer For The Year Of Jubilee

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

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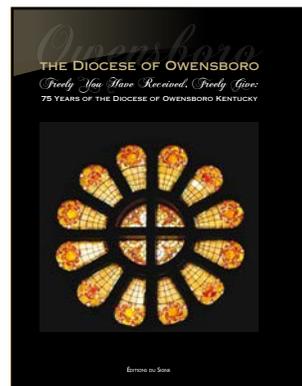
Diocese Announces Publication of Diocesan History Book

As a part of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Owensboro, a new history book, *Freely You Have Received, Freely Give: 75 Years of the Diocese of Owensboro*, is being published by Editions du Signe. The title is taken from the Gospel of Matthew 10:8, Jesus' words reminding us that all we have are gifts from God and we are to share those gifts with others. Catholics had lived in Kentucky for more than one hundred years before the diocese was founded and we are to carry on with the treasure we have been given and are to share that treasure with others.

Freely You Have Received, Freely Give is divided into two sections. The first half chronicles the establishment of the Catholic Church in Western Kentucky in the early 19th century and the founding of the Diocese of Owensboro in 1937. Moving through the decades, the diocese continued to grow in its parish life, Catholic institutions, and education. The book concludes with an interview with Bishop William Medley concerning his appointment as the fourth bishop of the diocese and what he sees as he looks towards the future. Told in a chronological narrative, the book includes side sections that highlight a variety of aspects of our diocese, including religious communities who have lived and served here, cemeteries, bishop seals, parish picnics, among many others.

The second half of the book has one page dedicated to each parish. A brief history of the church is given and information concerning their patron saint. Included are beautiful, color photographs of the interior and exterior of the churches as well as images of parish life.

Freely You Have Received, Freely Give has been beautifully designed by Editions du Signe and includes a wide array of historic photographs and documents to provide a visual perspective to our history. The books are scheduled to be sent to the parishes by early December. Those interested in obtaining a copy are to contact their parish.



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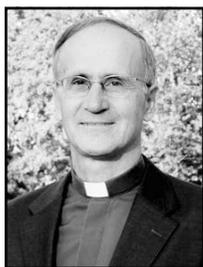
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Vatican II After Fifty Years: Dialogue and Catholic Identity

By Father Tom Ryan



Dialogue and Catholic identity was at the heart of Georgetown University's October 11-12 conference celebrating Vatican II After Fifty Years.

"Only in the mid-20th century did dialogue emerge as an acceptable form of religious discourse," said Fr. Joseph O'Malley, SJ, in his keynote address. "After World War II, the cultural imperialism of Western nations was at an end. Christian missionaries realized they had to divest themselves of their cultural prejudices. Religious pluralism had become a fact of life. People

rubbed elbows with Jews and Muslims on a daily basis. Was it really true that there was no salvation outside the church?"

O'Malley, the author of *What Happened at Vatican II*, observed how in the Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), the style avoided words of alienation and condemnation. The church was developing a new language: friendship, brotherhood, sisterhood, conscience, the dignity of every person, collegiality, reconciliation, and mutuality. "Dialogue is the word that captures their spirit. Vatican II represents a language reversal—from monologue to dialogue—in the history of the church," he said.

In "The Church in the Modern World" (*Gaudium et Spes*), O'Malley observed, the church's relation with the world is described as a dialogue—a cultural dialogue on a mega scale. "But dialogue does not exhaust the meaning of the Council. Dialogue and proclamation must be taken together. The church's inclusion of dialogue, however, signals a significant shift in mindset—from threats to persuasion, from exclusion to inclusion, from suspicion to trust, from intransigence to seeking common ground, from alienation to recognition, from monologue to dialogue."

Catholic and Irrevocably Ecumenical

Another of the speakers, Dr. Catherine Clifford of St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario, reminded listeners in her talk "Catholic and Irrevocably Ecumenical" that unity belongs to the very identity of Christ's Church, and that the Council calls every member of the Roman Catholic Church to work and pray for restoration of full unity among the followers of Jesus. Pope John XXIII considered unity the ultimate aim of the Council.

Dr. Clifford described the language of the Council as a subtle shift away from the narrow and exclusive identification of the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of Christ. "The experience of dialogue," she reflected, "gives rise to a deeper understanding of the one church, as well as of each particular church's contribution to it with its own unique spirituality, theological emphases and practices."

She noted how the French priest Paul Couturier, who in the 1930s helped shape the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, invited Christians to pray together rather than for each other's conversion. He invited people to pray for unity "as Christ wills it and when he wills it." Couturier's vision was not centered on Catholicism or a single confessional church, but on Christ so that each of the churches would become more fully "church".

And in its Decree on Ecumenism, the Catholic church acknowledged that the church of Christ, while it continues to exist in the Catholic church, extends beyond the boundaries of the Catholic communion. There was a shift from an "ecumenism of return" to an "ecumenism of recognition."

On the topic of dialogue and ecclesial identity, Clifford observed how, when Paul VI succeeded John XXIII, he brought a heightened consciousness that the identity of the church must include the dissonance between the church's self-identity and its identity in the eyes of the world in its divided state.

"Ecclesial identity is not a fixed reality," said Clifford, "but a dynamic reality." As developed in his 1964 encyclical *Ecclesiam Suam*, Paul VI saw the church's dialogue with the modern world as critical if the church is to fulfill its mission. It can't be indifferent to the world, but must come closer to it. Dialogue is to become the fundamental disposition that underpins every aspect of the church's life and mission. "There's scarcely a page in the Council documents in which 'dialogue' does not appear."



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013



Respond Wholeheartedly To Pope Benedict XVI's Invitation To Open The Door of Faith

Dear Brother Knights,

In the October issue of the *Word Among Us* there is an article entitled, "Passing Through the Door of Faith with Pope Benedict XVI." The article points out that fifty years ago on October 11, 1962, Blessed John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council. He did it because he believed the Holy Spirit wanted the Church to open its doors to the world. He decided that the time had come for the Church to speak directly to the modern world, offering it the gospel message of hope and peace.

What changes have taken place since, then? The celebrant faces the people, the Mass is celebrated in the language of each nation, laity actively participate in the Mass and are involved in ministry in the parish, and every three years there is a World Youth Day. The successors of Blessed John XXIII have taken up the call of the Second Vatican Council in different ways. Pope Paul VI declared a Year of Faith in 1967 to commemorate the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul. Blessed John Paul II dedicated 1987 a Marian Year. He declared 2004 the Year of the Holy Eucharist. Pope Benedict XVI declared 2008 the Year of St. Paul and 2009 the Year of the Priests. Each of these years drew inspiration and direction from the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. They were seen as ways to shed further light on the Second Vatican Council documents and practical ways to live them out.

Pope Benedict XVI issued an Apostolic Letter entitled *Porta Fidei*, The Door of Faith, in which he declared October 11, 2012 through November 24, 2013 a Year of Faith. In the Apostolic Letter Pope Benedict XVI encourages us to focus on the content of our faith and to act on our faith. The resources for the Year of Faith are: The documents of the Second Vatican Council (1014 pages), The Catechism of the Catholic Church (688 pages), the Bible (420 pages) and the *Word Among Us* (170 pages). The pages total 2292 divided by 378 days equal 6.06 pages of reading per day or fifteen minutes of forgoing TV programs each day. My Brother Knights, let us pray that God give us the grace to respond, wholeheartedly, to Pope Benedict XVI's invitation. If we do it, we will be well prepared to witness to the world in the Twenty-First Century the Good News of our salvation in Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Frank Roof, Chaplain, a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro

It is to be a hallmark of the church's relations both within and beyond the church. Clifford noted that "Vatican II embraced this principle of dialogue in its Decree on Religious Liberty which affirms the right of every person to follow the dictates of conscience, while also requiring us to seek the truth. Dialogue is a common search for the truth."

The exchange involved in dialogue reveals the inner nature of the church which reflects God's dialogue with the world. "The Church is called to be a sacrament, a sign of unity for the whole human community. We have to live that not only among ourselves within our own church but amongst all churches," she said.

"We would do a great disservice to seminarians today if we did not prepare them to be agents of dialogue," said Dr. Clifford. A deep commitment to ecumenism must inspire them to work for the ongoing renewal of the Catholic church. They must become themselves instruments of dialogue and reconciliation. The way we live together and love one another is the only effective way we have to 'be church' today, to proclaim the gospel."

Thomas Ryan, CSP, directs the Paulist Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations in Washington, DC.

Blessed Mother, Owensboro



The boundaries for Blessed Mother Church were defined on April 3, 1948. On Saturday, July 24 Bishop Francis R. Cotton blessed the church building and Fr. William Byrne Jarboe was installed as the first Pastor. The first Sunday Mass was celebrated the following day. On December 7, Blessed Mother School opened its doors to 299 students in grades K-8, led by Sister Callista Langan, the school's first Principal and six Ursuline Sisters who formed the first faculty.



St. Stephen, pray for us.

In February of 1958, Fr. John C. Halahan became the first Associate Pastor of Blessed Mother. In 1965, Fr. Richard Payne Clements became the second Pastor of the parish. In 1968, church renovations incorporated the school cafeteria, giving Blessed Mother the longest church aisle in the city. On July 22, 1973, Blessed Mother Parish celebrated its silver jubilee, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Henry J. Soenneker.

In 1983, Fr. Charles G. Fischer became the third Pastor of Blessed Mother. In the fall of the following year, the RENEW program began. On June 13, 1989 Fr. Charles Philip Riney became the fourth Pastor of Blessed Mother. On July 1, 1989, Blessed Mother School became a part of the new Owensboro Catholic Consolidated School System and was renamed St. Angela Merici School (it is now called the Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Campus).

In 1991, planning and fundraising began for the construction of a new church building. The first Mass in the new building (the one we have today) was celebrated on Christmas Eve, 1993. The formal re-dedication of the church was held on January 23, 1994. In 1998, Fr. Freddie Byrd became the fifth Pastor of Blessed Mother. On June 7 of that year, the parish celebrated its 50th anniversary.

On August 15, 2002, the new Holy Family Life Center was dedicated, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop John J. McRaith. On June 10, 2008, Fr. John Meredith became the sixth and current Pastor of Blessed Mother.

Blessed Mother Parish
601 East 23rd Street, Owensboro, KY
42303 270-683-8444
<http://www.blessedmotherchurch.com/>
Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 5:30 p.m.



Blessed Sacrament is the first Black Catholic Church in the Diocese of Owensboro. In 1940, Fr. Robert Connor, assigned by Bishop Cotton to evangelize in the Black Community, aided by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, established the Catholic Colored School. In 1946, the property at 7th and Sycamore was purchased and named Blessed Sacrament School which was a center of education, and evangelization in the black community.

Black Catholics who had attended Mass seated in the choir loft of St. Stephen Cathedral worshiped in the school chapel until the erection of the Church at 602 Sycamore St in 1948. Blessed Sacrament Church provided full sacramental and liturgical ministry to its parishioners until its closure in 1966. Many parishioners did not integrate into other parishes as expected, but left the Church.

The church was reopened in 1976 as the Fr. Connor Center, offering Sunday mass and community outreach. In the late 80's the parish with the support of St Stephen Cathedral began to evangelize again in the black community. Today served by pastor, Fr. John Vaughan, Associate Pastor, Fr. Brandon Williams and Pastoral Associate, Veronica Wilhite. Blessed Sacrament is a culturally diverse parish with an Afro centric focus where everyone is welcome.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel
602 Sycamore Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 270-926-4741
http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=88
Mass Schedule Sunday: 10 a.m.

They Will Know We Are Christian:

"Master teach us how to pray" the apostles asked. And in a sense Jesus answered them two times. First was when he taught us the Our Father. The second time was his last prayer before his arrest in the garden. Jesus prayed that His Church wouldn't be divided. Christian unity isn't a modern invention, it's the prayer of the Son of God and we need to follow His example. This too is how we are to pray. "That they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be one is us." (John 17:21).

- Fr. Tony Bickett. St. Romuald Church

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Celebrating 75 Years Of Parish Life In Western Kentucky

Holy Trinity, Morgantown

In the summer of 1942 two Glenmary Home Missioners, Fathers Raphael Sourd and Clement Borchers, set up a mission tent in the middle of the town and began to preach to the people. This groundbreaking evangelization led to the establishment of a Catholic Church in Butler County. Two years later property was purchased for the church and rectory. With the small Catholic population in Butler County, parish numbers were modest but grew slowly. Plans were started for the construction of a church, which was completed in 1964. The rectory and parish hall were built by the Glenmary Brothers Building Crew, as well as the assistance of the parishioners.

The parish has been served by many religious sisters, including Glenmary Sisters, Sisters of Notre Dame, Franciscan



Sisters, and a Sister of St. Francis. Holy Trinity Parish is grateful for the example and sacrifices of its predecessors and looks forward to a blessed future.

Holy Trinity Parish
766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261
http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=96 270-526-3723

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 11:15 a.m. - English; 12:30 p.m. - Spanish

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

The first known Catholic to settle in Dawson Springs was in 1896. Catholics had to travel to Earlington for Mass when the trip was possible. In 1922 the U.S. Veterans Hospital was dedicated, only three miles from Dawson Springs. Local Catholics were able to receive the sacraments along with the patients and staff of the hospital.

In late 1968 Bishop Soenneker selected a site for building a Catholic Church, which was soon completed. The congregation was small, but it was a great gift to the community for there to be established a local Catholic Church. The interior was renovated in 1982, including the addition of stained glass windows.



Resurrection Parish continues to be of modest size, but its parishioners continue to live the Gospel in Dawson Springs and the surrounding area.

Resurrection Parish
530 Industrial Parkway
Dawson Springs, KY 42408
http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=103
270-797-8665

Mass Schedule Sunday: 10 a.m.

A Prayer For All Souls

They Are In Peace

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

Please remember my departed loved ones.

But they are in peace.

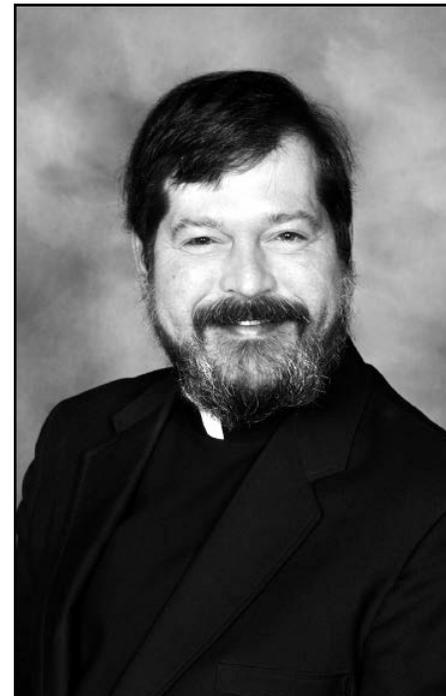
---Wisdom 3:1-3

Heavenly Father,

Diminish our grief and strengthen the joy of our memories of dearly departed loved ones.

Welcome them into your kingdom as we welcomed them into our hearts.

We are eternally grateful to you, O Lord, for blessing us with their joyful presence in our lives. We find solace in knowing they dwell eternally in your embrace. Amen.



Father Martin E. Hayes

In Your Charity, Please Pray For The Repose Of The Soul Of Father Marty Hayes

Reverend Martin E. Hayes, 53 died suddenly on July 10, 2012 at St. Martins Church Rectory. Preceded in death by his father Thomas Hayes and a brother Tom Hayes. He is survived by his Mother- Patricia Kern Hayes, four brothers: Bernie and Pam Hayes, Hartford; Hilary Hayes, Smithfield; David and Helen Hayes, Cloverport; and Stanley and Michelle Hayes, New Haven, Ky. Four sisters: Ruth and Ron Willes, Lexington, North Carolina; Mary and Jeff Blanton, New Albany, Indiana; Emily and Jim McCarty, Louisville; and Margaret and Ken Annunziata, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Fr. Hayes attended St. Thomas College in St. Paul, MN, St Pius X, Seminary, Erlanger, and Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg MD. He was ordained by Bishop John McRaith on June 2, 1984.

Fr. Hayes was a State Friar of the Knights of the Knights of Columbus

Father Hayes has been Associate Pastor at Blessed Mother Parish, Sts Joseph and Paul Parishes in Owensboro, Pastor at St. Edward, Fulton, Sacred Heart, Hickman, St. Jude, Clinton, St. William and St. Lawrence, Knottsville, St. Paul, Leitchfield, St. Elizabeth's, Clarkson and St. Martin Parish, Rome, Ky.

Father Marty's funeral was at St. Rose Church on July 14. Just as the pall bearers were bringing Father Marty out of the church to the hearse, the skies opened up and rain came quickly across the Ohio River near St. Rose Church in Cloverport. People weren't in a big hurry to get in out of the rain though. The past few summer months had been a long dry spell; most of western Kentucky was in the throes of a drought. Many of the people coming outside of the church into the rain to go with Father Marty's family to his burial at St. Rose Calvary Cemetery felt some of their grief being slowly washed in the rain. Many leaving St. Rose Church that day prayed a traditional prayer heard on a rainy day at Catholic funerals, "Happy is the soul of the person on whom the rain falls."

Editor's Note: Let me apologize to the family of Father Marty Hayes, his brother priests, and many friends for not getting an obituary into the Western Kentucky Catholic sooner.



St. Stephen, pray for us.



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St. Charles Borromeo, Livermore



Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Rosary Chapel was established in 1947 by Rev. Albert Thompson, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church – the only Catholic Church in Paducah at the time. Because of the custom of segregation prevailing, Fr. Thompson felt that Black Catholics had no sense of identity at St. Francis and needed a Church of their own. The members of Rosary Chapel cooperated in building Rosary by contributing time and labor to help renovate the first buildings. Initially, the property consisted of three small houses. Spring of 1947 one house converted into a chapel and September of 1947 the school opened. Fr. Richard Wersing, C.S.S.P. a missionary, was the first pastor and worked hard with the Black Community convincing them to attend school at Rosary. Two Ursuline sisters from Maple Mount, Kentucky, took charge of that school. Many members living today remember walking miles carrying brick, cement, mortar and other materials to reconstruct the existing buildings. The church community at Rosary began to grow.

The modern, A-frame church was built under the direction of Fr. Phillip Riney. This was dedicated by Bishop Frances R. Cotton in 1953 as Rosary Chapel. In the 1960's the schools at Rosary Chapel were closed due to lack of students and

the school building was leased for other purposes. In 1976, during Fr. Harold Diller's, C.P.P.S., time at Rosary and with his style of evangelization to the Black Community - Rosary welcomed many adult converts to the faith. Rosary Chapel is a multicultural Parish, with a particular mission to the African Americans. Rosary continues to be a warm and hospitable community of people who strive to carry out the mission of Jesus in this Paducah community. Rosary Chapel seeks to build and maintain our family through the sharing of the Good News to all people, today and tomorrow.

Rosary Chapel
711 Ohio Street, Paducah, KY 42002
270-444-6383

http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=104

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

“Different Forms of Prayer” theme of Nov. 10-11 Women’s Retreat

"Experiencing God Through Different Forms of Prayer" is a women's retreat that will take place the weekend of Nov. 10-11 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. This fall retreat weekend provides an opportunity for women to relax and enjoy spiritual growth in the peaceful surroundings of Mount Saint Joseph. Give yourself the gift of a quiet, prayerful atmosphere while attending an inspiring retreat, and learn how to deepen your spiritual life through prayer. The retreat director is Sister Ann McGrew, OSU. The event begins at 9 a.m. Satur-

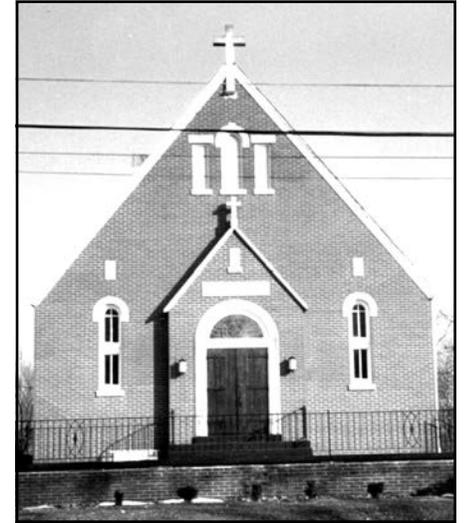
day and ends after lunch on Sunday. The fee is \$125 (includes retreat, meals, one overnight stay) or \$80 for commuters. For scholarship information contact Sister Ann at 270-229-0200. Please register with Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org.

Retreat Center Director Sister Ann McGrew, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, is a spiritual director and retreat director. Sister Ann has been a member of the coordinating team for the Spiritual Direction Training Program at Mount Saint Joseph since its inception in 2004.

In 1915 a frame church edifice was purchased from the Presbyterian Church by a family and presented as a gift to the church. It was named in honor of St. Charles Borromeo. The church was dedicated on June 21, 1917 by Rev. Aloysius G. Meyering. With still only eleven Catholics Mass was only said at the church on alternate Sunday's. Later in 1935 it became a mission church of St. Joseph in Central City.

In 1917 St. Charles Cemetery was established, located adjacent to the Oak Hill Cemetery in Livermore. Early in 1919 St. Charles Parochial School opened with twenty students and operated until 1925 under the Ursuline sisters. The school closed in 1925 due to falling enrollment.

In 1941 a new church was planned. Due to building restrictions necessitated by WWII it could not be built at that time. On October 20, 1947 the new St. Charles Borromeo Church was dedicated by the Most Reverend Francis R. Cotton. On November 4, 2010, the feast day of St. Charles Borromeo, a new Parish Hall was



dedicated.

St. Charles Parish
506 Hill Street, Livermore, KY 42352
<http://ccofmc.squarespace.com/stchas/>
270-273-3185

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10 a.m.

Bishop William Francis Medley
and the **Parish Community of St. Stephen Cathedral**
warmly welcome you to join us in this Jubilee Year for the

*Dedication of the Altar &
Blessing of the Renovated Cathedral*

*on Sunday the eighteenth of November,
two thousand twelve at three o'clock in the afternoon*

St. Stephen Cathedral • 610 Locust Street • Owensboro, Kentucky

Reception to follow at the Owensboro Sportscenter



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St. Stephen, pray for us.

St. Edward, Fulton

Catholicism can be traced to the late 19th century in Fulton. Mass was offered periodically in the home of John Weis by priests traveling from Paducah. While traveling from Mayfield to Hickman, Father P.J. McNeil was at a train stop in Fulton and approached by a stranger who happened to be non-Catholic and who suggested a Catholic Church be established in Fulton. Over the next several weeks Mass began to be celebrated at various homes and office buildings. In 1931 land was purchased for the construction of a church. The new St. Edward Church was dedicated on April 2, 1933 by

A New Deacon

By Rich Logsdon

On Saturday, Sept. 15 a new Permanent Deacon was ordained on the Owensboro Diocese as Mr. Randy Potempa of Benton accepted this ministry at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Bowling Green with Bishop William Medley presiding.

According to Deacon Randy, becoming a Deacon is a religious calling he had thought about for some time. He said he had tremendous support from his family, particularly wife Peggy, because the journey to becoming a Deacon was not an easy one. It took five years of study, four years at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Hopkinsville and one year at Christ The King Catholic Church in Madisonville. The curriculum included extensive study of the bible and many forms of theology.

A Permanent Deacon is what the name implies, a Deacon for life. A person who accepts this calling is able to perform marriages, baptisms, burials, and many other duties to help the parish priest and parish itself to which he is assigned. He, of course, cannot celebrate mass.

On Sunday, Sept. 16 a reception for the new Permanent Deacon was held in the parish hall at St. Henry Catholic Church

Celebrating 75 Years Of Parish Life In Western Kentucky St. Thomas More, Paducah



Bishop John Floersh. Father Harold Luckett was appointed the first pastor. A parochial school was opened in 1947 by the Dominican Sisters and closed in 1961.

St. Edward has been the home of many missionary priests who have served the diocese. In recent years they have been served by priests from Heralds of Good News, India.

St. Edward Parish
504 Eddings Street, Fulton, KY 42041
http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=123
270-472-2742

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.



Deacon Randy Potempa with Father Babu Kulathumkal Joseph, HGN. Submitted photo

in Aurora. Approximately 70 friends, family and parishioners attended and all offered their warm congratulations to Deacon Potempa, as well as gifts and cards for him. Among the gifts were four Deacon stoles in four different colors.

Many thanks go to event organizer Myra Fassett and her committee. The food was outstanding, topped off by a huge congratulatory cake. Good luck Randy and may the Holy Spirit be with you in your special ministry.

In 1943 the Most Reverend Francis R. Cotton named Rev. Charles Carrico pastor of a new community called St. Thomas More and planning was begun for the new buildings: school, convent, and temporary church. Because of World War II building materials were not readily available so the structures on Buckner Lane were not completed until 1948.

Bishop Cotton blessed the temporary church structure, which was intended to be an auditorium/gymnasium for the school after the church was built. The grade school, staffed by Ursuline Sisters was a vibrant part of parish life until the 1980s. For the next forty-eight years the “temporary” worship space was used as a church.

In 1990, under the tenth pastor, Rev. Jerry Riney, with the approval of the Most Rev. John J. McRaith, St. Thomas More Parish built a beautiful contemporary church on Blandville Road that was dedicated November 3, 1996. In 2000 the second phase was completed with the dedication of the Parish Hall and Administrative Wing.

Rev. J. Patrick Reynolds, Vicar General of the Diocese of Owensboro



and the twelfth pastor of St. Thomas More, with permission from the Most Rev. William Medley, built the daily/Eucharistic chapel dedicated June 23, 2012. It stands as a lasting symbol of our parish’s commitment to be strengthened through the Eucharist to promote the Gospel values of our faith.

St. Thomas More Parish
5645 Blandville Road Paducah, KY 42001-8722
<http://www.stmore.org/>
270-534-9000

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:00 p.m. Spanish

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights urges General Assembly, Gov. Beshear to repeal death penalty

On Wednesday, October 17, 2012, the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights—the state authority that enforces the Kentucky and United States Civil Rights acts—passed a resolution opposing death penalty. From Kentucky.gov:

At the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Board of Commissioners meeting held in Lexington, Ky., the Commission urged the Kentucky General Assembly to repeal the law that allows the use of the death penalty in murder convictions. The Commission urged Gov. Steven Beshear to sign any such law brought before him by the General Assembly that abolishes the death penalty in Kentucky.

The Commission Board October 17 then unanimously passed a resolution opposing the death penalty. It will be submitted to Gov. Steve Beshear and to each member of the Kentucky General Assembly.

As of April 1, Kentucky had 35 inmates on death row. Kentucky last executed an inmate in 2008. This resolution by the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights calling on the state to abolish its broken death penalty has received a lot of media coverage. Thirteen media outlets with marketing areas in Kentucky covered this story within a few days after it was announced by the Commission.

Source: October 23, 2012 Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty release about Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Resolution of October 17, 2012, Opposing the Death Penalty found at <http://kcadp.org/2012/10/19/kentucky-commission-on-human-rights-urges-general-assembly-gov-beshear-to-repeal-death-penalty-gob/>

We Planned on Resting

By Deacon Bill Grant

My wife Debbie and I had said that after Ordination we planned on resting for a whole week to recharge our batteries. Now as that first week has passed, and I look back, I am reminded of that old saying: "Man plans and God laughs." If not laughed, I believe that God may have grinned. Our week started on Sept. 14, Friday evening with Evening Prayer at Holy Spirit, followed by fellowship with out-of-town family and friends at the motel.

Saturday, September 15 began as we prayed Morning Prayer. The 10:00 a.m. Diaconate Ordination at Holy Spirit was followed by a reception at Holy Spirit, then back to Grayson County where we prayed with Evening Prayer. At 5:00 p.m. I assisted at Mass as a deacon, for the first time, and preached at St. Augustine. That was followed by a reception and dinner in the Parish Hall. The evening rounded out as family and friends arrive unexpectedly at our home for fellowship.

On Sunday, September 16 at 6:15 a.m. I received a call from new fellow deacon as he was travelling to his first Mass, to assist, as a deacon. We prayed Morning Prayer. Then I assisted at the 8:00 a.m. Mass and preached at St. Anthony, Peonia. We shared a breakfast reception in the Parish Hall. I also assisted at the 10:00 a.m. Mass and preached at St. Benedict, Wax. A lunch and reception followed in the Parish Hall. We spent this afternoon visiting and then said goodbye to our children who were from out-of-town. We prayed Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. and then retired for the evening, totally exhausted.

Monday, September 17, opened as we prayed Morning Prayer and we took a rest break until Evening Prayer. On Tuesday, September 18, I received a 6:30 a.m. call from a parishioner requesting prayer for her daughter and niece. Then we prayed Morning Prayer. At 1:00 p.m. I received a call with intentions to add to our parish prayer chain. We prayed Evening Prayer, and then went to the 6:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education at St. Anthony. At 7:00 p.m. we were at the R.C.I.A. kickoff at St. Joseph, Leitchfield.

On Wednesday, September 19, we shared Communal Morning Prayer at St. Augustine, and I assisted at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine, and later at 10:00 a.m., I assisted at Mass at Springdale Nursing home for residents. Then we made the 11:00 a.m. Monthly Senior Citizens Luncheon at St. Anthony, followed by the Weekly Scripture Study at St. Anthony, and ended the day with Evening Prayer.

On Thursday, September 20, we prayed



Deacon Bill Grant and his wife, Debbie

Morning Prayer, and I assisted at the 9:00 a.m. Mass and preached at St. Benedict. At 1:00 p.m. I received a call with intentions to add to our parish prayer chain. We prayed Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. this day.

On Friday, September 21, we prayed Morning Prayer. I assisted at Mass and preached at St. Anthony. Coffee and fellowship followed in the Parish Hall. I then had time to do a little administrative work in the Parish Office, followed by lunch with a new fellow deacon in Hardinsburg. At 2:00 p.m. I met with the secretary at neighboring parish concerning the possibility that they may need ministerial help next week. (Pastor's mother is in critical condition.) I then visited parishioner in the hospital and then brought Communion and made home visits to shut-ins. At 7:00 p.m. I received call from the Pastor saying that one parishioner had died this afternoon and another was killed in an auto accident – arrangements pending. At 7:30 p.m., I received a call with intentions to add to our parish prayer chain. At 8:00 p.m. we prayed Evening Prayer.

My week that began at 08:00 PM one Friday, with Evening Prayer, ended at 08:00 the next Friday, also with Evening Prayer. The one thing that Debbie and I failed to do this week was to consciously rest. So much for our plan; I am sure God grinned, just a little. Despite all that occurred this week, somewhere along the way, my batteries were recharged. I am not sure exactly when it happened but I am sure Who did the recharging. It was the Holy Spirit giving us the graces we need for ministry. I am not sure what the next week or the next year of my ministry will bring. But I do know two things: it will be an active ministry and a blessed ministry. I just need to let God be in charge and do my planning for me.

Please keep us in your prayers.



Deacon Bil Grant At St. Augustine Church, assisting at Mass. Below, Deacon Bill assisting at Mass at St. Benedict Sept. 30, 2012.



Dear St. Augustine, St. Anthony, and St. Benedict Parishioners,

How can we adequately say “Thank you” to family and friends for all their prayers and support? When Debbie and I arrived in Grayson County, some four years ago, we were strangers in a strange land; moving from Alabama to an area where we had some relatives, but knew few others. It is not always easy to uproot yourselves and follow what you believe to be God’s call. That all changed very quickly. We have never felt as welcome in any parish community. You accepted us beyond our wildest dreams.

Your prayers, support, and encouragement made it possible for us to get through our five+ year journey to the Diaconate. Never once did we feel that we were walking that road alone. This was never more evident, when one hour before the Ordination at Holy Spirit Catholic Church; the only section of the church that was fully occupied was the “Grant” section and it was full. You all are the talk of the Diocese!

After the Ordination we were notified that we have been assigned to the Tri-Parish Catholic Community. This had been in some doubt and had caused some anxiety for a few weeks before Ordination. I know that I should have just trusted in God but I can sometimes be stubborn. With this assignment, Debbie and I feel like we have died and gone to heaven.

A Permanent Deacon is to be the servant of God and His people. I am not here to replace Father Brian. No one in this world could replace him. I am here to assist Father Brian and to try to lighten his load, whenever possible. I am not here to replace the lay ministers of our parishes. I am here to energize the laity to a fuller, more vibrant ministry. I will be assisting at Mass, administering the Sacraments, preaching, teaching, counseling, and performing outreach to those in our county that are in need. Again, on behalf of Debbie and myself, thank you. Continue to keep us in your prayers – we need them now more than ever. Please allow me to be your servant.

- Deacon Bill and Debbie Grant



Conversations observed at the Diaconate Ordination at Holy Spirit Church, Sept. 15, 2012

By Deacon Bill Grant

“The Holy Spirit has not been, as present anywhere as He was here today, since the original Pentecost.”

“If you couldn’t feel the Holy Spirit, here today, you must be dead.”

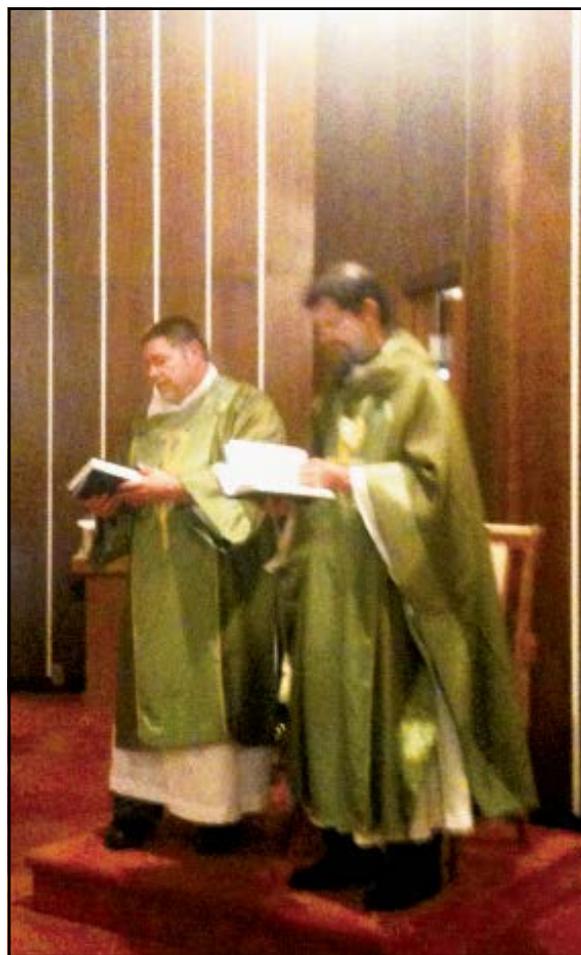
“Our Diocese will need to change the name of the September 15 Feast Day from Our Lady of Sorrows to Our Lady of Joy.”

“The name Jubilee Deacons will be as much a part of our Diocesan vocabulary as the holy ‘Forty Martyrs’ (*Ed. Note: Forty Martyrs is how the first priests assigned to the Diocese of Owensboro spoke of themselves being so far from their homes in the Louisville Diocese.*) some 75 years ago.”

“Bishop Medley said that you can perform Christian funerals. I am Methodist and a Christian. Will you perform my funeral when I die?”

One of the deacon wives made a comment to Father John Thomas after the Ordination. Wife: “So you children have grown up and left the nest?” Father John: “Don’t get me started?”

One hour before the Ordination Mass, the entire “Grant” section was full in the Church. They were almost the only people in the Church. A priest walked down



Photos by Carla Grant at St. Benedict Church, Wax, on September 16, 2012.

the aisle and asked, “Who are you here with?” The group replied, “Bill Grant.” The priest said: “Well, the Grayson County contingent is here, I will tell Bishop Medley we can start the Ordination.”



Deacon Bill reading the Gospel Sept 30, 2012 at St Benedict Church. St. Benedict Church photo



By Tami Urcia

After five long years of preparation, the day finally dawned for 18 men who had made a commitment of service to God and Church. The Diocese of Owensboro, in the midst of its 75th Anniversary Jubilee year, was pleased to celebrate the ordination of these men to the Permanent Diaconate.

Early on September 15th, Holy Spirit Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky began to fill, both with a spirit of joy and anticipation and with family and friends of the Deacon Candidates. The choir warmed up, the instruments tuned and the soon-to-be-ordained waited nervously for the minutes to tick by. One hour before the Ordination Mass, the entire "Grant" section was full in the Church. They were almost the only people in the Church. A priest walked down the aisle and asked, "Who are you here with?" The group replied, "Bill Grant." The priest said: "Well, the Grayson County contingent is here, I will tell Bishop Medley we can start the Ordination." Finally, the liturgy began and the priests, deacons, Bishop William Medley, Bishop Emeritus John McRaith and the 18 who would no longer be laymen processed toward the altar.

Each candidate brought to the Eucharistic banquet the journey of their own lives. They had not entered seminary right after high school, nor were they being ordained before their 30th birthday. They had not made a promise of celibacy. Instead, they brought with them wives and children and grandchildren along with their desire to work in God's vineyard. Somewhere during their 40 or 50 or 60+ years, they had felt the call to ordained

ministry in the Church and had come now to follow that call.

The ordination marks a significant milestone for the Diocese of Owensboro, since these are the first Permanent Deacons ordained in its 75 year history. Bishop Emeritus John McRaith, retired since January of 2009, called upon Fr. John Thomas in 2006 to serve as Director of Permanent Diaconate and begin a formation program. "I could only think that I should have made the decision sooner," McRaith stated. As the program progressed he saw how excited the candidates were about all that they were learning and how anxious they were to join in the ministry of the Church. "I was touched by their generosity and the generosity of the wives to give so much time to becoming a Deacon." Now that they are ordained, he hopes that they will be on the front lines of reaching out to the poor, have a special role in the mission of Evangelization and be of great assistance to overworked Pastors. "These new Deacons will write a new chapter in the history of Diocese of Owensboro," he said.

Sixty men came to the first informal session on January 27, 2007 and many continued to meet informally for a year. Of those interested in continual discernment, twenty-two were accepted for the Aspirancy year and in the end eighteen were ordained. Fr. John Thomas commented on what a blessing and an inspiration it was to see so many men interested in this vocation. "It's beautiful to see the Spirit work like that," he stated. He describes his work with the program as a process of "taking ugly ducklings and seeing them

grow into graceful swans." During the first session most of them have a "deer in headlights" look and by the end they are spiritually, emotionally and academically prepared for work in ordained ministry. It is a difficult process for many because of family and work demands, and personal

At left, The 18 newly ordained lie prostrate as the congregation invokes the intercession of many who have gone before us during the Litany of the Saints. Mel Howard photo

questions about worthiness and capability. But Fr. John has the privilege of seeing them all grow through it. On ordination day, when he was asked to testify on their behalf, he expressed how powerful it was to declare "Yes, they have been found worthy." He also commented on the beauty of seeing other deacons from the Archdiocese of Louisville and those already serving in the Owensboro Diocese. "They now form a community of Permanent Deacons."

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The Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Owensboro - Can God Be Calling You?

The Diocese of Owensboro is calling forth men who are interested in service to the Church as a Permanent Deacon. The formation of permanent deacons is a five-year program. The first year allows interested men to meet and have the opportunity to ask questions. At the conclusion of the first year, application is made for the Aspirancy Year through which formal discernment and academic preparation is made. The next three years are spent in spiritual, emotional, and academic formation toward diaconal ordination. For those men who are interested, we are beginning the program for the ordination class of 2017.

If you are a male age 35 – 60 and are interested in the permanent diaconate, you might wish to begin discussion with your pastor, and personal reflection on the following qualities sought in a deacon candidate:

- emotional maturity, personal integrity, appropriate self- knowledge
- demonstrate a personal commitment to grow in Christian holiness / an active prayer life / participation in the Eucharistic and Sacramental life of the Church
- generosity for service already being demonstrated (active in some parish ministry)
- good physical and psychological health (both candidate and wife, if married)
- ability to work in a team / works well with people
- clearly demonstrates an ability and willingness to lead
- good communication skills (both as a speaker and as a listener)
- ability to speak publicly and proclaim the Gospel effectively
- acceptance by the Christian community as evidenced by his ministry in the parish
- he must show an acceptance and personal commitment to the teaching of the Church

Permanent Deacons share with other ordained members of the Church a dedication to serve God's people through the proclamation of the Word, administration of the Sacraments, the offering of Worship to God through Christ, the service of the poor and the faithful of Christ. Since the Second Vatican Council the Church has seen even more clearly that the deacon is called to serve the Bishop, and his Priests, by becoming more intimately associated with, and involved in the life of the poor, the marginalized, the forgotten, the abandoned, the silent, and the voiceless. The deacon is asked to give his voice to the poor so that their concerns may be heard by the whole Church, especially the Bishop. Intimately united to the ministry of the Bishop and the Priests they are called to serve the Church, giving their lives in service to their brothers and sisters, the People of God.

• Contact for the Diocese:

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 Director of Permanent Diaconate
 Christ the King Catholic Church
 1600 Kingsway Drive
 Madisonville, KY 42431
 pjohnmthomas@gmail.com

http://rcdok.org/vocations/permanent_diaconate/

We will meet from 10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, Madisonville on the following dates:

- Nov 17
- March 23
- Dec 15 Begin full weekend schedule
- Jan 26
- April 26 – 28 (Fri – Sun)
- May 17 – 19 (Fri – Sun)

Brescia Names Three as Distinguished Alumni

Brescia University held its Distinguished Alumni Banquet during Homecoming weekend on September 22, 2012 at The Owensboro Museum of Fine Art. Since the inception of this prestigious recognition in 2000, Brescia has awarded more than 50 alumni with the Distinguished Alumni title. This award was created to honor those graduates who exemplify the elements that encompass The Brescia Difference: Respect for the Sacred, Devotion to Learning, Commitment to Growth in Virtue, and Promotion of Servant Leadership. Because of the breadth and scope of their life's work, the magnitude of their impact on the regional, national, and (often international scene), and their examples of service and leadership, alumni who receive this esteemed honor have distinguished themselves among their peers.

The Distinguished Alumni are Jim Weafer '02, J.C. Hagan '68, and Mary Hilda McFarland '62.

Mary Hilda McFarland graduated from Brescia College with a teaching degree in 1962. She taught at the Mount Saint Joseph Academy from 1963-1967 and at Owensboro Catholic High School from 1967-2009. She has received awards such as Outstanding Owensboro Diocese Teacher of the Year, Owensboro Catholic Schools Saint Ursula Golden Key, Coca-Cola Educator of Distinction and the Brescia College Alumni Father Saffer award. She has served several years on the St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Council serving one year as president.

Harold Staples commented on Mary Hilda McFarland's receiving the award, "One of the best friends Catholic High and our students--or I--ever had. She has touched probably 5000 young people and impacted them for their entire lives. She is loved by students, faculty and



Brescia University Fr. Larry Hostetter presenting her Distinguished Alumni Award to Mary Hilda McFarland. Photo by Harold Staples

staff, parents, alumni. "No one in the history of Catholic High has had a bigger impact on the school and its students. She truly loved her students. Miss Mac enjoyed helping them grow in faith, learning, maturity, and responsibility. "Few, if any, have made the difference in the faith community and the larger community in Owensboro that Mac has. On top of all that, she continues to do volunteer work to help those of us at Catholic High continue to make a difference at the school. "Thanks, Mac, for all you have done to make a difference in the lives of so many—including my own."

Let Us Now Praise Great Volunteers!

On September 19, 2012, St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School held a special Mass and hosted a brunch in honor of Grandparent's Day. As part of that celebration, Sharrie Cimamond was recognized for her volunteer work at the school. Pictured at right with Sharrie is her husband Bob, grandson Matthew Mills, (Sharrie) daughter Debbie Hagan, great-grandson Dawson Miles, and daughter, Sue Mills. Submitted by Erin Kamuf



Jim Weafer

Jim Weafer first attended Brescia College from 1970-1975. He later received his degree in accounting from Brescia University in 2002. He has served on many boards and committees including the River Park Fund Raising Committee, Brescia's President's Advisory Board and the Finance Committee. He has received awards including the Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year. He is also a member of the Alumni Association serving as president from 2011-2012. Weafer is self-employed as a Financial Planner. He is married to Dixie Weafer. They have two daughters.



J.C. Hagan

J.C. Hagan received his business degree from Brescia College in 1968. He went on to receive an MBA from St. Louis University. He has served in the Navy and taught classes at Washington University as well as taught management courses to all levels of Monsanto management. He retired from Monsanto after 28 years as IT Director at the age of 55. He is currently a Disaster Reservist for the Small Business Administration helping people involved in natural disasters. He is married to Distinguished Alumna 2000, Suzanne Hagan. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.



Two Brescia Alumnae Honored During Family Weekend 2012

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Brescia University's Alumni Association honored two alumnae with awards on Sept. 22 as part of Family Weekend festivities. The honored alumnae are Sr. Rose Jean Powers, O.S.U., '66, and Beverly C. Howard, '71.

2011-2012 Alumni Association president Mr. Jim Weafer first conducted the annual Alumni Association meeting and then presented awards to the two alumnae. He kindly allowed *The Western Kentucky Catholic* to quote his awards presentation speeches:

"Sr Rose Jean Powers, O.S.U."

"The first Award presented today is *the Outstanding Alumnus Award*. This award is presented to the Alumnus/a who has given outstanding service to the Alumni Association and/or Brescia University.

"It is this type of Alumni that make the Brescia difference. Brescia University is very fortunate to have so many who qualify for this award. However, the 2012 recipient stood head and shoulders above all others as the choice of the Alumni Association Board.

"She came to Brescia as a teacher after completing her graduate work at Marquette University. Gradually, her other positions expanded which required her many skills. She can be called a perennial volunteer, even today, she spends many hours each week decorating the chapel, setting the chapel daily for masses, scheduling weddings and dialogues, meeting with couples preparing for marriage, and volunteering to launder and iron the linen and other items for mass.

"She was the director of Residential Life, living in Meric Dorm for 14 years always going the extra mile to make school life more comfortable for the students. She provided activities for students and taking them to the doctors when needed, helped acclimate the foreign students to this new life and dealt with the many issues of young college students. After that, she went to Mount Saint Joe to serve as coordinator for the Sisters for 5 years before returning to Brescia as the Director of Campus Ministry, and then eventually, once again, found her home as Director of Residential Life.

"However, she probably is known more for her close associations with the students and alumni. It has been said that she remembers every student's name she has taught and most alumni as well, keeping up with them daily through the newspapers and emails. She lists family deaths in a Book of Remembrance in the Chapel so prayers can be offered. She is probably the most dedicated Brescia sports fan attending every game she can get a ride to, and her energetic enthusiasm has made her very a familiar face to the referees. She is commonly known by all alumni as the "unofficial" Brescia historian, and the mention of her name by alumni is always accompanied with a warm smile.

"The Alumni Association extends our thanks and appreciation, and is very honored to present the 2012 Outstanding Alumna Award to Sister Rose Jean Powers."



Sr. Rose Jean Powers, O.S.U., '66, and Beverly Clemons Howard, '71

Beverly Clemons Howard

"The *Fr. Charles Saffer Hall of Fame Award* is presented to an Alumnus/a who, through a lifetime of personal achievement has personified the ideal of Brescia University. The Father Charles Saffer Alumni Hall of Fame Award is the highest form of recognition the Alumni Association bestows on an alumnus/a.

"The 2012 recipient of the Fr. Charles Saffer Hall of Fame award is known by most of us here today. Since 1981, she has been employed in the Diocese of Owensboro as a teacher/counselor at Owensboro Catholic High School. Her first role was as a Special Services teacher, where she helped to create the Learning Center for OCHS; this facility is still in use today. Since 1998, she has served as a Guidance Counselor for OCHS. She sponsors the National Honor Society at OCHS; this group not only recognizes students for their academic achievements, but also their service to the community.

"In addition, she has created 2

organizations that have received local and national recognition for their contribution to the surrounding community. The 1st group is known as SCRUBS (Students Creating Respect Using Better Solutions), an organization devoted to community service and character building for young adults. The 2nd group is known as CHAPS (Citizens Helping All People Succeed), another group which attempts to change social policy through involvement and participation.

Bev is also the sponsor of the Habitat for Humanity charter for OCHS and has helped in the construction of several residences in the Owensboro Daviess County area. Just recently she received special recognition from the Habitat community for her contributions. In 2010, she received the Beacon Award; this is given annually to 5 people from around the region that are responsible for creating a better climate for the younger people that they help serve.

"Several years ago, her organizations were responsible for getting the county wide smoking ban in bars and restaurants. A couple of years later, they were responsible for creating the Social Host ordinance, which makes individuals responsible for alcohol purchased.

"These are just a few of the numerous honors and recognition she has received since graduating from Brescia University. Today, the Alumni Association is honored to present the 2012 Father Charles Saffer Hall of Fame Award to Beverly Howard."



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Ordinations a Historical Event

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similar path. He entered the program and from day one was not the least bit disappointed. He offers high praise to Fr. John Thomas, and feels his fellow classmates achieved a special bond. "It is a wonderful program," Bach stated, "It's a lot of work, a lot of reading, books to be bought and read, but it's a wonderful program. I am immensely grateful to my wife, Joy, who was so supportive throughout the whole process. She attended every class but one throughout the five years and helped me edit my papers. I don't know what I would have done without her."

Several things touched Deacon Bach during his ordination. He remembers keeping a journal during his discernment process and would often end his entries with "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will," so he was especially moved when the opening hymn for the ordination liturgy was "Here I am Lord". It was a confirmation to him that he was in the right place and had made the right choice. He was also extremely grateful that all of his children and grandchildren were there to witness him receive the sacrament. Bach currently serves (often with his wife) in several ministries at Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro, including jail ministry, RCIA, ARISE and marriage preparation.

Donald Adams testifies that it was the Holy Spirit that got him in it and got him through it. "I've always tried to put my trust in God. These hands are God's hands to do with what He wishes." After hearing about the program he talked to his wife and his Pastor and decided to take it one month at a time. Five years seemed like an eternity and he wondered if the day was ever going to get here, but once it did, he was so excited that he forgot all about it. During his ordination he expressed that he had "such a great feeling that you cannot describe it." He felt a tremendous amount of gratitude, especially toward his wife, his children, and his parish community who were so supportive throughout the entire process. Deacon Adams continues his ministries in marriage preparation, RCIA, baptismal preparation, hospital visits, and home visits at St. Joseph in Central City, but now he has the added joy of being able to give others blessings and preach homilies. "The most exciting and fascinating part of it all is how the Holy Spirit just takes over," he states.



Deacon Matthew Keyser places his hands in Bishop Medley's hands promising obedience to him and his successors. Jim Creighton Photo



Priests and deacons, both new and seasoned, gather around the altar with Bishop Medley during the Eucharistic Prayer. Photo by Mel Howard

Matthew Keyser serves as a full time youth minister at Holy Spirit parish in Bowling Green. He also plays with the Brothers Holy Men's band, who sang for the Ordination Mass, and will soon be helping with marriage preparation as well. He admits that "I did not really hear God's call until others helped me hear it... I wouldn't have gone to a meeting or even made the first step without others saying yes, YES, you need to go and hear what it is all about." He testifies to the tremendous welcome he received from the parish council. "I think without the support of the pastoral council... I might not have gotten off to such a good start with the process." Deacon Matthew recalls a moment on ordination day when all of the candidates were lined up outside waiting to go in. The class took a moment to bow their heads in prayer. "I can't remember what we prayed but it was a moment standing outside the church that was a stepping off point for me on to the future that God has planned for me. I realized that I would soon be changed forever and how fortunate and blessed I was to be a servant of God, and with him anything is possible."

During his homily, Bishop Medley reminded the candidates of their call to holiness and service. "You are called then to personal holiness – you are called to be instruments of transforming the Church, the People of God, in holiness." Permanent Deacons share with other ordained members of the Church a dedication to serve God's people through the proclamation of the Word, administration of the Sacraments, the offering of Worship to God through Christ, the service of the poor and the faithful of Christ. Since the Second Vatican Council the Church has seen even more clearly that the deacon is called to serve the Bishop, and his Priests, by becoming more intimately associated with, and involved in the life of the poor, the marginalized, the forgotten, the abandoned, the silent, and the voiceless. The deacon is asked to give his voice to the poor so that their concerns may be heard by the whole Church, especially the Bishop. Intimately united to the ministry of the Bishop and the Priests they are called to serve the Church, giving their lives in service to their brothers and sisters, the People of God. "From the way they go about these duties, may we recognize them as disciples of Jesus, who came to serve, not to be served," Medley stated. He further encouraged them to "do the will of God generously. Serve God and mankind in love and joy."

Fr. John Thomas admits that he has experienced some sadness, now that structured formation is completed and this group will no longer meet in the same way. And although a new class of candidates has already formed, he knows it will be different. "It has to develop its own personality and process," he stated. Some members of the new class have been meeting for over two years already. The first formal meeting was held on September 29. Thirteen men are currently participating, although new men are welcome to join through December. Now that the first class has been ordained, these new deacons will be beacons in their communities and throughout the diocese so that other men might see their example and consider ordained ministry as a Permanent Deacon.

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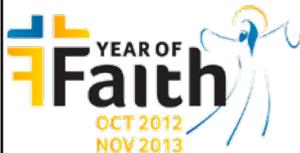
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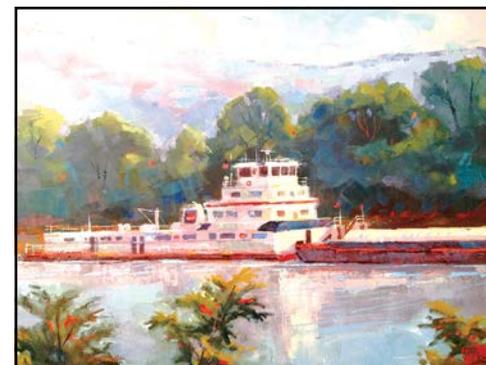
Kentucky artists to display work at Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library Gallery, St. Meinrad, IN, will host an exhibit of oil paintings, "Two Views: Lynn Dunbar and Bill Fletcher." The exhibit will be on display from November 2 through December 4.

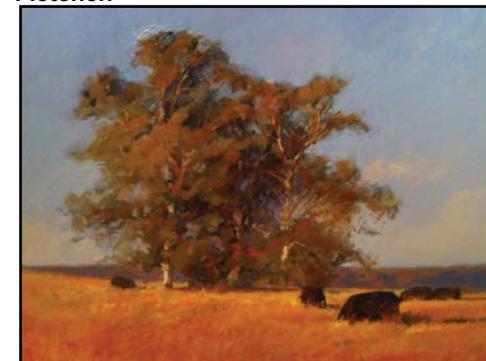
Kentucky artists Lynn Dunbar from Louisville and Bill Fletcher from Lexington share a love of the land that inspires them to explore their natural surroundings, often working on location to catch the ephemeral qualities of light and color.

Dunbar uses vibrant color and expressive brushstrokes. Fletcher simplifies forms to capture the essential atmosphere. Both travel extensively in search of subject matter. Fletcher has painted western landscapes and Dunbar has explored aerial views of the Ohio Valley.

For library hours, call (812) 357-6401 or (800) 987-7311, or visit the Archabbey Library's website: <http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/library/hours/>The exhibit is free and open to the public. Those wishing to view the exhibit may want to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing time.



Photos: Above, "Blue Barge" by Lynn Dunbar and below, "Highland Hay" by Bill Fletcher.



16 November, 2012 St. Thomas More Hosts ARISE Together in Christ Training

PADUCAH, Ky. - Training for the Small Community Leaders of the ARISE Together in Christ program was held at St. Thomas More Parish Hall on Wednesday evening, September 12, 2012. Sr. Kass Collins from Renew International and Cathy Hagan from the Diocese of Owensboro provided training to the multiple regional parishes in attendance.

This total parish experience is designed to spiritually renew participants while providing opportunities to grow in faith and as parish communities. Small faith-sharing groups will meet for 90 minutes each week for six weeks beginning

October 7, 2012.

The members of St. Thomas More Arise Parish Team that attended included Sharon Brumlow, Julie Mc Farland, Mike and Yvonne Bosch, Dolores Webber, and Genie Lasoski. Other parishioners who attended and will take on the role of small community leaders were Cathy Trussell, Mark and Monica Osterhaus, Cathy Elliott and Anita Fitch.

Sr. Kass Collins from Renew International speaks to the group about ARISE. Photo submitted by Sharon Brumlow



Lourdes Foundation Celebrates 13th Annual Charity Golf Open Raising \$75,000

Paducah, Ky.--Lourdes Foundation's 13th Annual Charity Golf Open was held on Monday, August 27 at the Country Club of Paducah. The event was title sponsored by Marquette Transportation Company.

The tournament hosted a total of 42 teams, with 168 golfers participating to raise over \$75,000. "We are very humbled by the generosity of our donors and community," said Steven Grinnell, Lourdes President and CEO. "With this funding, Lourdes is able to serve our community through our healing ministry."

The Lourdes Foundation Charity Golf Open has raised nearly \$675,000 in the past 13 years. Donations to the Foundation improve the health of our community by providing support for advanced technology and other projects and services that enhance patient care.

Winning the morning flight was The James Marine team of Brent Gaines, Matt Ihnen, Greg Vaughn and Phillip Harrington. The UBS Brown Wealth Management team won the afternoon flight, with team members including Jamey Brown, Jim Brown, Jason Seiner and Michael Skidmore.



At left, Morning Winners from James Marine (left to right) : Greg Vaughn, Brent Gaines, Phillip Harrington, Matt Ihnen.

At right , Afternoon Winners from UBS (left to right) : Jim Brown, Jason Seiner, Michael Skidmore and Jamey Brown.



First Place Winners

St. Mary's 8th Grade volleyball took first place at the Burns Invitational Tournament Sept, 29, 2012, located at Apollo High School. The girls played 6 games that day before finally claiming their overall Victory. The girls defeated Daviess County, College View, Burns, and for the Championship, Warren South(a undefeated team out of Bowling Green). The girls represented their Parish, School, and Families as well as anyone could ask. Thanks to Coach Shawn Aud for finishing the season with a great win! Coach Shawn Aud at Back; in front, from left, Shelby Aud, Alanna Wathen, Allison Mattingly, Father Ken, Breana Murphy, Silva Stauffer, Erica Russelburg, Katelyn Coomes, Abby Booker. Photo by Debbie Aud

OWENBORO, Ky. - BUonline at Brescia University makes it possible for you to complete your degree by bringing the classroom to you! Online degree programs offer the convenience, flexibility and affordability you need to move forward in your career with minimum disruption to your other commitments.

Through the BUonline format, students receive the same enriching experience our on-campus students receive. Dennis G., a 2012 graduate wrote, "Brescia University online courses provide the perfect learning opportunity for anyone with a need for distance learning. The Brescia experience provided the right levels of flexibility to overcome the challenges of balancing a full-time job, family, and school."

Unlike a traditional schedule with two start dates plus summer, BUonline features four start dates plus summer. Students can start in August, October, January, March or May. BUonline features a wide array of both lower and upper



division courses for students to complete their Associate's, Bachelor's, or Master's degree. Courses are taught by full-time faculty and adjunct instructors, all of whom are handpicked for excellence by Brescia University.

BUonline degrees offered are:

- **Associate:** AS in Business; AA in Liberal Arts; AA in Human Services
- **Bachelor:** BA in Psychology; BA in Theology; BA or BS in Integrated Studies; Bachelor of Social Work degree completion
- **Certificate in Accounting**
- **Master of Management**

Kelly S., a current student, admitted that returning to school was a little daunting. She wrote, "I was so nervous about returning to finish my education, yet everyone that I have encountered at Brescia has made me feel confident and secure!" Brescia University has a history of providing smaller class sizes and personal advising guidance. BUonline strives to provide these same standards for those attending from all over the world. This blending of culture and geography allows students to work with a diverse peer group, while still maintaining an intimate atmosphere which fosters unique relationships. Brescia has online students and alumni from 42 states and three foreign countries.

In order to complete courses through BUonline, students participate in a one-hour chat session per class, per week. Courses are offered in modules lasting eight weeks, while advanced classes may last for sixteen weeks. Students must also perform all coursework including, but

not limited to, forums, pre-written chat assignments, and creative writing and research papers.

In addition to convenient access to their classes, students also may access grades, financial information, details of courses completed and yet-to-be completed, as well as online library access—with a plethora of databases and other resources at their fingertips.

To get started with earning your degree through BUonline, you may apply for free online, at online.brescia.edu. You can also contact BUonline's recruitment coordinator, Holly Horsley, by email holly.horsley@brescia.edu, phone (270)686-4354, or Skype [brescia.online](https://www.skype.com/online). Be sure to check out our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/BresciaUniversityOnline> or tweet us at <https://twitter.com/BUOnline1>. Visit our webpage for more information about your degree <http://online.brescia.edu/>.

Accepting Submissions for the Poetry of the Sacred 2013 Contest

The Annual Poetry of the Sacred contest is now accepting submissions. The guidelines follow:

- First Prize, \$500; Three Honorable Mention Prizes, \$100 each.
- Winning Poems will be published in The Merton Seasonal, a publication of scholarly articles about noted spiritual leader Thomas Merton and will be posted on the Merton Institute web site: www.mertoninstitute.org.
- Only ONE unpublished poem type written in English may be submitted per poet.
- Please limit the poem to no more than 100 lines.
- Type your name, address, phone number, email address, and the title of your poem on a cover page. Send (1) one copy of your titled poem with

Brescia University Social Work Soup Day



The Brescia University Student Social Work Association (BSSWA) and the Social Work Department are hosting their annual Soup Day fundraiser on Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. The event takes place at the Brescia University Ramold Center, located at 718 Allen Street. A variety of homemade soups, breads, and desserts will be served. Donations are being accepted in support of Saint Paul's Mission in Crownpoint, New Mexico, which serves Navajo families and children.

This is the ninth year that Brescia's Social Work Department has organized the event, which has raised more than \$12,000 for the Mission. For more than a dozen years seniors in the Social Work Department have taken a trip to the Mission for their field practicum. Saint Paul's Mission provides housing. The students work as interns in social service agencies that serve the Navajo families and children. Donations raised by Soup Day are used the day after Thanksgiving. The Sisters of the Order of the Adorer's of the Blood of Christ provide a toy shop for the Navajo families to pick out toys for Christmas.

This Soup Day fundraiser is just one of the many service projects that the social work students willingly complete to help others, including those outside Owensboro.

the cover page. Do not staple poem to cover page.

- Submit your poem on a page with no identifying information. All identifying information should be on your cover page. Include a submission fee of \$15.00 with the poem. Payment in US funds only.
- Poems will not be accepted via email. The poem must be sent via through the postal service.
- Deadline to submit poems is Janu-

ary 15, 2013. Poems to be received no later than the 15th of January.

- Submit poem to: Merton Institute, 415 West Muhammad Ali Blvd., Louisville, KY 40202. Include the \$15 submission fee payable to The Merton Institute. Payment in US Funds only.
- No poems will be returned.
- Poems will be judged on literary excellence, spiritual tenor, and human authenticity.

Winners will be announced by April 1, 2013. Please visit the Institute website for contest results: www.mertoninstitute.org.

- All contestants will be notified via email of the contest results.

The mission of the Merton Institute for Contemplative Living is to awaken an interest in and deepen the understanding of contemplative living through the works of Thomas Merton and other spiritual masters.

5th Grade Entrepreneur Opens Business To Help St. Mary And Lourdes Hospice

Submitted by Jackie Hopper,

Development Officer, St. Mary School System PADUCAH, Ky. - Josh King may appear like a typical 5th grader, but he's not! He's involved in many of the activities a young boy enjoys such as soccer, baseball, tai kwon do, basketball, boy scouts and cross country. But Josh, at 8 years old, wrote a business plan to sell snacks at St. Mary School System so he could start a Robotics & Engineering Club at the elementary school. Josh claims he was inspired to do this because "I went to Lego Camp at West KY Community and Technical College this summer and learned all about making robots. I thought, 'Why not do this at our school?'" He also wanted to be able to help Lourdes Hospice. This past year, Josh' uncle died as well as a dear neighbor which is what inspired him to choose to give to Lourdes Hospice. As Josh explains "They take care of patients who are dying and also help the family after someone dies. I like that Lourdes Hospice goes to the patient's home so the patient can even have their own pet with them!"

Josh's business plan began with a detailed proposal that he presented to St. Mary Elementary School Principal, Nancy Mornar. With Mrs. Mornar approval, he then went to the bank and opened a checking account, secured products, and sought advice from business leaders in the community. As his business expanded, he hired fellow 5th grade stu-



SMES students line up to buy ice cream to help the cause.

dents to help. He even enlisted his 2nd grade brother, Nathan, as CFO. Snacks and ice cream were donated by Paducah Bank, H.T. Hackney, U.S. Foods, Sam's Club, and Walmart which were sold to elementary, middle, and high school students on several days after school.

The students raised \$1,000 to be donated to St. Mary Elementary School and Lourdes Hospice. The checks will be presented at the morning school assembly on Friday, September 14.

WPSD-TV recently ran a story about Josh' enter-



St. Mary 5th Grade students prepare to sell snacks after school to help raise money to start a robotics club.

prise on the ten o'clock news. Mrs. Linda Cook of Cadiz, KY was watching. This past February, her son Carl, who loved Legos, died. When she saw the story about Josh's efforts, she decided that she wanted to donate her son's collection of over 30,000 pieces of Legos to St. Mary to help in the cause. "I know Carl's would be so happy knowing that his Legos will be helping children learn, said Mrs. Cook. I hope they enjoy them as much as Carl did." Plans for the St. Mary Robotics and Engineering Club are being worked out and the club is expected to be in full operation by the beginning of next school year thanks to Josh' successful efforts.

2012-2013 TIP Qualifiers (7th Graders) from Holy Name School

Seventeen Holy Name School seventh graders have qualified for Duke University's Talent Identification Program (TIP) by scoring at or above the 95th National Percentile on specific subtests of their ITBS tests. Through the TIP program, these students are offered the opportunity to take the SAT or the ACT as seventh graders. In addition, upon enrollment, they receive educational journals and academic camp guides, as well as recognition for their outstanding performance. Submitted

by Connie McFarland, HNS Guidance Counselor

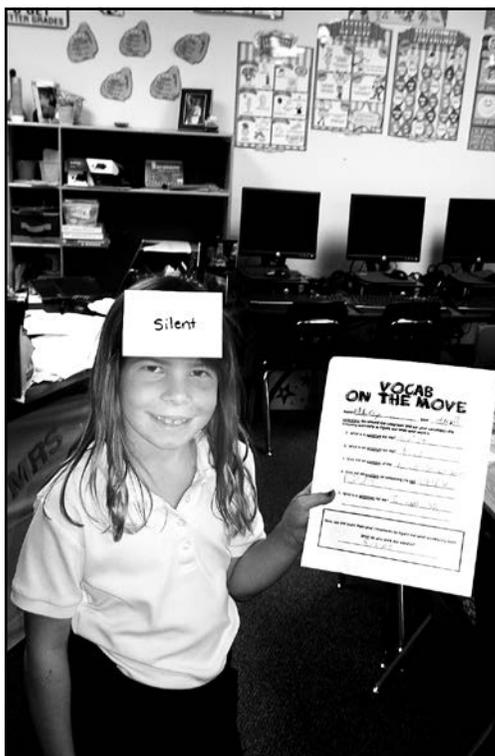
In the picture at right, front row, l to r: Erin Williams, Presley Warren, Hayes Sights, Clarke Sights, Marissa Sauer; Middle row, l to r: Zachary Beickman, Claudia Jennings, Belle Townsend, Cameron Klafter, Meredith Beaven; Back row, l to r: D.J. Cravens, Jake Risch, Simon Sutton, Bryant Tigie, Tyler Durham, Jacob Darr; (Not pictured: Carter Phipps).



Opportunities for Life,

a life affirming ministry of the Catholic Bishops of Kentucky, is welcoming new volunteers. This ministry provides a helpline to serve women and families dealing with untimely pregnancies. Volunteers offer nonjudgmental support, hope and resources to callers who reach out for assistance. Helpline volunteers answer the helpline from their homes at times that are convenient for them. Opportunities for Life will be hosting a training workshop, in Owensboro, on Saturday, November 3rd to prepare volunteers for service with this life affirming ministry. If you would like more information regarding attending this training and becoming a volunteer with Opportunities for Life please contact Brenda Thomson at 859-351-9885.





Abbey Kyle shows off her worksheet and her 'word' to search for synonyms and antonyms with her partner. OCS Photo

Looking For Just The Right Word!

The students in Mrs. Coomes' 3rd Grade room at the Owensboro Catholic Elementary K-3 Campus participated in "Vocab on the Move." Students used higher level thinking skills to develop a deeper understanding

of their vocabulary words. This lesson extension also integrated the use of iPods looking for definitions, synonyms, and antonyms.

Prayer for CCHD Collection November 17-18, 2012

For the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, for all who work to address poverty in this country, and for our parish community, that we may follow Christ's example of love and solidarity with the poor. Let us pray to the Lord. R/.

Por la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano, por todos los que trabajan para hacer frente a la pobreza en este país, y por la comunidad de nuestra parroquia, para que sigan el ejemplo de amor y solidaridad de Cristo con los pobres. Oremos al Señor. R/.

Catholic Charities Craft Fair:

Saturday, November 10 from 8 AM – 4 PM in the parish hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro. A great opportunity to purchase unique, hand-crafted items. A wide variety available, including: jewelry, knitted and crocheted items, wooden crafts, Christmas decorations, doll clothes, children's clothing, handbags, and so much more. Shop early for the best selection!

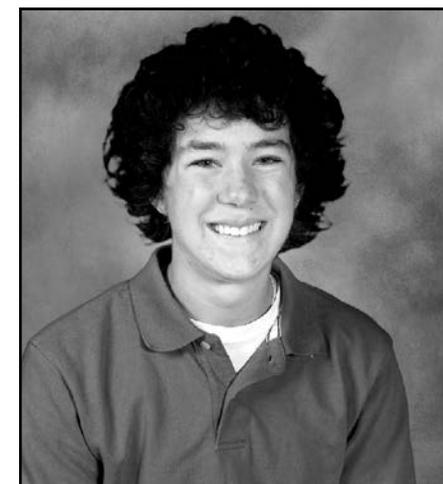
OCHS Students Accepted to KWC Band

Nicholas Gray and Reid Wassmer, both juniors at Owensboro Catholic High School, have been accepted into the Kentucky Wesleyan College Band. Nicholas will play percussion/timpani and Reid will play the euphonium at various concerts throughout the year. KWC is known for their top quality music programs and music degrees.

In addition to the KWC band Nicholas and Reid have had also had the pleasure of performing with The Owensboro Community Band. The Community Band has been making music in Owensboro, Kentucky since 2002. It currently consists of 25-30 musicians from around the area. The Band is quite active, providing



Nicholas Gray



Reid Wassmer

musical entertainment for dozens of local events each year.

Nicholas is the son of Matt and Nicole Gray. Reid is the son of Sally Wathen and Jody Wassmer

OCHS Students Named National Merit Commended Students

Congratulations to Owensboro Catholic High School seniors Michael Goedde, at left in the photo at right, and Eric Johnson who were named Commended Students in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students place in the top 5% of the more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2013 competition by taking the 2011 PSAT. OCHS Photos



Protecting Families from Pornography: Sam Meier Nov. 19 at Brescia University



Sam Meier

from Pornography."

Sam has served in a full-time office in the Archdiocese of Kansas City with the My House Freedom from Pornography Initiative since 2007. Since its beginning, Sam's office has provided assistance with the resources and information to 36 other dioceses across the country. Please come and join us to learn how to better protect your family and community.

For more information about this event please contact, Richard Murphy at 270/683-1545.

Are you concerned about the growing problem of pornography in our community? Would you like to learn some steps to protect your family from the scourge of pornography? Then you are invited to attend an evening with Sam Meier, MA, LPC, a licensed professional counselor from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas on November 19, 2012 at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Brescia University's Taylor Lecture Hall.

This is a free event sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Owensboro's Chastity and Abstinence Committee. The talk is entitled "Improving Intimacy & Protecting Families

20 November, 2012

Knights of Columbus International Family of the Year

At the 130th Supreme Council Convention held the first week in August in Anaheim, CA, the Paul Gilbert Family of Campbellsville, KY was selected as the International Family of the Year for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Earlier this year, the Gilberts were chosen as the Kentucky State Council Family of the Year and as such, were submitted to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council for consideration among the 72 jurisdictions in the Order. The Family of the Year is considered to be the pinnacle award at the Convention, serving as the highpoint of the Awards program.

The Gilberts were special guests of the Supreme Council at the Convention, attending the Guadalupe Festival at the LA Coliseum, Opening Mass, and States Dinner as well as the Delegation Dinner with the Kentucky State Council as special guests of the State Council and State Deputy, Bill Schmidt. The Gilberts were also able to visit a local mouse at Disneyland during their stay.

Paul joined the Knights of Columbus in December 2008 and has taken on numerous volunteer projects including building a new shower for the school bathroom, serving as the chairman of the council's parish coat drive, and working with his wife, Marcia at the annual Thanksgiving Social. The new shower will be used by visiting youth groups and has saved the parish thousands of dollars.

Paul has served his parish as a Catechist for the Confirmation class, and as a teacher for the First Communion class. He regularly works with the parish youth group by taking them Christmas caroling at a local nursing home and chairing the council's bowling/pizza party for altar servers and youth group members in celebration of Vocations Sunday. The entire Gilbert family worked to redecorate the parish church including refinishing and staining the altar.

This exemplary family's mother, Marcia, is as involved as her husband. Along with homeschooling all of their seven children, she is the director of a local crisis pregnancy center and speaks publicly about the center's work and the Culture of Life. Marcia works hard at fundraising for the center with the support of the entire Gilbert family including creating and maintaining the center's website.



The Paul and Marcia family from Campbellsville, Ky were selected as the KCs Family of the Year at the 130th Supreme Council Convention in Anaheim, CA in August. Submitted by Paul Motz

Sarah, the oldest daughter, is now Sister Cecilia, a Novice with the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker. Daniel is the eldest son and was just recently accepted into the Louisville Archdiocese's seminary program. The second son, Dominic Anthony is an altar server, a member of the youth group and assists Daniel in teaching religious education. Sisters Hannah Grace and Christian Marie are involved in the parish youth group and both received their Confirmation in April. The youngest children, Zoe Catherine and Jared Paul regularly pitch in to help their parents and older siblings on family projects. It should be noted here that all of the children – in addition to their other accomplishments – have also all earned belts in Tae Kwon Do.

As the nominating Grand Knight said this

family serves as an outstanding example – even in the face of monetary and medical difficulties – of Catholic faith and Catholic charity. As the grand knight wrote in the nomination: "...it is my humble opinion that the Catholic Faith is much better off for this family's sacrifices and good works."

Kentucky State Deputy, Bill Schmidt, stated that "The Gilbert family is nearly the perfect example of what a Catholic family should be. By their actions in support of Life, Family, Church, and Community, the Gilberts are making a difference. Their family love, generosity, and humility should be an inspiration to us all. It has been a privilege to get to know Paul, Marcia and the rest of the Gilbert family during the 130th Supreme Convention. I look forward to seeing them all in the future as they continue to grow in Christ and with the Knights of Columbus."



Highlight of My Summer

By Emily Whitehouse

It was the middle of the summer, and my days had started to drag along slowly. Every few nights or so, I'd go out or have a paper to write, but overall it was rather dull and uneventful. I was content. Not really happy...just content, and maybe a little bored as well. It was around this time that my boyfriend asked me to consider going on a mission trip to Sebree: Vacation Bible School, Monday through

Sixteen Lourdes students traveled to St. Michel's in Sebree to assist with VBS. Back Row: Emily Whitehouse, Rebecca Gross, Chase Carrico, Brian Gross, Hannah Baird, Dillon Schueler, Danny May (youth minister), Leslie Wilson, Tyler Wilson, Triston Hollis, Kara Hollis, Regan Neal, Allyssa Bicket, Abbie Tichenor, and Amelia Fusco pose with VBS kids. No pictured: Patrick Lasley and Matthew Tichenor. Submitted by Danny May, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Friday. We'd leave at nine in the morning and return around five in the afternoon.

I hesitated. Now, don't get me wrong, I love kids. I work at an after-school program during the school year and I am convinced that it is the best job in the universe. As much as I enjoy working with kids, however, I wasn't exactly jumping on the idea of doing VBS. It just wasn't something I'd ever thought about doing, and I wasn't sure what to expect...if I'd enjoy it or not, whether I'd even be any good. It wasn't that I straight-up didn't want to...I just had to think about it.

So I thought about it (and

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From The Mount St. Joseph Archives Blog: St. Elizabeth School, Curdsville, Kentucky

By Sarah Patterson

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the establishment of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Curdsville, Kentucky. Located about fourteen miles from Owensboro, the first church was dedicated on December 11, 1887. St. Elizabeth has close ties with the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph as the parochial school was taught by the sisters and many religious vocations have come from this parish.

In 1911, Reverend Joseph Wright petitioned Mother Aloysius Willett, Mother Superior of Mount St. Joseph, to furnish teachers for the school he planned to establish. Mother Aloysius accepted and work began. The Sweikart home located on the main road leading to Green River was purchased. This served as the school until 1938. From the beginning the sisters lived in a dwelling near the church that had been bought from Mr. Henry McCain. In 1935 Reverend John Glenn requested Mother Gonzaga Cotter to permit the sisters to reside at the Motherhouse

and drive daily to the school. The sisters bore the expense of the transportation and continued in this fashion until 1955. A High School was provided for the years 1918-1934.

In 1938 Father John Glenn purchased the public school building and property opposite the road from St. Elizabeth Church which had been abandoned when it was consolidated with West Louisville Public School. St. Elizabeth School opened in this building in October 1938. Unhappily, on January 30, 1939 this building was destroyed by fire caused from a defective flue, although only two weeks prior the building had been declared in good condition by an inspector. Parishioners and residents of Curdsville aided in removing much of the furniture, but considerable difficulty was experienced in keeping the children from entering the burning building to save their personal possessions. At this time sixty-five students attended the school.

The original school building was again used as the school. The "old build-



priests for the Diocese of Owensboro.

Source: <http://ursulinesmsj.org/blog/st-elizabeth-school-curdsville-kentucky>.

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Highlight of My Summer *(continued from page 20)*

prayed about it too), and finally I decided to go for it. On Monday morning, I rolled out of bed at the crack of dawn (well... not quite but it certainly felt that early to me), drove into town to Lourdes, got on the bus, and was taken to Sebree with the other volunteers, where we had a few hours to prepare.

But there really was no way to prepare. We'd expected about 20-25 kids and were shocked when about double that came! The first day was rather crazy, and at first I felt a little overwhelmed. But once I got into the swing of things, I began to enjoy myself...a lot. I went home completely exhausted...but happy, and, more than that, excited for the next day to come.

Came it did, and then the next day, and the next...and as the week went on, word seemed to spread, and even more kids showed up! So many kids, in fact, that some days we ran out of crafts and supplies. We had to improvise a bit, but the kids didn't seem to mind. They just seemed happy to be there, having a blast. And so was I. It was challenging at times. It's hard to control sixty excited little kids at once, especially in such a small space, and there was a bit of a language barrier

with the younger ones, who seemed to speak mostly Spanish (a problem for me, as the only Spanish words I know are "hola" and "si"), but with a bit of patience and a lot of smiles, it was manageable.

Friday came, the last day, and the excitement was almost tangible. It was a fun day, with prizes and adoration and even an icee party. The kids were beaming from ear to ear, and so were the workers. There was a lot of excitement in the air, but maybe a little sadness too, that it was over. I, for one, wasn't ready for it to end. I wasn't ready to leave. In the short span of five days, I'd grown to care for the kids of Sebree. I enjoyed going there everyday, singing songs, making crafts, and most of all, just joking around with the kids and seeing them smile. Their smiles made my day. Really, their smiles made my summer. Knowing that I helped make a difference for them, even a small one, is an awesome feeling. And they helped me too. They helped me grow as a person and as a catholic. By the end of the week, I was so much more than content...I was happy; I was fulfilled. I was sad to say goodbye to the kids, but not too terribly much...I have a feeling I'll be seeing them again



The Gift of Presence and Positive Regard

The Trinity High School Sociology class visited the Daniel Pitino Shelter Tuesday, October 23 as they are learning about homelessness. They collected goods the previous week to take with them and ended up with several boxes to donate to the shelter. They plan to collect movies and games to donate soon, as well as return closer to Christmas to help wrap presents. Submitted by Lisa Armes

next summer.

Emily Whitehouse is a senior at Owensboro Catholic High School. She was a participant on the trip, and worked crafts each day of VBS.



Celebrating The Sacraments

Two young parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville, made their First Communion at St. Elizabeth Church on Mother's Day, May 13, 2012. From left are Raymond Thompson, pastor Fr. Bruce McCarty, and Catherine Wright. Stacey Wright photo



At left, The 2012 Confirmation Class of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville, gathered near the altar of Saint Elizabeth Church on April 29, 2012 with (back row from left) seminarian Emmanuel Udoh, DRE Sister Rosanne Spalding, OSU, Bishop William Medley, and pastor Father Bruce McCarty. The confirmandi are in the middle row, from left, Olivia Wright, Brittany Boyle, Emma Clements; front row, Alicia Boyle, Kelsey McCarty, and Abby Thompson. Stacey Wright photo.

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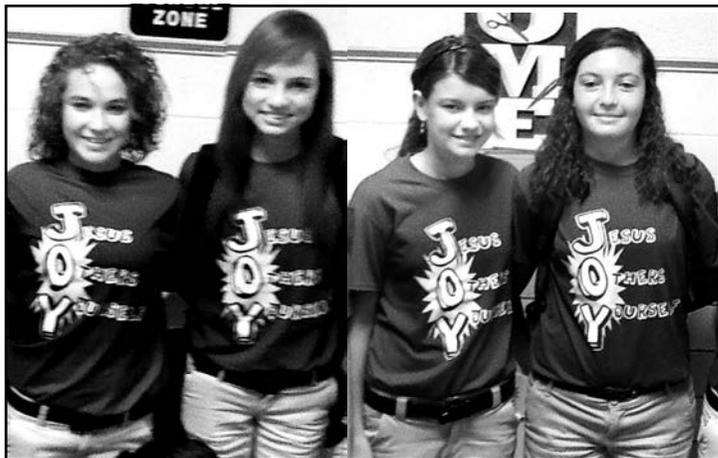
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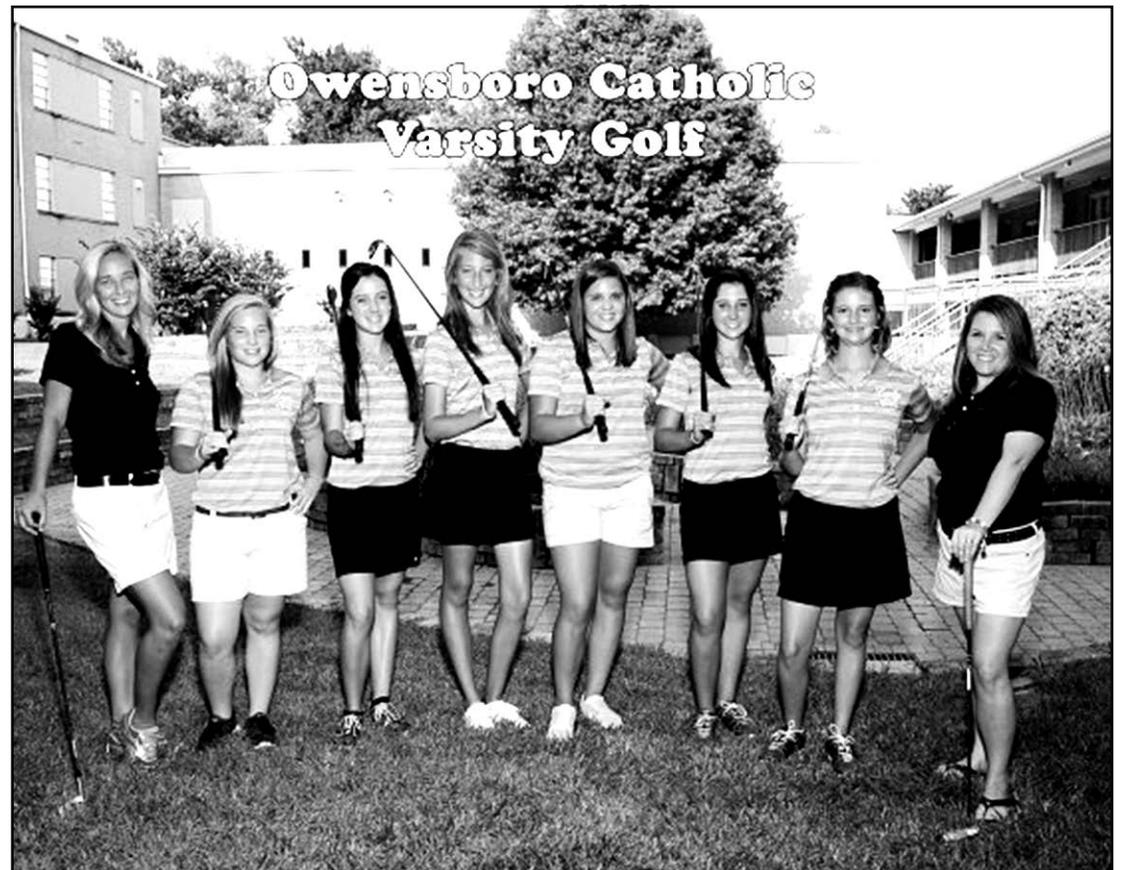
Thumbs Up For Lane

Students from St. Ann Catholic School gathered to give a "thumbs up" for Lane Goodwin. Lane is a 13 year old student from McLean County who is suffering from cancer. Many across the United States are giving "thumbs up" for Lane. St. Ann School offers daily prayers for Lane and his family, Submitted by Beth Hendrickson, Principal



For JOY

Saint Mary of the Woods Catholic School, Whitesville, 8th graders, above and at left, model their school JOY shirts. Jesus, Others, Yourself (JOY) is this school year's theme for the Catholic Elementary School in Whitesville. Photos by Heather Howard



OCHS Lady Aces Golf Place 6th in State

Congratulations to the Lady Aces Golf team on placing 6th at the state tournament. Great job ladies! The team includes Elizabeth Cason, Olivia Cason, Haley Ingram and Kelsey Conkright. The team is coached by Sarah Malone. OCS Photo

24 November, 2012 Diocese Hosts First Ever Youth Rally For Life in Sportscenter

The Offices for Youth Ministry, Faith Formation and Social Concerns of the Diocese of Owensboro hosted the first ever middle and high school Youth Rally for Life Friday, October 19, 2012, at the Owensboro Sportscenter from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Julia Holcomb, Steven Tyler's former fiancée, shared her testimony as a post abortive woman. When Julia Holcomb was 16 years old, she became the legal ward of Steven Tyler, lead singer of the rock band Aerosmith and TV's American Idol judge. At age 17, when she was over 5 months pregnant with Tyler's first child, she barely survived a fire that burned their apartment. While still in the hospital recovering from smoke inhalation, she was coerced into a horrific saline abortion. 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 and her husband, Matt, spoke as well. Ms. Clinger was once an extra on the Mickey Mouse Club and a background vocalist for Britney Spears. In November of 2010, Kelly wrote a painfully honest blog about her abortions and the trauma and hopelessness that ensued. It received over 10,000 views in the first 72 hours. She feels that God has given her a voice for the millions of women who live in regret, guilt, self-hatred and a voice for the unprotected children in the womb.

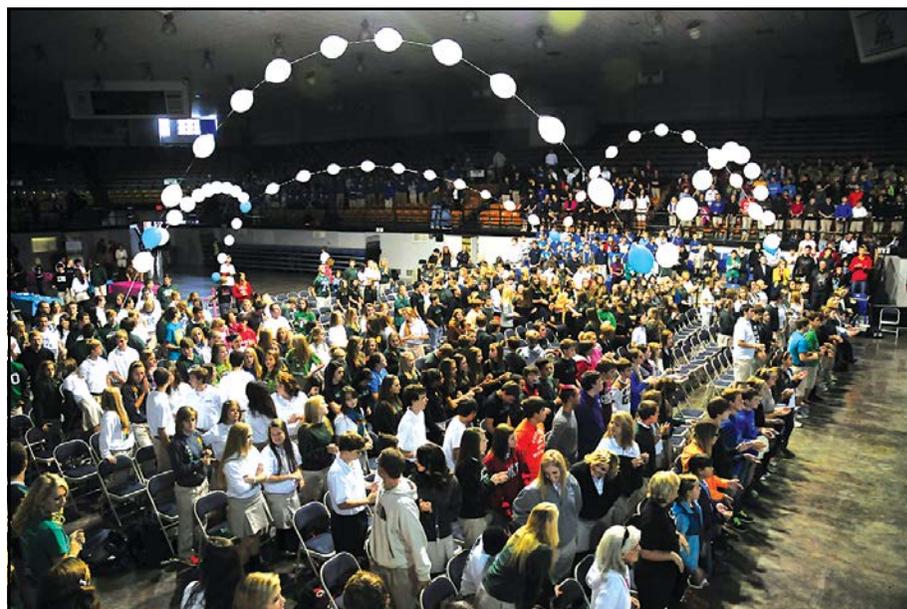
Ms. Holcomb and the Clingers all serve as speakers for "Silent No More," an organization that shares the stories of post abortive women and men in an effort to make a difference in the lives of those who hear them. <http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/>

Maria Spears provided music for the Youth Rally for Life. She is a professional musician from Bowling Green, KY. Her passion and love for the Lord, music and for people has taken her all over the world from the US to Europe, Mexico, Australia, Jamaica and Haiti.

John Sohl from Hilltoppers for Life, a pro-life organization on the Western KY University campus, shared the pro-life group's respect for human life with the students from a peer perspective.

The rally ended with a launch of a "FLOATING ROSARY" made up of environmentally friendly blue, pink and white balloons. The Rosary united all in attendance in prayer, while petitioning for an end to abortion in our country, especially as our nation approaches the 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade in January.

The audience of nearly a thousand students, grades 7 – 12, from all Owensboro/Daviess County schools in addition to those in outlying areas listened closely to speakers and sang along with the music. This was a quality experience for students and balanced with regard to the Components of Youth Ministry as encouraged by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' document, "Renewing the Vision."



JOE BLAND: "I BELIEVE THAT THIS GENERATION WILL END ABORTION. THIS IS THE GENERATION WHO WILL END ABORTION."



Above: A helium balloon rosary floats over the Youth Rally Oct. 19 in the Sportscenter; left center, Julia Holcomb speaking; right center, Kelly Clingers speaking; lower left, WKU Hilltoppers for Life John Sohl speaking; at right, a floating rosary leaving the Sportscenter parking lot - The Rosary united all in attendance in prayer, while petitioning for an end to abortion in our country, especially as our nation approaches the 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade in January. At left Maria Spears and OCHS grad, Clint Campbell, left, provided music ministry for the rally. Mel Howard Photos





Youth Rally For Life

Above, Matt and Kelly Clinger speaking; At lower left, OCHS Coach John Edge praying the Rosary with the Youth Rally Oct. 19; below Bobby Boswell and Lane Dickinson carry Floating Rosary Cross from the Sportscenter. Mel Howard photos

At far left, and above, Youth Rally for Life participants listening to the talks in the Sportscenter Oct. 19, 2012.



Owensboro Catholic Young Adult Group

The need for a Catholic Young Adult Group in Owensboro has been felt for many years and plans were made to start a group to serve not just one parish but the entire greater Owensboro area. Many young adults would like to have a group of peers with whom to share their faith and life. Additionally, there is a staggering number of young adults who leave the church due to a variety of reasons. They feel neglected, uninterested in the church, disagree with church teachings, or just simply feel apathetic towards religion.

The first meeting for a young adult group was held in January 2012 and in attendance were twenty young people from many different parishes in Owensboro.

Ideas were shared on how to reach out to the young adult population and get them more involved with the church. Since then, the group has hosted many events, including monthly participation at the St. Stephen First Friday Holy Hour, serving a meal at St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter, game nights, a day trip to Bardstown, and watching the ten episode series Catholicism by Fr. Robert Barron. We recently hosted a four talk series called "Serving up Catholicism" held at El Toribio on the waterfront and heard excellent talks on Vatican II, stewardship, and voting with a Catholic conscience.

The Owensboro Catholic Young Adult Group is supported by St. Ste-

phen Cathedral, the parent church for our whole diocese. The group hopes to create events for the Owensboro community which will engage young adults on a religious, social, and community building level. Most importantly, it will host events that will bring people closer together as brothers and sisters in Christ, learning and understanding the faith all the while building friendships.

The young adult group is open to married couples, singles, and those in consecrated religious life between the ages 18-40. If you would like to join or know someone who would, please send

an email to youngadult@pastoral.org to be added to an email list. Also find us on facebook by searching "Owensboro Catholic Young Adult Group." We hope to see you at the events!

Some Upcoming Young Adult Events:

Nov. 7: Game Night, Youth House, 7pm

Nov. 10: Field Trip: Ft. Donelson, Tenn.

Nov. 18: Rededication of St. Stephen Cathedral

Dec. 8: Diocese of Owensboro 75th anniversary

Dec. 18: Young Adult Christmas Party, Youth House, 7pm

Diocesan Sophia Award Seen as Honor for Senior Catholics



Bishop William Medley posing with Fr David Willett, 2012 Sophia Award Winner, and Nora Carter. With permission from Mayo Photographic, Henderson, Ky.

**Submitted by
Denise McWhorter**

Editor's Note: This is a nomination statement for Fr. David Willett to receive a 2012 diocesan Sophia Award, one of the most popular awards given by the diocese to western Kentucky Catholics. We thought you'd like to read how a nomination is made for this award to the Office of Stewardship.

"On behalf of St. Denis and St. Charles Churches I (Denise McWhorter) along with Nora Carter and Joe McWhorter of St. Denis and Susan Hayden, Wayne Wilson and Diane Wilson of St. Charles would like to nominate a very deserving person who is affiliated with both parishes at the present time: Father William



David Willett, pastor of St. Denis and St. Charles parishes.

"Father David has been a wonderful role model all of his life. He helped with church religious education classes during the time he was a seminarian back in the later part of the 70's one summer when his cousin Father Robert (Bob) Willett was serving as pastor. Father David worked with the high school students very closely always giving of himself in any capacity to help further their knowledge for the love of the Lord.

"Soon after, he became a priest, and he served several different tours of duty as a chaplain for the armed forces. Not sure how many years but I think it is close to forty years. After becoming semi-retired at his home in Fancy Farm and in the absence of our parish priest, Father Richard Cash, Father David has been more than willing to step up to the plate and become our administrator for both parishes. Once again, service to God and country is what Father David is all about. Father David is the type of person who goes about his business never wanting recognition for anything, but yet so deserving of praise."

Sophia Award Winners for 2012

Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Christ the King, Madisonville
Christ the King, Scottsville
Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam
Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Immaculate, Owensboro
Immaculate Conception, Earlington
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
Precious Blood, Owensboro
Rosary Chapel, Paducah
Sacred Heart, Russellville
Sacred Heart, Waverly
Saint Agnes, Uniontown
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Saint Alphonsus, St. Joseph
Saint Ambrose, Henshaw
Saint Ann, Morganfield
Saint Ann, Morganfield
Saint Anthony, Axtel
Saint Anthony, Browns Valley
Saint Anthony, Browns Valley
Saint Anthony, Peonia
Saint Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers
Saint Augustine, Grayson Springs
Saint Augustine, Reed
Saint Benedict, Wax
Saint Charles, Bardwell &
Saint Denis, Fancy Farm
Saint Charles, Livermore
Saint Charles, Livermore
Saint Francis Borgia, Sturgis
Saint Francis de Sales, Paducah

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Saint Henry, Aurora
Saint Jerome, Fancy Farm
Saint John the Baptist, Fordsville
Saint John the Evangelist, Paducah
Saint Joseph, Bowling Green
Saint Joseph, Bowling Green
Saint Joseph, Central City
Saint Joseph, Leitchfield
Saint Joseph, Mayfield
Saints Joseph & Paul, Owensboro
Saint Jude, Clinton
Saint Lawrence, St. Lawrence
Saint Leo, Murray
Saint Martin, Rome
Saint Martin, Rome
Saint Mary, Franklin
Saint Mary, LaCenter
Saint Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
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Saint Mary of the Woods, McQuady
Saint Mary of the Woods, McQuady
Saint Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Saint Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove
Saint Paul, St. Paul
Saint Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
Saint Peter of Antioch, Waverly
Saint Peter of Antioch, Waverly
Saints Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville
Saint Pius X, Calvert City
Saint Pius X, Owensboro
Saint Romuald, Hardinsburg
Saint Rose of Lima, Cloverport
Saint Sebastian, Calhoun
Saint Sebastian, Calhoun
Saint Stephen, Cadiz
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Saint Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Saint Thomas More, Paducah
Saint William, Knottsville
Saint William of Vercelli, Marion

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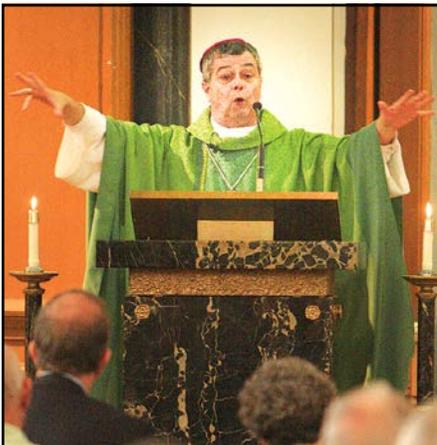
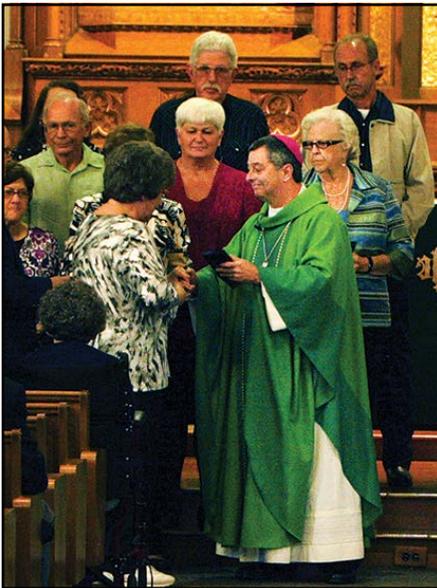
The Sophia Award Celebration September 30 Held At Holy Name Church In Henderson

November, 2012 27



At top left, Fr. John Vaughan with his mother, Ann, and family. Above, Bishop Medley with Nora Carter and Fr Dave Willett. At near right, a Sophia Award. At far right, Cathy Hagan and Kevin Kauffeld, Diocesan staff who organize the Sophia Awards

presentation. At middle left, Bishop Medley giving a Sophia Award. At lower left, Bishop Medley preaching. Below, Holy Name Church in Henderson was filled on the October 8, 2012 for the Mass and Sophia Awards ceremony. All photos by Mayo Photographic.



Summoned To The Gospel

By Father Richard Meredith

Saint Francis of Assisi is widely known for having told his Franciscan brothers to go out and proclaim the gospel, using words if necessary. Due perhaps to familiarity with the advice, the hearer today seldom senses just how profound it is. True, most agree that actions speak louder than words. Charity of attitude and behavior, along with a wise justice, toward family, neighbor, and enemy – identified as one's being Christian – proclaims the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "Thus, they will know you to be my disciples, in that you love one another." Mohandas Gandhi, who although Hindu committed himself to practice the beatitudes of Jesus (see, Matthew 5), acknowledged that he might have become a Christian had he met enough nominal Christians who actually attempted to practice those same beatitudes. His complaint was not that Christians tried to follow Jesus and failed, but that those who claimed to be Christians didn't really try to follow Jesus Christ as he himself taught. His was a stinging rebuke of British Imperial Christianity.

Christian virtue intentionally attempted and lived, along with the humility of ongoing repentance and conversion of life, is a powerful form of Gospel proclamation. One then has a basis for the words which speak the Gospel faith and hope that we claim to live by and the grace of the Lord God whom we claim to serve in Jesus Christ. But, Saint Francis' advisory was not just referring to the Gospel proclamation of our charity of life. There is much, much more.

When Jesus embraced the child, he said that whoever welcomed such a child welcomed him, and that whoever welcomed him, really was welcoming the One who sent him. His embracing the child, his blessing the children, these actions were Gospel proclamations without words. Jesus himself, the human incarnation of the Divine Word, without saying a word, is a physical, tangible, visual, Gospel proclamation. His breaking of bread, walking on water, praying through the night, his healing touch, his hanging – silent in death – upon the cross, these acts without speech are Gospel proclamations. Do you see where this is going?

When the Church stands with parents in the community of faith and baptizes an

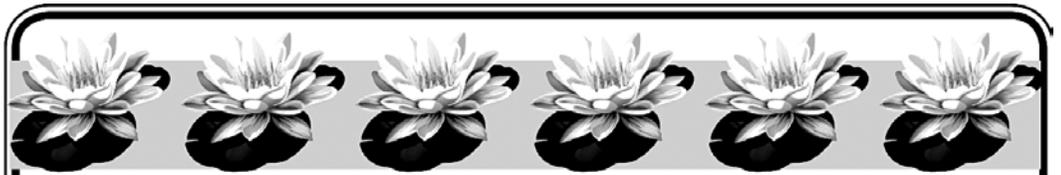
infant, the rite of Baptism is a proclamation of the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ being enacted by Christ through the Church's apostolic ministry. With and beyond the words of the Church's sacramental ritual, the signs and actions of the sacraments are proclamations of the Gospel. If one is open in faith to the richness of the rites and liturgies, one experiences the proclamation of the Gospel to the very core of their being. An infant is to be raised in the experience of the Gospel proclamation deriving from the lived experience of baptismal life. From infancy a baptized person is being raised in a worshiping and praying priesthood of the Gospel (see Romans 12 and 15.16).

Each sacrament gives rise to and forms an expression and a living out of a proclamation of the Gospel. Every Mass, while divisible into the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist, is from start to finish a proclamation of the Gospel. The first part does focus heavily on the words of God's Word in speech, for words are the grammar of our insight and understanding. But the second part proclaims the Word made Flesh, made Sacrament, given and received as food and inner life, borne by the community of faith into the world and lived, proclaimed in Person. The second part of the Mass is the Gospel liturgy of the Word made Eucharist, Body of Christ and Church in the world. We embody a spiritual liturgy of our lives in the world, embodying the Gospel. You and I are and are meant to be a living proclamation of the Gospel.

And there are many, many smaller, ordinary examples of this extraordinary proclamation. You do know that every utterance of the Lord's Prayer is quite literally a proclamation of the Gospel (see Matthew 6.9-13). The

Catholic Rosary (often shunned by other Christians) is quite literally a chained together proclamation of the Gospel. Rather than a repetitive incantation of multiplied words, the Rosary is a hymn proclaiming the Gospel with recitation from Matthew and Luke and homiletic meditations from the New Testament narratives and teachings.

The Catholic Church globally and locally is gearing up for a new evangelization, a renewed proclamation of the Gospel. Pope Benedict calls us to a focal year of faith in keeping with the 50th anniversary of the convocation of Vatican Council II (beginning October 11th). He has likewise summoned the XIII General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to Rome this October to strategize in synod (an episcopal assembly of apostolic ministry in union with the pope) on "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith." The Church, in personal and intimate union with Jesus our Lord, will now address the Gospel proclamation in all the ways I have mentioned above to a "post-Christian" world. Here in our western Kentucky diocese, we will prepare for this and engage this in part by our participation in Arise/Levitate. The call now goes out. Will you answer this call? The Gospel requires it. The Salvation of the World depends upon it. You and I are summoned to the Gospel.



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St. Francis Legend Inspires Annual Christians' October 4 Custom of the Blessing of Animals

By Mel Howard

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On the feast of Saint Francis, October 4, 2012, Brescia University students and staff gathered in the Brescia University quad to celebrate a Blessing of Animals. To help people understand why the blessing of animals became a practice in Christianity, Father Larry Hostetter narrated a story about Brother Wolf of Gubbio, A Saint Francis Legend. It seems that the town of Gubbio in the foothills of the Apennines was in need of a savior. Some town citizens were found dead in the streets. People were afraid, stayed behind locked doors at night. A big grey wolf prowled the town's streets. The town decided to find the holy man nearby who reputedly talked to animals.

The holy man came to Gubbio one night, found the wolf, and said, "Brother wolf," he said, "we need to talk." The holy man met the town's people and told them to feed their wolf. And so, they did. That holy man, of course, was Francis of Assisi. The story goes that the same year that Francis taught the people of Gubbio to feed their wolf, he began the tradition of the Christmas crib and celebrating midnight Mass around the crib. Many people were drawn to Assisi by Francis' simplicity. The people learned that the wolf in Gubbio is our own frail humanity needing the hand of a Savior to feed us which is why the legend has it that people now thank God that there is a wolf in Gubbio.

Every year on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Christian world blesses animals, like Francis did, and continue on into the Advent season of the Church, in need of and expecting a Savior.

Fr. Larry had some help in bringing to life the Legend of Brother Wolf of Gubbio. Brescia's mascot, Barney the Bearcat played the role of the wolf; Jason Cox wore Barney's suit to play the wolf. Alexis Ross-Logan played the part of Saint Francis. Sarah Askeman led the people gathered in the quad in their parts as the villagers of Gubbio. And Jacob Whitfill held up the villagers' cue cards when they had a part to say.

The Oct. 4 Blessing of Animals at Brescia was a very charming one-act play. The audiences, people and animals were happy, mingling, sniffing, laughing, barking, running, visiting, praying, with people taking cell-phone pictures and animals barking. At one point in the narration of the wolf of Gubbio legend, Fr. Larry read that all the animals were silent. He paused, looked around at the circle of people and dogs, waiting to see if any would cough or bark or otherwise raise a ruckus. All were silent. Fr. Larry said, "Good job, dogs" And their people glowed!

At left, Brescia University president Fr. Larry Hostetter raised his hand, blessing the animals in Brescia's Quad Oct. 4. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation."



In the top right photo, St. Francis (Alexis Ross-Logan) tells the wolf (Jason Cox wearing the Barney Bearcat suit) to come and listen.

In the lower right photo, Fr. Larry narrates the legend as Jacob Whitfill held the cue card, and St. Francis with the wolf and villager Sarah Ackerman celebrate the village's reception of a savior. Mel Howard photos



Driving the Future: New Legislation Gives Teens a Voice in Traffic Safety Programming

I am a teenager. I stay up too late; I wake up too late. I get emotional. I don't want my parents circling me like hawks, and I definitely don't want them to try to tell me what to do, especially behind the wheel. However, now that students are falling back into the school routine, it's time for everyone to pay attention to teen safety on the road.

Daily, young people get behind the wheel to go to class, work or extracurricular activities, but if you're a teen driver like me, your odds on the road aren't good. Young drivers are the most dangerous category of driver, to themselves and to everyone else. According to the CDC website, individuals ages 15-24 represent only 14 percent of the U.S. population, but they account for almost 30 percent of the total costs of motor vehicle injuries — leaving them highly overrepresented. In addition, per mile driven, young drivers ages 16-19 are four times more likely than “more experienced” drivers to get in a car crash, and male drivers and passengers ages 15-19 are twice as likely to die in a car crash as females.



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The disproportionate number of teen crashes is the result of several key factors.

One of the central reasons is the obvious — lack of experience. Teens are more likely to underestimate risky situations and to be unable to recognize hazardous ones. They are also more likely to drive closer to the vehicle in front of them, reducing their time to react if necessary. Also, because the judgment center of their brains is still developing, teens are more susceptible to the influences of peer pressure and emotion. The likelihood of fatal teen crashes increases as teens add more passengers to their vehicles, which they are more likely to do because they are social animals. Unfortunately, those teen passengers and drivers are also more likely not to be wearing their seat belts. In 2009, the majority (56 percent) of young people 16 to 20 years old involved in fatal crashes were unbuckled.

Yet despite overwhelming evidence that teen drivers and teen driver safety merit the nation's attention, prior to this year, federal highway safety legislation barely mentioned teens and the federal agency in charge of promoting safe driving behavior on the highways, NHTSA, had spent only 0.2% of its 2010 budget on this high-risk category.

While teen drivers have previously been an overlooked group of motor vehicle operators, the recent passage of the highway bill, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act or MAP-21, marked a

change in the trend, seriously addressing teen drivers for the first time in legislation. MAP-21 establishes funding for distracted driving, an area that affects teens more than others; and also provides incentives for progressive Graduated Driver's License programs. Most important to me, MAP-21 encourages states to include a peer-to-peer component in any teen traffic safety program they adopt, acknowledging that teens must be part of the solution for an issue that so directly affects them.

Peer-to-peer efforts, like those provided for in the MAP-21 legislation, are key to the success of any attempt to keep teens safe, as they encourage teens to take an active part in reaching out and touching one another in ways that teens know are effective. My friends and I are not oblivious to the risks we face when behind the wheel, and we are not passive in the fight for safer roads. After all, we're the ones primarily at risk. Thousands of students and many student organizations across the nation, including SADD, are engaged in creating positive change for our generation — working to improve our safety on the road and the safety of everyone else as well. I am grateful that teens themselves are now being recognized as a key part of something as important as traffic safety policy.

I am a teenager. I have things to say. I have thoughts, and ideas, and influence. And I am not alone. I, along with all of my peers, have the power to redefine our generation's safety on the road. We are enthusiastic. We are passionate. And we are leading the way for positive and meaningful change.

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Soccer Champions

The Holy Name Cardinals won the Evansville Girls Independent Soccer League 5/6 grade regular season on Sept. 26, 2012, and were the tournament champions. They finished the season with an overall undefeated record of 12-0. Team members are, front row from left, Kaylee Morris, Kara Morris, Reese Crafton, Caitlyn Honeycutt, Preston Hazelwood, Jillian Wheatley; second row, head coach Christi Honeycutt, Ally Grooves, Gabrielle Sutton, Ashley Fulkerson, Carlee Crafton, Lauren Eyre, Brooke Bugg, Emma Eyre, assistant coach Brian Crafton. Submitted by Todd Eyre

Opportunities for Life, a life affirming ministry of the Catholic Bishops of Kentucky, is welcoming new volunteers. This ministry provides a helpline to serve women and families dealing with untimely pregnancies. Volunteers offer non-judgmental support, hope and resources to callers who reach out for assistance. Helpline volunteers answer the helpline from their homes at times that are convenient for them. Opportunities for Life will be hosting a training workshop, in Owensboro, on Saturday, November 3rd to prepare volunteers for service with this life affirming ministry. If you would like more information regarding attending this training and becoming a volunteer with Opportunities for Life please contact Brenda Thomson, at 859-351-9885.

Being Grateful

By Sister Margie Lavonis, CSC



There are special times during the year when most of us at least make an extra effort to express our gratitude and appreciation for the people in our lives and the gifts we have been given — Mother's and Father's Day, birthdays, Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Now there is even designated days to celebrate grandparents, bosses, secretaries, and so on. For the most part these days are marketing tools to get us to spend our money. On the other hand, they do serve as reminders to us of how important it is to thank others and show our appreciation for them.

As Christians we know that that ev-

erything we are and have has been given to us by God, including our relationships. One way to express our love is through our gestures of gratitude, not just with cards or gifts on special days, but always.

Gratitude is something we learn. Many parents try to teach their children to be thankful. One often hears a mother or father say to a small child after he or she receives something, "What do you say?" I was also taught to write thank-you notes when I received a gift or was invited to a dinner, etc. Now people send e-mails or virtual cards. Many don't even bother. If you have gone to a wedding lately you might know what I mean.

In our world it is so easy to get wrapped up in our much too busy lives that we often forget or neglect to perform even simple acts of courtesy. We fail to express our appreciation for acts of kindness we receive. Many times we don't even think about it. Even worse, some of us may consider some good deeds done as things others are supposed to do.

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I have heard people say they don't feel obliged to thank people in the service industries because "that is what they get paid for." Some children have a similar attitude about their parents. They don't think about thanking them for what they do because they feel that is their duty. That is what parents are supposed to do. Often, when they become adults and parents, they realize all their parents did for them. Then there are those people, as my father used to say, who think the world owes them a living! We can take a lot of things and people for granted, including God.

As in all relationships, gratitude is also important in our relationship with God. When it comes right down to it, all we are and have comes from our gracious God. A good habit to develop in our evening prayer or some other time of the day is to reflect on the past 24 hours and give God thanks for the many blessings, great or small, we have received. Even the fact that we had another day of life is something to thank our creator for.

I have written many times about my

admiration of the people of Uganda, East Africa, before, but it is worth doing it again. The people in that country have beautiful custom of giving thanks for everything in their lives. Their word they use is webali. Any time a person goes to someone's home, the host thanks that person for visiting. Or if someone has a conversation with another, that person would thank him or her for speaking. They express gratitude for every human action no matter how big or small. It is an important part of their culture. I have now experience of this since I am living with our Ugandan novices. They appreciate everything they have and receive.

The Ugandans have a lesson to teach us. There is no doubt that our world would be a better place if we regularly expressed our genuine appreciation for life and for all that we receive from God and one another.

St. Paul says it simply in Colossians, "...Always be thankful" (Col. 3:15). And I would add, and don't forget to express it.

Please Support the CCHD Collection on November 17-18, 2012

By **Richard Murphy**

Right now, in the United States, 46.2 million people (16 million children) are classified by the federal government as living in poverty. That's one out of every seven Americans, and almost one out of every four children. It's a huge number of people.

Sometimes people make bad choices. But a lot of other factors can send a family below the poverty line—and keep others there who are already poor: a minimum wage that earns a full-time worker less than \$16,000 a year; health insurance that is unaffordable to many, including the 51 million Americans who lacked coverage in 2009; a housing market that has become inaccessible to low-income people; 12 million pay more than half their annual income for rent or mortgage payments; a job market where there are almost five job seekers for every available opening. If every available job were filled overnight, there would still be 11 million jobless workers. Education systems, family environments and racism, among other factors, also play a role.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the Gospel at work and Catholic social teaching in action. CCHD practices the principles the

Church teaches: the option for the poor, solidarity, subsidiarity, and participation. CCHD defends human life and dignity every day, in countless ways, all across our nation.

By working together through CCHD, Catholics offer hope and help to low-income families and communities working to overcome poverty and injustice in the United States. For 40 years, the Catholic Campaign of Human Development has invited followers of Christ to share in Jesus' mission to "bring good news to the poor... release to the captives... and to let the oppressed go free..." (Luke 4:18).

CCHD's Mission: More Important Than Ever. CCHD was established in 1969 to provide funding for groups of poor and low-income people who are empowered to address the root causes of poverty in their communities. CCHD has provided nearly 900 economic development grants and over 20 million dollars to self-help businesses and organizations led by poor persons. 25% percent of the annual diocesan CCHD collection stays

within the dioceses and is used to fund efforts that empower individuals and better the community.

For over 40 years the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has provided funding to groups that empower individuals to break the cycle of poverty in communities across the United States. The national date for the CCHD Collection is quickly approaching on November 17-18, 2012. The Collection is the primary funding source for CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. Without the support of Catholics around the USA, this good work would not be possible.

In the low-income neighborhood of Roxbury, near Boston, Dearborn Middle School is struggling academically and holding classes in a dilapidated building. Greater Boston Interfaith, a CCHD grant recipient, is helping parents, teachers, administrators, students, and congregations organize to turn the school into the state's first 6-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) high school. By

getting involved at the ground level with the support of the superintendent and state treasurer, Greater Boston Interfaith is able to train church leaders in the skills necessary to support the STEM school's work and ensure its successful implementation. They understand that a strong education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

For information about how the CCHD collection benefited organizations address in poverty in our Diocese, please see the article below. Application for these funds can be made in March or April each year and the grants are assessed, submitted to the bishop for approval and distributed in either May or June. Please watch the Western Kentucky Catholic in January or February for an announcement about making application.

Please consider supporting these and other CCHD efforts by your contributions to this year's Collection. If you have questions or seek further information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, please feel free to contact Richard Murphy, Director of the Office of Social Concerns for the Diocese of Owensboro at 270/ 683-1545 or email him at Richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

How Grants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection 2011 Were Made

By **Richard Murphy**

Here is how local CCHD dollars were used from the 2011 collection once reviewed by the local Ad hoc committee and approved by Bishop Medley. The funds were distributed in June 2012.

On June 20, 2012 a Committee of 7 people made up of representatives from Catholic Charities of Owensboro, the Diocesan Social Justice Committee, and members of the Diocesan staff met to consider 9 grant applications for \$4,724 in local Catholic Campaign for Human Development dollars. Only 5 were recommended for some funds.

Please review the list of proposed distributions, advise if you have any concerns regarding the recommendations, and if not, then please sign the memo indicating your approval of the committee's recommendations. Once approved, the disbursement requests will be sent to the

Administration Office, for their processing of the payments.

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Back Pack Ministry: Requested \$1200, Recommended Award \$1200. This program located in Sorgo, Ky proposed to join their neighbor church, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in cosponsoring a food supplement program for poor students and their families on weekends and holidays via a backpack load of nutritious food items. The grant will help expand this ministry along side the efforts of the two churches to meet these needs.

Community Threads Weaving Cooperative: Requested \$600, Recommended Award \$600. The Cooperative located in Bowling Green Ky is comprised of refugee artisans skilled in weaving various fibers including threads and bamboo. The grant will be used to purchase fibers to include thread and bamboo. Seedlings will be grown in containers as land for a

permanent garden is secured. One third of the monies from sales will be retained for the purchase of supplies to sustain the Cooperative's bank of materials.

English as A Second Language (ESL) Classes for Semi-Illiterate Adults: Requested \$1200, Recommended Award \$1200. St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bowling Green Kentucky is the sponsor for this program. It serves adults identified as semi-illiterate coming from cultures with a print and spoken language but have only achieved competency at a third-grade level or lower. This lack of literacy in their primary language makes traditional ESL courses insufficient for their needs. This program proposes to provide a bilingual instructor who can raise literacy levels to a pre-GED, sixth grade benchmark. This is a point at which they will be able to enter programs offered through other agencies.

Lighthouse Recovery Services: Requested \$1250, Recommended Award \$524. Lighthouse works in the Daviess County and surrounding area to assist substance abusers in their efforts to become chemical free, and to return to so-

ciety as productive persons. The organization seeks to help bring families back together in a stable and drug free home. Lighthouse regularly drug tests its participants to encourage them to stay chemically free. The money will cover the expenses of about 6 months of drug testing.

Watchdogs Program: Requested \$1200, Recommended Award \$1200. St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in St. Joseph Kentucky is the sponsor grant applicant in conjunction with the West Louisville Elementary School. This program seeks to increase and develop positive male role models for children of low income and nontraditional families. The program, which started in September 2011, proposes to be expanded to increase participation, use male role models to give children exposure to activities and things they do not normally have an opportunity to participate in, teach social skills and manners, provide exercise and improve their children's self-esteem. The goal is to increase participation in the program from 18 dads to 30 in the 2012-2013 program year.



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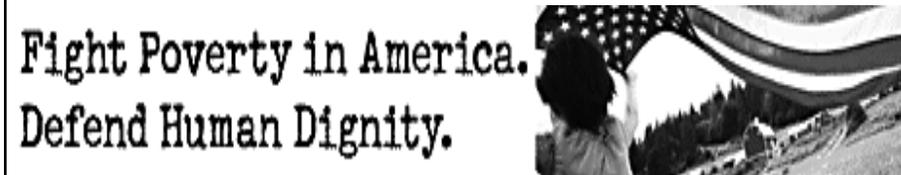
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Campaign for Human Development Collection is Nov 17 & 18, 2012

"The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2444). The Collection for the Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that create lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. In the last five years, over 36% of CCHD's grants have gone toward advancing education, supporting economic development, and improving housing in low-income neighborhoods. You can help participate in this tradition today. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.

Q: If a Western Kentucky Catholic missed the parish collection, can we still make a donation?

A: Yes; send a check or money order to United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of National Collections – CCHD, 3211 Fourth Street NE, Washington, DC 20017. Make checks payable to "USCCB – Catholic Campaign for Human Development." The CCHD is not able to process online or credit card donations.



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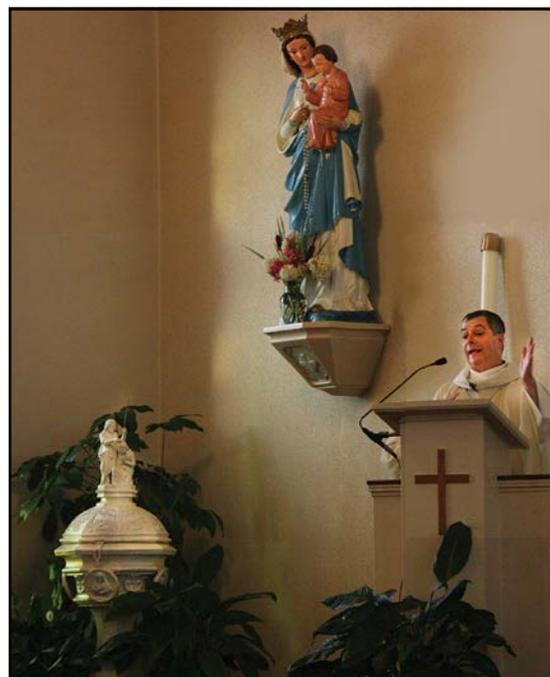
St. Alphonsus Celebrates Patron's Feast Day With Mass and A Dinner

Saint Joseph, Ky. - In July, 2012 Father Ray Goetz knew it was getting close to the time for Saint Alphonsus Parish to celebrate the feast day of its patron, Saint Alphonsus, on August 1. Fr. Ray said at Mass that if parishioners would plan a celebration and find ways to have a fine dinner after a 6 P.M. Mass with Bishop William Medley, that the people would come. "If you tell them about the celebration and the dinner, they'll come," Fr. Ray said. And he was right.

Fr. Ray said, "Let's celebrate." Bishop Medley was invited. Everyone was asked to bring food, and since garden vegetables were still in season, lots of garden veggies were brought for the dinner. While the reason the parish had to celebrate was the Feast Day of Saint Alphonsus, the parishioners who attended found that they enjoyed the celebration of the Mass and hearing Bishop Medley speak. Later all enjoyed the dinner which was blessed as Bishop Medley led the people in the Grace Before Meals.



As the August 1 Mass ended, altar server Rudy Clouse led the processional with Fr. Richard Powers, left, Bishop William Medley, and pastor Fr. Ray Goetz. At right, Marshall Graham was an altar server. Photo by Danny Thompson; information for this article and pictures was submitted by Connie Thompson



Bishop William Medley preached the homily for the August 1 Mass in which St. Alphonsus parish celebrated its patron's feast day. The baptismal font at left is over 100 years old. About ten years ago, a parishioner, Jeff Dant, refurbished and painted the baptismal font, restoring it to its original brightness and condition. Photo by Danny Thompson



In the photo at left, Fr. Ray Goetz and Bishop Medley pray Grace Before Meals. In the photo below, at left, Angela Green helped serve the dinner table for the St. Alphonsus parish feast day celebration dinner August 1. Appreciating her hard work and the many contributions of parishioners to make the meal were in front, Bishop Medley, Fr. Ray Goetz, H.J. Rumage, Jr., and at back, Johnny Warren and Gene Fleischmann. In the photo at lower right, Theresa and J.T. O'Bryan were standing in the serving line for the dinner. Photos by Danny Thompson.



Sister Vivian Bowles, O.S.U., Shared a moment with Bishop William Medley at the dinner August 1. Sister Vivian began as the parish's Director of Religious Education this same day. Photo by Danny Thompson



Reflections on the Mass of Inclusion Celebrated On 8-05-12

By Beverly Payne

The steps onto the altar are not even noticed by those of us that can walk. Speaking to the congregation is normally made easier with the use of a microphone. It's even easier when you can speak. And the words from the readings are easily shared with the congregation, when you can see.

Inclusion. If you only knew how often I use the word. It is the essence of what I do each day. Being one of the "crew" that provide opportunities for students to be included into as many educational and extended school activities as a school can provide.

That was what interested me. I know the term and wondered what it meant to disabled persons that want to be an active part of the church, the mass. Unlike some, I knew my awareness would be increased by what others could teach me.

I remember well when the city of Owensboro began adding accessible ramps to sidewalks. It really hit home for me because my sister in law was in a wheelchair and struggled to participate as a spectator in something as "easy" as the annual Christmas parade. There were people who were upset about the time and expense that would be used to provide this extra access to go downtown. Now we realize the sidewalk ramps actually help all of us get around. We can ride bikes, so can the kids. Wagons and strollers as well as wheelchairs and walkers were able to use the ramped edges to sidewalks and easily move from one corner to the other. Their installation on all new streets as well as old is a reminder that inclusion is a good thing.

On Sunday, August 5, barriers were broken down for extra participation in the mass. On that day, more people were included to be a part of the mass and share their talents. The mass of inclusion made sure ramps, voice to text technology and Braille were available so no one had to be a spectator if they wanted to be a part of the celebration.

There are so many emotional barriers that keep a lot of parishioners from participating in the mass. When there are physical obstacles, it can be difficult for a person to sign up for stewardship in a church. One thing we all want is a sense of belonging. Everyone needs to feel they are included.

From the beginning, I was so happy to be a part of the Mass. I was greeted at the entrance by Bishop Medley, Fr. Ray Clark, Fr. Tony Jones, Fr. Brad Whistle and Fr. John Meredith. I hadn't expected such a large group to be present. There is something very unique about five con-celebrants on the altar. It was obvious that no matter how much I had given up coming to the mass, I was greeted by five men much busier than me on a Sunday. I felt I was a part of something special that I might have just as easily missed.

I loved the music. Well chosen, wonderfully performed. Blessed Mother's Life Teen choir is a favorite of mine, so I was easily soothed with the style and performance from the group. However, the words seemed to have a deeper meaning than when used for Sunday mass. The words mirrored the reason we were all together sharing this experience as well as being perfectly suited to the Sunday mass. Words of the music can make me emotional on any given day, and this day was no exception. I enjoyed the meaning, somewhat changed meaning that the words had on a special occasion.

Imagine listening to the readings while the reader looks up the whole time. The delivery caught my attention and everyone else. It gave a new sense to the readings watching him look up at us and never having to look down to the Braille words. You'd probably have to have been there to picture how unique that experience was for those of us present at the mass.

Inclusion. What a perfect expression of reaching out to have everyone feel welcome at the Mass, deliberately seeking ways to facilitate and ease another person's chance to participate.

I thank the group that worked out the details of the day. Those in red shirts that found ways to get everyone involved that wanted to be a part of the Mass. I could tell a lot of ideas had to be worked through in order for the smooth transitions to occur.

It didn't end there. The Mass included a reception that also included more people equal access. Being the sister-in-law to a man that is lactose intolerant and wheat allergic, I know how few times he can participate even in family activities. The group was mindful of these allergies with the reception that followed the Mass. Not only was it a Mass

Diocese Celebrates 50th Anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council



Women Religious praying the Our Father in English with hands uplifted.

The Diocese of Owensboro celebrated the fiftieth Anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council on Oct. 11, 2012 at Brescia, a Catholic University campus, on a school day. Bishop William Medley presided at the Mass; Father Larry Hostetter, BU President, was the homilist in this, The Year of Faith, 2012-2013. Fr. Hostetter quoted Popes John XXIII and Benedict XVI, the latter quoting the former: "Blessed John XXIII, in his opening speech, presented the principal purpose of the Council in this way: 'What above all concerns the Ecumenical Council is this: that the sacred deposit of Christian doctrine be safeguarded and taught more effectively [...].'"



Communion in the Hand. Mel Howard photos

for everyone but a reception that allowed everyone to participate.

I like to be included at school, group activities, outings. I like to be able to participate. I like to participate in the Mass and church activities, too. Being involved is what makes it for me.

Thanks to all that participated in the inclusion mass. You did a marvelous job of proving that opportunities just need to be there for you to participate. Thanks to all the worked on the committee and moved those ramps and worked through the needs of the day. Your attention to details made it all move smoothly and Mass seemed like... Mass.

It's a nice reminder to all of us that inclusion may take some thinking out of the box. The planning takes a little extra effort and some team work. Then again, thinking out of the box is the theme of the decade. Inclusion at mass is a great reminder that change is a good thing. At least with this inclusion mass, the effort paid off. I know I enjoyed the experience.

Erika Vandiver: Catholic and Pro-Life To "...educate and evangelize..."



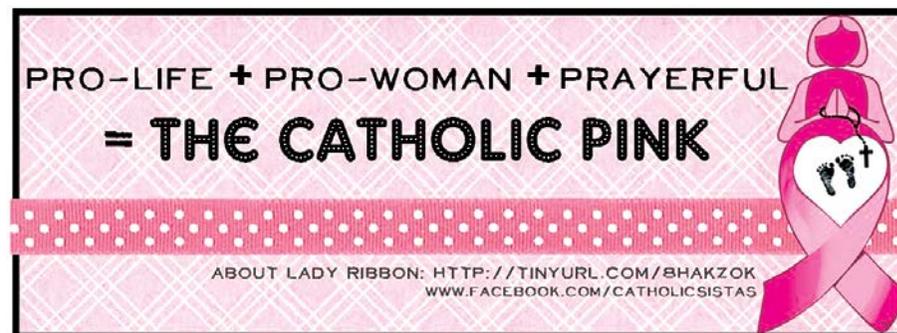
**Erika with her children
Andrew and Rachel**

By Erika Vandiver

I've always been Catholic and pro-life. These two attributes are intrinsically linked not only to themselves, but also to my character. My brothers and I were blessed with wonderful parents who instilled Catholicity and respect for life. We

attended Mass, said Rosaries, had Catholic education, and lived Catholic. We were blessed to attend World Youth Day 1994. Growing up, my mother was very involved in pro-life concerns. The rallies she organized are some of my fondest memories due to passion and spontaneity of the events. My brothers and I drew posters for rallies, (*See one of Erika's graphic Arts images at right.*) spoke with other pro-lifers, learned about politicians' life stances, and learned to debate and investigate life issues. Due to my pedantic nature, I never abandoned the Church or pro-life issues. Yet, my analytical nature spurred me to seek answers and not blindly follow.

After four miscarriages and one successful pregnancy (my son Simon, born after two miscarriages), I was challenged

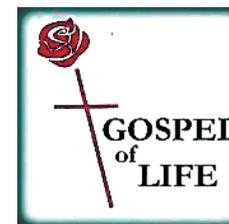


Erika Vandiver designed this Lady Ribbon to reflect her experience of being diagnosed with breast cancer at 20 weeks pregnant. She was blessed to find doctors in Houston, TX (MD Anderson) who would treat her cancer and let her keep the baby. Today, Miracle Baby, Rachel, is a healthy 3-year-old and Erika is cancer free. Praise God! There are pro-life, pro-woman ways to address breast cancer. We are taking back the PINK and offering an alternative for others to rethink the PINK! Birgit Jones, Rachel's Mom. Source: The Gospel of Life Committee's facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/gospeloflife?ref=fn>

to live my Catholic pro-life character. At 12 weeks pregnant, I found a lump in my left breast. Since my mother's breast cancer diagnosis two years previous, I was certain long before the doctors that it was breast cancer. Just days before we discovered I was carrying a little girl, we got the official diagnosis. This diagnosis, less than three years into my marriage, was devastating. Even as scared as I was, this life-changing disease didn't tempt me to abort or abandon my Faith. Calling upon my inner strength, instilled upon me by my faithful parents, I successfully fought the cancer while pregnant with chemotherapy. My continuing struggle, through my mother, garnered support for my fairly unique position (1 in 3,000-3,500 breast cancers occur in pregnant women) my husband, parents, family, Church family, friends, and even strangers. Rachel was welcomed into the world as a living miracle.

Since my diagnosis 3 years ago, I embraced a mission to educate about the truth of "life of the mother" diagnoses like mine. I received the Life Award from Right To Life of Owensboro for this and my dedication to saving Rachel's life while saving mine. After the critical aspects of my treatment were over, I felt called to further the causes I so embraced.

I joined an ecumenical pro-life board, but was dissatisfied. Then my mother, once again, guided me to a perfect organization, the Gospel of Life Committee of the Diocese of Owensboro. It embodies everything about me: unapologetically Catholic and unwaveringly pro-life. Supporting pro-life causes that directly and indirectly help those tempted by abortion, regardless of faith or background. We educate and evangelize, but don't continuously beg for donations. What a perfect fit for me!



Brescia University Hosts Kentucky Law Schools

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Brescia University is pleased to welcome representatives from all three law schools in Kentucky on Tuesday, November 13 from 2-3:30 pm. The Chase Law School at Northern Kentucky, the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville, and the College of Law at the University of Kentucky will each have representatives on campus for a presentation and question/answer session.

Dr. Allen Gehring, Brescia University Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Philosophy Area Coordinator, has initiated this opportunity. "I want to stress that this event is not just for those who know they want to pursue law school. This is open to anyone who isn't certain what profession they are going to choose. It will help them think through some of the details and ask those questions directly to the representatives."

The event takes place in the Study Pavilion, which is located on the second floor of the Campus Center (717 Frederica Street). For more information please contact Dr. Gehring at allen.gehring@brescia.edu or call 270-686-4328.

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY TRIP TO ITALY SUMMER 2013 June 1-12

Participate in an exciting opportunity to tour Italy in a very unique way. Fr. Larry Hostetter, Brescia President, and Sr. Mary Diane Taylor, Chair of the Brescia Fine Arts Division, will offer daily optional study component for academic credit. There will also be daily walking tours available.

The biggest benefit of this trip is the opportunity for exploring Italy on your own.

Cities included in this trip include Rome, Florence, Orvieto, Naples, and Assisi.

View a detailed brochure for the trip at www.brescia.edu.

Deadline to pay your deposit is November 30, 2012.

Feast Day at Rosary Chapel

Submitted by Pearl A. Payne

Paducah's Rosary Chapel celebrated the Feast of the Holy Rosary and its 65th anniversary on October 7th. Rosary Chapel and School were built in 1947 by a group of families and individuals who labored to build a Catholic Church for Black Catholics in the Paducah area. What started out as a small house converted to a small chapel and two houses used for classrooms with 23 students when the school first opened in September of 1947 grew to 150 students a few years later. In 1952, a three story brick building was constructed to build a school for grades K-12, living quarters for the Ursuline Sisters who taught at the school, a large kitchen, and cafeteria and basement auditorium – built brick-by-brick by the Rosary community of volunteers. As the Rosary School grew, so did the Rosary congregation. The present, A-frame church was built in 1958. In the 1970s the laity stewardship was called to take on a more active role in the Church. The Parish Council was formed. The Choir and NIA dancers soon followed, along with the Women's Club and the Men's Club.



12 candles sit on the altar symbolizes the ancestors who built Rosary Chapel & School

Rosary School closed in 1967, but the building was continuously used to serve the community. It was used as a community child development center, a grade school for St. Frances de Sales, and in 1986 Keaton Associates began a lease of building for use of halfway house for



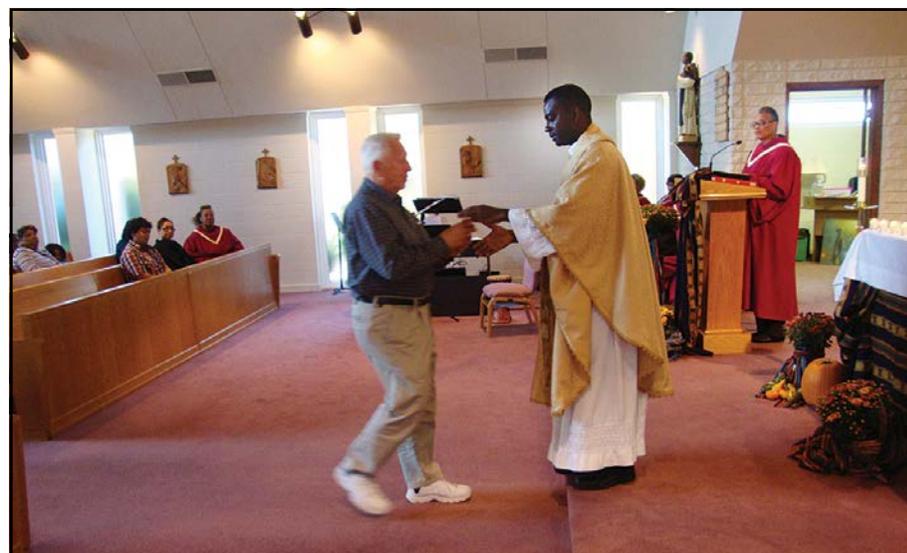
Fr. Uwem presents the 12 candles symbolizing the ancestors of Rosary to the Church



Anaya Dancers open the Mass celebration

custodial inmates within 18 months of parole, a lease which continues today with some expansions made by Keaton to the property.

The church was renovated in 1999 and built a new Parish Hall and Fellow-



One of the candles is carried to the altar by Richard White in memory of Fr. Richard Wersing

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ship center, a gathering space with a full kitchen, offices and three classrooms. The new Parish Hall was dedicated and blessed in June of 1999.

Rosary Chapel was built by African Americans and initially was a parish that served the African American community of Paducah. But today, Rosary Chapel is a multi-cultural parish serving a diverse faith community. People from diverse cultures and socio-economic backgrounds gather to worship each week as brothers and sisters in Christ. Rosary Chapel is a family, a family who shares in joys and sufferings and a family who is united together in gratitude and service to God.

The Anniversary was concluded by a candle lighting ceremony recognizing selected individuals among those founding members who built Rosary Chapel. Current parishioners and one visitor Richard J. White, from Philadelphia, carried candles to the altar in memory of the following founding families, priests, and Ursuline Sisters: Mr Milton & Mrs Maggie Walker, Mr. Marion Grinter, Mr Dewitt Stokes, Mr Leo Hunter, Mr & Mrs M.D. McCauley Sr., Dr & Mrs E. F. Cox, Mr & Mrs William Joseph Payne, Sr., Mr & Mrs Dan Davis, Sr. Mary Edwardin, Mr & Mrs Homer Mitchell, Rev. Albert J. Thompson, and Fr. Richard Wersing

Exers from this article were taken from a presentation made by Shirley (McCauley) Bunch on Feast Day morning at Rosary Chapel on October 7, 2012.

BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY

AXTEL, St. Anthony The Abbot
Vigil 6:00pm; Sunday 6:30 & 10:00 am
CLOVERPORT, St. Rose of Lima
Sunday: Vigil 5:00 pm, 8:00 am
HARDINSBURG, St. Romuald
Vigil 5:00 pm (4pm in winter); Sun-

day 7:00 & 10:00 am
IRVINGTON, Holy Guardian Angels
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 11:00 am EST
MCQUADY, St. Mary of the Woods
Vigil 4:00pm; Sunday: 8:00 am

BARDWELL, St. Charles
Sunday 10:00 am
BEAVER DAM, Holy Redeemer
Vigil 4:00 pm & 5:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday 9:30 am
BOWLING GREEN, Holy Spirit
Vigil 4:30 pm;
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 am
BOWLING GREEN, St. Joseph
Vigil 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish),
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am,
12:30 pm (Spanish)
BROWNS VALLEY, St. Anthony
Vigil 6:00 pm; Sunday, 9:30 am
CALHOUN, St. Sebastian
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00 am
CENTRAL CITY, St. Joseph
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am
CLINTON, St. Jude
Sunday: 10:30 am
CURDSVILLE, St. Elizabeth
Sunday: 9:00 am
DAWSON SPRINGS, Resurrection
Sunday: 10:00 am
EARLINGTON, Immac. Conception
Sunday: 8:00 am
ELKTON, St. Susan
Sunday: 10:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)
FANCY FARM, St. Denis
Sunday: 8:00 am
FORDSVILLE, St. John the Baptist
Sunday: 8:00 am
FRANKLIN, St. Mary
Vigil 5:00 pm;
Sunday 9:00 am, 12:00 pm (Spanish)
FULTON, St. Edward
Sunday: 8:30 am
GUTHRIE, Sts. Mary and James
Vigil 6:00 pm (Spanish); Sunday:
8:00 am
HARDIN, St. Henry

Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:30 am
HAWESVILLE, Immac. Conception
Vigil 5:00 pm (April-September);
Sunday 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
HENDERSON, Holy Name
Vigil 4:00 pm;
Sunday 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am,
1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:30 pm (Youth)
HICKMAN, Sacred Heart
Vigil 5:00 pm Saturday
HOPKINSVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,
10:30 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish), 10:30
pm (Spanish)
KNOTTSVILLE, St. William Church
Vigil 4:00 pm;
Sunday 6:30 am, 10:00 am

GRAYSON COUNTY

CLARKSON, ST. ELIZABETH
Sunday 10:30 am
GRAYSON SPRINGS.,
ST. AUGUSTINE, Vigil 5:00 pm
(summer), 4:00 pm (winter)
LEITCHFIELD, ST. JOSEPH
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am
PEONIA, ST. ANTHONY
Sunday 8:00 am
ST. PAUL Vigil 5:00 pm;
Sunday 9:00 am
WAX, ST. BENEDICT
Sunday: 10:00 am

LACENTER, St. Mary of the Fields
Sunday 8:30 am
LEWISPORT, St. Columba
Vigil 5:00 pm (October-March);
Sunday 8:30 am
LIVERMORE, St. Charles Borromeo
Sunday, 10:00 am
MADISONVILLE, Christ the King
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,

OWENSBORO:

BLESSED MOTHER
Vigil 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:00 am,
10:00 am, 5:30 pm (LifeTeen)
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
Sunday: 10:00 am
The IMMACULATE PARISH
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am and
10:00 am
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:00am and
11:00 am

10:30 am, 6:00 pm (Spanish)
MARION, St. William of Vercelli
Sunday: 11:00 am
MAYFIELD, St. Joseph
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,
10:30 am, 2:00 pm (in Spanish)
MORGANTOWN, Holy Trinity
Sunday: 11:15 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)
MURRAY, St. Leo
Vigil 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm (Spanish),
Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00 am
(6:00 pm MSU Newman Center
Mass Fall and Spring semesters)
OAK GROVE, St. Michael Archangel
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:30 and
11:30 am, 2:30 pm (Latin)
PHILPOT, St. Lawrence Church
Sunday: 8:00 am
PRINCETON, St. Paul
Sunday: 10:00 am
PROVIDENCE, Holy Cross
Vigil 5:30 pm Saturday
REED, St. Augustine
Vigil 5:30 pm Sunday 8:00 am
ROME, St. Martin
Vigil 4:00 pm (Nov-Mar), 5:00 pm
(Apr-Oct), Sunday 7:00 am, 8:00 pm
RUSSELVILLE, Sacred Heart
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:30 am
SCOTTSVILLE, Christ the King
Sunday: 11:00 am
SEBREE, St. Michael
Sunday: 10:30 am, 12:00 noon
(Spanish)
SORGHO, St. Mary Magdalene
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am

PRECIOUS BLOOD Vigil 5:00 pm;
Sunday 7:30 am and 10:30 am
STS. JOSEPH AND PAUL
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00
am, 6:00 pm, 12:00 pm (Spanish),
10:30 pm (Spanish)
ST. PIUS TENTH
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,
11:00 am, 8:00 pm
ST. STEPHEN CATHEDRAL
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:00 am,
9:00 am, 11:00 am

STANLEY, St. Peter of Alcantara
Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am
ST. JOSEPH, St. Alphonsus
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:30 am
SUNFISH, St. John the Evangelist
Sunday: 8:00 am
WHITESVILLE,
Passionist Nuns Monastery
Sunday: 8:00 am
WHITESVILLE,
St. Mary of the Woods
Vigil: 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30
am, & 10:00 am

PADUCAH:

ROSARY CHAPEL
Sunday: 10:30 am
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:30 am,
11:00 am
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:30 am
and 9:30 am
ST. THOMAS MORE
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 9:00 am &
11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

CAMPUS MINISTRIES

BOWLING GREEN, St. Thomas Aquinas
Sunday: 10:00 am
MURRAY, Newman House
Sunday: 6:00 pm
OWENSBORO, The Immaculate Heart
of Mary Chapel, Brescia University
Sunday: 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Weekday:
7 a.m. and 12 Noon Daily

THE LAKES

AURORA, ST. HENRY
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:30 am
CADIZ, ST. STEPHEN
Vigil 6:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am
CALVERT CITY, ST. PIUS X
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 10:00 am

EDDYVILLE, ST. MARK
Sunday: Vigil 6:00 pm, 8:00 am
GRAND RIVERS, ST. ANTHONY
Vigil 6:00 pm (Memorial Day through
Labor Day) Sunday 8:00 am

UNION COUNTY

HENSHAW, St. Ambrose
Vigil 5:30 pm Saturday
MORGANFIELD, St. Ann
Vigil 4:00pm; Sunday 8:00 am and
10:30am
STURGIS, St. Francis Borgia
Sunday: 9:00 am

UNIONTOWN, St. Agnes
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,
10:00 am
WAVERLY, Sacred Heart
Sunday: 8:00 am
WAVERLY, St. Peter of Antioch
Sunday 10:00 am

Sister Michael Marie Friedman's school wins national award



Sister Michael Marie Friedman, O.S.U.

St. James Elementary in Elizabethtown was honored as a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School based on its overall academic excellence. The principal of the school is Sister Michael Marie Friedman, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph.

St. James was one of 269 schools honored across the country, and one of five private schools

recognized in Kentucky. The U.S. Department of Education will honor St. James and the other schools at a recognition ceremony on Nov. 12-13 in Washington, D.C.

"We are excited!" Sister Michael Marie said. "The Blue Ribbon Award is a validation for us that the strong work ethic instilled in students each day really pays off. It is a good affirmation for the students and families, who have supported Catholic education in this region.

"St. James is a stewardship parish that values Catholic education and its school," Sister Michael Marie said. "The parishioners' sacrifices for Catholic education continue each day. The Blue Ribbons on each school building are displayed with pride. Everybody owns a little piece of that Blue Ribbon."

"Our nation has no greater responsibility than helping all children realize their full potential," said Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education on Sept. 7. "Schools honored with the National Blue Ribbon Schools award are committed to accelerating student achievement and preparing students for success in college and careers. Their work reflects the conviction that every child has promise and that education is the surest pathway to a strong, secure future."

Sister Michael Marie, an Ursuline Sister for 47 years, has been principal of St. James since 1990. Prior to that, she was principal of Owensboro Catholic Middle School, 1989-90; principal of St. Mary Elementary School, Paducah, 1985-89; a teacher at St. Mary High School, Paducah, 1981-85; a teacher and principal at St. Romuald High School, Hardinsburg, 1975-81, St. Alphonsus School, St. Joseph, 1973-75, and St. Paul School, Princeton, 1972-73, and she taught at Mary Carrico School, Knottsville, 1969-72.

Diocesan Marriage Celebration

By Tami Urcia

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Each year, the Family Life Office sponsors an event to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. All couples with special anniversaries (25, 40, 50 and 50+) receive a personal invitation to attend, but all are invited. The object is to rejoice in what God has joined: fidelity and perseverance, children and grandchildren, mutual unity and love. In today's society, when the meaning of marriage is being challenged to its very core, celebrations like this one are especially important.

This year, the Diocesan Marriage Celebration took place on Sunday, 16 at Blessed Mother Parish. Bishop William F. Medley presided at a special Mass at 2:00 p.m. Brett Ballard and members of the choir sang beautifully appropriate hymns and during the liturgy married couples were invited to reaffirm their wedding vows. Those married only a few months as well as those married several decades



Steve & Shelia Byrne with Bishop William Medley

joined hands reconfirm their desire for mutual and lasting fidelity. Bishop Medley reminded them that they are a sign of God's creative, faithful love. He then called God's choicest blessings upon the union of the couples, so that they might reflect the union of Christ and his Church.

First Baptist Church Choir at Maple Mount



Mark Slaughter, left, music and worship pastor at First Baptist Church in Owensboro, instructs his choir members in a conference room at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount. More than 20 members of the choir from First Baptist came to Mount Saint Joseph on Sept. 15 for a daylong retreat. MSJ Photo



The Byrne family: top row from left to right daughter Patricia Byrne, (Guest of Honor) Steve & Shelia Byrne, daughter Stephanie Martin- Evans, grandson Taylor Hagan, grandson Austin Martin. Bottom row granddaughter Lauren Hagan, grandson Kevin Hagan, grandson Troy Byrne, & daughter Katie Hagan.

A cake and punch reception followed Mass. The Bishop presented a certificate of recognition to those who RSVPed. The couples were delighted to meet him and shake his hand and some took pictures with him. One couple in particular, Steve and Sheila Byrne, celebrated their 40th anniversary on that very day. Hailing from St. Augustine Parish in Reed, Kentucky, several members of their family came to join in the festivities.

Next year's celebration will take place on September 22, 2013 at St. Stephen Cathedral. All are welcome!

Runaway Quilters return to bring color to Maple Mount

There were 121 Runaway Quilters at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center from Sept. 18-21, and 21 of them were newcomers to the retreat. Some traveled from other states, includ-

ing Tennessee, Illinois, South Carolina and Georgia. Runaway Quilters have been gathering for more than 25 years, and this is the 21st year they've come to Maple Mount.



There isn't a lot of open floor space as many of the Runaway Quilters fill the Mount Saint Joseph gymnasium for Sit and Sew. This is where the quilters can work on their crafts, while classes are happening elsewhere in Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. MSJ Photo



MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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 with Brother Dan Phillips

December

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

Center-sponsored programs are in **BOLD** type. Please call to register.

To register or to schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty
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kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org
www.msjcenter.org
Located 12 miles west of Owensboro, Ky., on Hwy. 56



Mount Saint Joseph
Conference and Retreat Center

January 2013

- 5 Yarn Spinners Day
- 18-20 Retrouvaille
- 21-27 St. Meinrad Retreat Week

February 2013

- 1-3 Come and See Weekend for high school girls with an interest in vocations
- 2 Yarn Spinners Day
- 9-10 Catholic Engaged
- 22-23 Women's Retreat/Chapel Hill
- 24-27 MSJ Quilter Friends

March 2013

- 1-3 Women's Retreat with Sister Cheryl Clemons
- 8-10 Yarn Spinners Weekend

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Margaret Scott of Island holds up one of her pumpkin appliques she is working on. Scott is one of the coordinators for the Runaway Quilters annual retreat and has been coming to Runaway for 17 years. "Some of my friends told me about it. I've been sewing for 45 years and teaching quilting for 40 years," she said. Scott retired as the extension agent in McLean County, after 35 years. "The best part is meeting new people and learning new quilt patterns," she said. She was making applique pumpkins Sept. 19 to eventually have enough blocks to make a quilt. MSJ Photo

At left, Nell Jordan (right, in the blue top) of Franklin, Ky., describes to her class how to make a Bow Tucks tote like the one she is holding. She's been coming to the Runaway Quilters retreat for 17 years, and teaching at Runaway for 10 years. "I'm a retired teacher, I never get tired of teaching," she said. "I just like to help people. I started quilting when I was a teenager with my grandmother." Her friends got her started coming to Runaway Quilters. "I couldn't stand for my friends to have more fun than I did," she said with a laugh. "It's always fun to see friends we've made that we never see except here." MSJ Photo



Photo by Emma Paez



Photo by Mel Howard



Photo by Mel Howard

The Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish Block Party October 6, 2012

416 bags of groceries, 864 jars of Ragu, 300 containers of laundry detergent and dish soap, 600 rolls of paper towels or toilet paper, 400 loaves of bread, bags of goodies at the Welcome Booth for neighborhood visitors, over 1,200 people were hosted by 135 parish volunteers with lots of toys, cakes, 800 donated hot dogs and buns with the fixins', clothes, shoes, blankets, books, bikes, school supplies, infant items, face painting, bottled water, hair cuts, health screenings, - St Joseph and Paul parishioners donated items all year long, helped organize the items on Saturdays - all in keeping with the parish mission statement: "We Give Our Hearts To God And Our Talents To His People." Way To Go, Church!



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Cherished Moments For Reading Out Loud When Our Words Alone Fail

A Review by Mel Howard

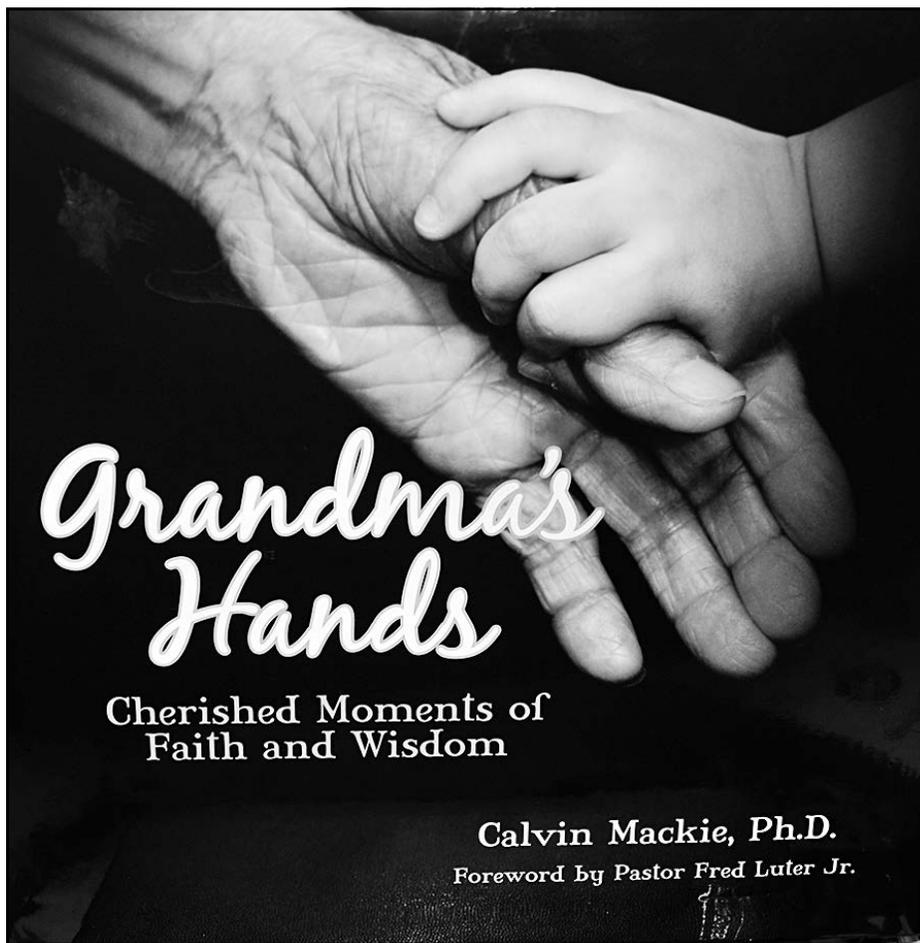
“There’s more than one way to skin a cat.” “Don’t pick your fruit from the ground. Reach up!” “A half-truth is a whole lie.” “Iron sharpens iron.”

Say what? When did people talk like that, Grandma? Once, back in the day, I asked my Grandma why she talked in her way. She smiled and just said, “You’ll know one day when you have grandkids.” I remember her saying, “Now, Louis, be nice to that boy. He’ll be one who takes care of you when you get old.” Grandmas have their own way with words.

I’ve been told that Catholic newspaper readers put book reviews toward the bottom of their list of favorite parts of a paper. I think this is because readers want the predictable. In life, the Spirit surprises us and brings a new enthusiasm when we go with His flow, and the Spirit blows where He wills. Here’s an old-fashioned surprise.

Calvin Mackie, Ph.D., wrote *Grandma’s Hands*, a well-made book for someone whose Grandma’s old-timey expressions stick in the memory and come to mind in times of joy or of trouble. The title comes from a Bill Withers song, “Grandma’s Hands.”

As editor of a Catholic paper, I received a release about *Grandma’s Hands* asking if I wanted to see a copy. OK. Luke Messecar with the Boston, MA publisher, The Ictus Initiative, sent me one if I’d review it. A promo stated, “Drawing inspiration from the women in the author’s family, *Grandma’s Hands: Cherished Moments of Faith and Wisdom* is Dr. Calvin Mackie’s impassioned celebration of the enduring values of our elder generations, whose wisdom and experience bring a humbled perspective and clear direction to the challenges of our daily lives.” And, “In each of *Grandma’s Hands’* sections, Dr. Mackie has taken a familiar proverb and coupled it with a passage from the Bible. The juxtaposition illustrates the biblical root of the common proverb alongside Dr. Mackie’s own deeply personal observances of its truth, presented in relatable modern-day anecdotes from his life and his work.”



Grandma's Hands

Cherished Moments of
Faith and Wisdom

Calvin Mackie, Ph.D.

Foreword by Pastor Fred Luter Jr.

OK. Nothing wrong with the Bible. And everyone has a Grandma, so, sure, let’s see about it. Immediately I liked the dust jacket cover; anyone’s hands are so expressive, and as a camera aficionado, I see people’s hands through a lens. Opening the book randomly, I found “Don’t Put All Your Eggs In One Basket” on page 55. Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 (Cast your bread upon the waters...) was quoted on the photo page. “Never place all your faith, belief, or money in one person or institution” was Dr. Mackie’s conclusion for this Grandma saying. And there is a beautiful, sharp Sunitha Pilli portrait of an older woman with a loving, expressive face encircled with silver jewelry.

One learns much about Dr. Mackie and the women who influenced him in his book, and what’s more, it’s got everything down in it. I showed *Grandma’s Hands* to my Mom and she was looking at it with one of my sisters who said, “Mom, you ought to write down those sayings you have.” Mom replied, “There’s the book.

It’s got everything down in it. I think I heard the majority of those sayings from my Grandmother ‘Cat’ Fowler.”

You, too, will recognize many of the sayings in this book, and really enjoy the photos in it of fascinating women who nurture, educate, cure a child’s boo-boos, motivate, inspire, love, and help to make us much of who we are. The pictures show women in relationship with family members in different settings. A cliché in American marketing methods about pictures of people is that if the person is plain, then show their hands. Not so here; the pictures in *Grandma’s Hands* show mostly the faces of people in bright, colorful settings, and pictures of hands are a smaller inset photo. People’s hands are like windows into their lives.

“Be Careful About What You Ask For - You Might Just Get It.” The bible quote in this book for this proverb is from Psalm 106:15 - “*And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.*” Better watch out when you do get this book. This book belongs in hands, not made for dusting on a shelf, but for having out where people gather to sit and talk. With large type and big colorful pictures, *Grandma’s Hands* is made for teaching the young, for sharing, for encouragement, and for feeding a corner of one’s soul. Let some sayings from *Grandma’s Hands* join your personal poetry that you use when stepping up with just that right nugget of a saying to fit life’s closer encounters among friends and family.

In his 1915 poem, “The Death of the Hired Man,” Robert Frost wrote about a time

when Mary recalled something about Silas, a man who seemed to never know what to say: “I sympathise. I know just how it feels/To think of the right thing to say too late.” Silas needed somebody to read a part of *Grandma’s Hands* out loud with him. It’s a new heart book.

Greetings from Bani.

By Father Stan Puryear

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blessings as to how she had so many friends who were always there to cheer her up and offer her a bit of encouragement.

At this point, I should probably admit that I have a personal quirk when it comes to the Eucharist that may be a bit unusual. I cannot get over the fact that the word “Eucharist” comes from the Greek word eucharistia, which means “thanksgiving”. The Eucharist is about us giving thanks for the many blessings that we have received from God. Here in the Dominican Republic I see so many people being thankful for so little. Anyone who says that Jesus words, “Blessed are the poor” are merely symbolic or that they should not be taken literally has never had a conversation with a poor person who is so aware of their dependence on God for every day of life. During this month of November in the United States, besides voting for president, you’ll be celebrating Thanksgiving. I’ll be celebrating here, too, with turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, and mango daiquiris. (I’ve never been a big fan of pumpkin pie.) As you celebrate, please remember to be thankful for democracy, freedom, bounteous food, and a reliable electrical grid. But more than anything, give thanks for those people who remind us how precious are the gifts of life, family, and friends.

Saludos de Bani

Por Father Stan Puryear

En primer lugar, quiero pedir disculpas a todos mis fieles lectores (son tres personas) por no producir una columna para la edición de octubre de la Católica de Kentucky Occidental. Entre el paso de la Tormenta Tropical / Huracán Isaac y un viaje a Kentucky durante los principios de septiembre, el tiempo se me escavó.

Dado a que esta es la tercer experiencia de vivir a través de los meses de tormentas (agosto y septiembre siendo los más activos), sé qué esperar: lluvia, lluvia, lluvia, lluvia y lluvia. Aunque hubo algún daño de viento y olas con paso de Isaac, las fuertes lluvias (mas que 30 pulgadas) y las inundaciones fueron lo que causaron el mayor daño. En la República Dominicana, cinco personas fallecieron, mientras que en el vecino país Haití el número de muertos fue de alrededor de 10. Una de las personas que murieron aquí en la República Dominicana tuvo sus últimos momentos grabados y posteriormente publicados en internet. De pie en el lado del puente, ignorando las súplicas de familiares y amigos, al mismo tiempo insistiendo en que él era un excelente nadador, saltó a las aguas furiosas. Testigos dijeron que el alcohol era un factor que contribuyó al lío.

Después de un retraso de dos días relacionados con Isaac, finalmente llegué a Kentucky. Lamentablemente, mi tiempo fue más lleno que anticipaba. En mi última visita, una queridísima señora que luchaba contra el cáncer me pidió que presidiera en la Misa de Exequias. Le dije que si ella esperara hasta los finales de agosto (como era cuando yo iba a regresar), sería mi honor. Ella luchaba para sobrevivir hasta el fin de agosto, así que el sábado antes del Día del Obrero, tuve el privilegio de celebrar la Misa fúnebre para una persona que verdaderamente apreciaba las muchas bendiciones que recibía de Dios en su vida.

Esa Misa fue la primera vez que tuve la oportunidad de celebrar la Misa en inglés desde los cambios en la redacción. Con la excepción de todo el mundo diciendo: «Y con tu espíritu», no podía entender había tanta energía dedicada a su introducción. En verdad, pienso que con la nueva traducción, las oraciones son más poéticas e inspiradoras. Pero en su mayor parte – tal vez porque a veces busco la

mejor manera de traducir una idea en un idioma diferente – pensé que muchos de los cambios fueron muy positivos. Había unos detallitos que me salieron un poco raros, pero no podía adivinar unas traducciones más apropiadas. Supongo que en otros 50 años, cuando esta traducción es revisada, esas palabras se cambiarán nuevamente. Pero en 50 años, espero estar jubilado.

También, durante el tiempo en Kentucky, me di cuenta en una nueva manera cómo verdaderamente bendecidos somos en los Estados Unidos con tanta abundancia. En Kroger para comprar harina sazónada y unos otros condimento que no se encuentran en la República Dominicana, estaba abrumado por la cantidad de productos que están disponibles. Y programas sociales aseguran que todo el mundo puede recibir por lo menos lo básico que necesitan para sobrevivir. La semana pasada, por otro lado, estaba hablando a una familia cuya hija había sido hospitalizada recientemente. Pues resulta que, con 17 años de edad, sufre de anemia crónica porque no hay suficiente comida en la casa. Con tres personas de los cinco en la casa manteniendo empleos a tiempo completo, no hay suficiente dinero para que todos comen cada día. Y con la severa sequía en los Estados Unidos este año, los precios de los alimentos se esperan subir, lo que significa más miseria para más personas.

Quizás eso es lo que más me encantó acerca de mi querida amiga por quien celebré la Misa. Aun no tenía recursos económicos para aprovechar de todo lo que la vida ofrecía, siempre comprendió cómo bendita estaba en tener un hogar y una familia. Y aun cuando el cáncer le quitó su buena salud, ella daba cuenta de sus bendiciones porque tenía amigos que estaban presentes para animarla.

En este punto, probablemente debo admitir que tengo un capricho personal cuando se trata de la Eucaristía que puede ser un poco raro. Siempre doy cuenta de que la palabra "Eucaristía" es de la palabra griega eucaristia, que significa "acción de gracias". En la Eucaristía, nosotros damos gracias por las bendiciones que hemos recibido de Dios. Aquí en la República Dominicana veo que mucha gente está agradecida por tan poco. Los que dicen que las palabras de Jesús "Benditos son los pobres" son meramente simbólicas o que no se deben tomar literalmente nunca ha tenido una conversación

con una persona pobre que es tan consciente de su dependencia de Dios para cada día de vida.

Durante este mes de noviembre en los Estados Unidos, además de votar en las elecciones presidenciales, se celebrará el Día de Gracias. Voy a celebrar aquí también, con pavo, puré de papa, y daiquiris de mango. (No me gusta pastel de calabaza). Mientras celebran ustedes, recuerden estar agradecidos por democracia, libertad, comida abundante, y una red eléctrica confiable. Pero más que nada, dar las gracias por aquellas personas que nos recuerdan que tan preciosos son los dones de vida, familia, y amistades.

Greetings from Bani.

By Father Stan Puryear

First off, let me apologize to all my faithful readers (and you three people know who you are) for not getting a column into the Western Kentucky Catholic for the October issue. Between the passing of Tropical Storm / Hurricane Isaac and a trip to Kentucky in early September, the time got away from me.

This being my third experience of living through the storm-active months of August and September, I now know what to expect: rain, rain, rain, rain, and rain. Though there was some wind and wave damage with Isaac's passing, the heavy rains (30+ inches of it) and subsequent flooding were what caused the most damage. In the Dominican Republic, five people passed away, while in neighboring Haiti the death toll was around 10. One of the persons who died here in the Dominican Republic had his last moments recorded and subsequently posted on the internet. Standing on the side of the bridge, ignoring the pleas of family and friends, all the while insisting that he was an excellent swimmer, he jumped into raging floodwaters. Witnesses said that alcohol was a contributing factor.

After an Isaac-related delay of two days, I finally made it home to Kentucky. Unfortunately, my time there was more eventful than I had anticipated. On my last visit, a dear lady who was fighting cancer asked if I would preside at her funeral. I told her that if she would wait until the end of August to pass away (as that was when I was planning on returning), then I would indeed celebrate her funeral. I should have known that she would take me up on the deal. On the Saturday before Labor Day, I had the privilege of celebrating the funeral Mass for a person who truly appreciated the many blessings she received from God in this life.

The funeral was the first time that I had the opportunity to celebrate Mass in English since the changes in the wording. With the exception of everyone saying

"And with your spirit", I couldn't see what all the fuss was about. I found the new wording of the Introductory and Closing Prayers to be much more poetic and inspiring. But for the most part – perhaps because I have to sometimes struggle to find the best way to translate and idea into a different language – I thought that many of the changes were very positive and overdue. The only exception was during what is called the Words of Institution: I'm still not sure that "This is my chalice" best conveys the sentiments that Jesus expressed the night of the Last Supper, though I cannot think of a better translation that would be more appropriate. I'm guessing that in another 50 years, when this translation is revised, that word will be changed back. But by then, I hope to be retired.

Also while in Kentucky, I became aware in a new way how truly blessed the United States is to have the abundance it enjoys. Walking into Kroger to buy Kentucky Kernel Seasoned Flour and poultry seasoning to bring back with me, I was overwhelmed by the sheer number of products that are available. And social programs ensure that everyone can at least receive the basics that they need to survive. This past week, on the other hand, I was speaking to a family whose daughter had recently been hospitalized. As it turns out, the 17-year-old is suffering from chronic anemia because she is skipping too many meals. Even with three out of five people in the household holding full-time jobs, there isn't enough money for them to all eat every day. And with the severe drought in the United States this year, food prices are expected to rise, meaning more misery for more people.

Perhaps that is what I loved most about my dear friend whom I buried while in Kentucky. Even though she may not have been able to afford the best of everything that life had to offer, she always realized how blessed she was to have a home and family. And even when cancer took her good health, she was counting her

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A time of Thanksgiving

By Luis Aju

It is time to see and appreciate the great gifts from God to us his children. It should be more than enough just by seeing the fields where spring crops were grown and along with different grains that we consume in our daily lives. We know and realize that some plants did not develop due to the lack of water, yet despite this we can see how God allowed everything the land could grow to grow. This is a result of the many situations that we humans have caused. We often think that the lack of water is lack of nature itself, without thinking that we humans do not control our way of life sometimes in relation to the land, which is not ours, but instead we are part of it. The point is, we have arrived once again to the end of year celebrations, and with it have come the harvests of the year keeping in mind that several years ago, with joy, happiness and satisfaction we were going out to the fields to harvest the fruits of mother earth. This year however, we've all been through a sad experience to see how corn and beans dried out and not much was harvested because of the lack of rain. Another way of looking at our reality as humans is that we have changed the course of nature. On several occasions we do not care for the health of rivers, forests, or the place where God has put us to live, we have reached a point of destroying nature, the one that God our Creator gave us to live in and to be in harmony with.

We are part of nature, but we have been so damaging towards it with so much pollution. Despite all of this, Mother Earth uses its mineral reserves to keep providing, how much of these reserves are left no one knows but surely only a small portion of it is left as have harmed our earth in multiple ways.

However, we the people that make up nations and settlements, to be more specific we who have an ancient culture, have been taught by our parents to, "Give Thanks to God", because he permits nature to take its course and allows for earth to keep producing. To continue living we must collaborate with God consciously to protect our earth, as it is the mission entrusted to us from the beginning by our Maker and Creator.

Dear Reader, you may ask yourself, what was and what is the origin of the celebration of Thanksgiving? History tells us that it was the meeting of two cultures. They held their meeting and gave thanks for the harvest of the year and shared the fruits, hopefully it did happen this way. This is where we must understand that no matter what culture we are from, what is important is to recognize that we depend on a single Creator and that we all receive the same goods of the earth. Our mission is to share and eat at the same banquet that God gives us. Clearly, not everyone has a banquet, but we can say we have more than other less fortunate, and that's why we give thanks. Celebrate this Thanksgiving for all that we have as fruit of our earth and the fruit of everyone's work.

All Saints day and "Día de los Muertos"

patron saint. Today the saints are neither imported nor exported but are sanctified from their own actions in their community. Only God knows who is or who is not truly holy, but Jesus said that we would know them by their works. Saints in heaven are known as Saints of the Triumphant Church and the saints in the Pilgrim or Militant Church are we here on earth and we pray

for his light, his strength and wisdom to move forward. There is also the Church of the Suffering, which is composed of the saints in Purgatory, this place is to sanctify all, the name says it all, process of purification because nothing impure enters heaven.

For the Day of the Dead on November 2, we recall our past family and our loved

Un tiempo de Acción de Gracias.

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Por Luis Aju

Es el tiempo de ver y apreciar los grandes regalos de Dios para nosotros sus hijos, solo basta ver los grandes campos donde en la primavera fueron cultivados y sembrados los diferentes granos que consumimos en nuestro diario vivir. Sabemos y nos damos cuenta de que no se desarrollaron las plantas de todo tipo por la falta de agua, a pesar de esto todavía podemos ver como Dios hizo crecer, todo lo que pudo la tierra, no

obstante la falta de agua. Pero esto es consecuencia de muchas situaciones que hemos causado los seres humanos. Muchas veces creemos que la ausencia de agua es falta de la misma naturaleza, sin pensar que nosotros mismos los humanos, no controlamos nuestra manera de vivir en relación a la tierra que no nos pertenece, sino nosotros somos parte de ella.

El punto es que, hemos llegado otra vez a las celebraciones de fin de año, y con ello han llegado las cosechas del año reconociendo que hace varios años, con gozo, alegría y satisfacción íbamos a los campos a recoger los frutos de la Madre Tierra, este año, todos hemos pasado por una experiencia triste de ver el maíz y el frijol, secos y que no dieron mucho fruto por la falta de lluvia. Otra manera de ver la realidad en la vida de nosotros los humanos es que hemos cambiado el rumbo de la naturaleza. Ya en varias ocasiones no cuidamos la salud de los ríos, de los bosques, del espacio donde Dios nos puso para vivir, hemos llegado a un punto de destruir la naturaleza lo

que Dios nuestro Creador nos dio para vivir y para estar en armonía con ella.

Somos parte de la naturaleza, pero la hemos estado dañando con tanta contaminación. Pero a pesar de todo esto, la Madre tierra usa las reservas de minerales para seguir proveyendo, que contiene quien sabe cuanto mas, seguramente será solo una pequeña porción ya que la hemos dañado de varias maneras.

No obstante, nosotros las personas que conformamos las naciones y pueblos, para ser mas específico los que tenemos una cultura ancestral, hemos sido educados por nuestros padres a "Dar Gracias a Dios", porque permite que la naturaleza siga su rumbo y a la tierra que siga produciendo. Para seguir viviendo tenemos que colaborar Con Dios conscientemente para proteger nuestra tierra, como fue la misión que se nos encomendó desde el inicio nuestro Hacedor y Creador.

Estimado Lector, usted puede estar preguntando, ¿cual fue y cual es el origen de la Celebración de Acción de Gracias? La historia dice que fue cuando se dio el encuentro de dos culturas. Ellos celebraron su encuentro y dieron gracias por la cosecha del año y compartieron los frutos, esperamos que así halla sucedido. Es aquí donde debemos de entender que no importa de que cultura somos, lo que importa es reconocer que dependemos de un solo creador y que todos recibimos los mismos bienes de la tierra. Nuestra misión es compartir y comer en el mismo banquete que Dios nos da. Es claro que no todos tenemos banquetes, pero si podemos decir que tenemos mas que otros menos afortunados, por eso damos gracias. Celebremos esta Acción de Gracias por todo lo que tenemos como fruto de la tierra y como fruto del trabajo de todos.



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ones who have died. We do something that our late family liked during their lifetime. Family gathers to pray together, speak in memory of our deceased family and eat together. On this day we also visit them in the cemetery bringing them flowers and bringing the appropriate music, and finally say this ancient prayer, "By the mercy of God may the souls of our dead

rest in peace" and say their names then the response to the prayer is, "May the perpetual light shine upon them." We who believe in the Resurrection and have faith that there is another life where God awaits for us all may God Bless us.

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calle, en el hospital siempre veremos gente buena, hasta decimos, “que buena gente”. Seguramente Dios nos pone ante nuestros ojos estos ejemplos para mostrarnos que es posible ser bueno con nuestro prójimo. Aunque muchas veces nos es difícil reconocer las cualidades de las otras personas. Esto entonces será posible hasta cuando cada uno de nosotros reconozcamos nuestras cualidades y defectos. En varias ocasiones somos muy fáciles de no reconocer las cosas buenas que hacemos, nos damos cuenta hasta cuando otro u otra nos lo hace ver. Durante nuestras vidas, aprendemos sobre la vida de los santos, de los cuales hemos aprendido sus nombres por escuchar sus obras y su cercanía a Dios en diferentes modos o estilo de vida según la vocación a la cual fueron llamados. Unos son Santos porque desarrollaron un estilo de vida lleno de virtudes, otros por derramar su Sangre como Mártires, otros no tuvieron necesidad de esto, solo sirvieron al prójimo como Jesús nos lo pide. En este siglo podemos apreciar algunos santos de nuestro tiempo, sin mencionar que fue lo que los llevo a la Santidad, porque todos somos testigos de sus obras como por ejemplo: La Madre Teresa de Calcuta, San Juan Diego, Hermano Pedro de Betancourt, Papa Juan Pablo II; y muchos más hombres y mujeres que entregaron sus vidas al servicio del Amor Evangélico.

Hoy en día hay tantas personas que son santos en el silencio, muchos rezan por los demás, gente de oración que son un ejemplo para nosotros. Cuando iba a las comunidades de nuestras parroquias de la Diócesis, encontraba gente de fe profunda, quienes viven en pobreza no por elección, sino por las situaciones de la vida cuales les ha tocado vivir. Pero todos abrazan su vida como parte del, “llevar la cruz que nos toco vivir”.

Tanta gente generosa que aun comparte lo que no tiene en términos de tener y poseer por ejemplo hay gente que no tiene dinero pero comparte lo poco que tiene con los demás. Esta es la caridad que Dios nos pide a todos, en nuestras vidas que Dios nos da diariamente, es la oportunidad de ejercer nuestras facultades de amar, servir y compartir con los otros que al final es a Jesús Mismo.

Para conseguir la Santidad que Dios nos pide, debemos de romper muchas veces



En el día 2 de Noviembre, muchos feligreses nos acudimos a la Celebración de la Eucaristía, para pedir a Dios por el eterno descanso de nuestros difuntos, donde el P. Carmelo y Cristobal, dieron lectura a todos los nombres que hemos puesto en la lista para llamarlos ese día en Oración. F. Luis Aju

estructuras y empezar a ser humano, creado a imagen de Dios. Una vez puesto en orden nuestra situación de ser hijos de Dios, nos sentiremos responsables de nuestra propia santidad. Jesús ya nos dio el camino, “Sed Santos como yo lo soy, amando como yo les he amado”.

En la América Latina, casi en todos los países tenemos el nombre de un Santo como Patrono (a) del pueblo o país, no en vano se ha puesto el nombre, porque es precisamente por sus acciones realizadas en su vida por lo que se le nombra tal lugar. Solo así la comunidad parroquial podría seguir los pasos del patrono. Hoy en día los santos ya no son importados ni exportados sino son santificados desde sus acciones en su comunidad. Solo Dios sabe quien es o quien no es Santo, pero Jesús nos dijo por sus obras los reconocerán. Los Santos en el cielo conocido como Iglesia Triunfante y los Santos en la Iglesia Peregrina o Militante, que somos nosotros en la tierra y le pedimos a Dios su luz, su fuerza y su sabiduría para seguir adelante. También están los Santos Purgantes que son los que están purificándose en el Purgatorio, este lugar es para santificar a todos, su nombre lo dice, en proceso de purificación, porque en el cielo nada impuro entra.

Para el Día de los Difuntos 2 de Noviembre, traemos a la memoria de la familia a nuestros seres queridos que ya fallecieron. Hacemos algo que al familiar le gusta en vida. Se junta la familia para orar juntos, hablamos en memoria de nuestro difunto y así también comemos juntos. En este día se les visita en el cementerio, llevándoles flores y hasta música apropiada, y para finalizar decimos esta antigua oración “Por la misericordia de Dios descansan en paz las almas de nuestros difuntos” y decimos sus nombres y se contesta “Y la luz perpetua brille sobre ellos”. Nosotros los que creemos en la Resurrección y tenemos Fe de que existe otra vida donde Dios nos espera a todos, que Dios nos bendiga.

All Saints day and “Día de los Muertos”

By Luis Aju

For all Hispanic communities of the parishes of the Diocese of Owensboro receive a greeting for All Saints Day. We greet you because people who always seek the wellness of others have begun the process of Holiness. We can see the good works of many people, some who say nothing, but with their silence and good works distinguish themselves. There are people who inspire holiness with their love, care and support towards others which become admirable. Along with their good deeds they are gentle and good when it comes to accompanying people who need help and support.

People who do good, with their joy, charity, friendship and love are people inspired by God to start a different kind of life and we come to realize this by seeing their actions.

In all the areas of our communities, for example at work, on the street, in the hospitals we are always able to see good people and also come to say, “those good people”. Surely God puts before our eyes these examples to show us that it is possible to be good to our neighbors. Although sometimes it is difficult to recognize the qualities of others, however it becomes easier when each of us recognize our own strengths and weaknesses. On several occasions it is not easy for us to recognize the good things we do, we only realize them when another person points them out to us. During our lives, we learn about the lives saints lived, and we have learned their names by hearing of their works and their closeness they had with God in different ways and lifestyles each according to the vocation to which they were called to. Some are saints because they developed a lifestyle full of virtues, others shed their blood as martyrs, and others had no need for this they just served others as Jesus has asked all of to do so. In this century we were able to see some of our saints, not to mention what brought them to holiness, because we are all witnesses of their works such as: Mother Teresa of Calcutta, St. Juan Diego, Brother Pedro of Betancourt, Pope John Paul II, and many more men and women who gave their lives in the service of evangelical love.

Today many people are saints in silence; many pray for others, people of prayer are an example to us. When going to the communities of our parishes in the Diocese, I encountered people of deep faith who live in poverty not by choice, but because of life’s situations, which they had to live through. But all of them embrace their life as a part of, “carrying the cross which was given to us”.

There are many generous people who share what they don’t have, in terms of having and possessing, for example there are many who don’t have much money but they still share what they have. This is the charity that God asks of us all in our lives every day. God gives us is the opportunity to exercise our ability to love, serve and share with others which is really sharing it with Jesus himself.

To achieve the holiness that God calls everyone to, we often need to break structures that we have and begin to become humans, created in the image of God. Once our position of being the sons and daughters of God is in order, we will become responsible for our own holiness. Jesus already gave us the way, “Be holy as I am, and love as I have loved you.”

In Latin America, almost all countries have the name of a saint as patron of a town or country, such a name is not given in vain, for it is precisely because of the saint’s actions during his/her lifetime. Only then was the parish’s community able to follow in the steps of the

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La comunidad de San Miguel, Sebree Celebra su Santo Patrono

Por Patti Gutierrez

SEBREE, Ky. - La Celebración este año empezó el Sábado, 29 de Septiembre con alabanzas del grupo musical de la Parroquia Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown y la plática de la Señora Maclovia Pedroza quien vino de Dectur, Alabama. La noche terminó con la adoración eucarística guiado por el Padre Al Bremer y con una reflexión del Padre Carmelo Jimenez. El día domingo procesamos con la carroza acompañados por San Miguel y el diablo. Llegando a la iglesia celebramos la misa bilingüe y después compartimos una comida. El evento también fue la apertura de nuestra primera temporada de LEVANTATE en que se van a reunir los grupos pequeños de compartir la fe. Somos una parroquia diversa con por lo menos 5 lenguajes y llegando por lo menos de 5 países, que siempre va a ser un reto pero también una bendición enorme. Que San Miguel interceda por nosotros que sigamos uniéndonos más cada día como una sola comunidad parroquial.



Arriba izquierda: La familia Juan entran a la misa. Arriba medio: Maclovia Pedroza y su esposo platican con el Padre Al. Arriba derecha: San Miguel mantiene al diablo abajo acompañado por niños de la parroquia. Abajo izquierda: El Grupo JESAC (Grupo Juvenil de San Miguel y San José y Pablo de Owensboro) proveyó la música de la misa y como siempre echaron la mano para ayudar en todo. Abajo derecha: Los feligreses entran a la misa después de la procesión.



St. Michael Parish, Sebree Unites to Celebrate Patron Saint

By Patti Gutierrez

SEBREE, Ky. - Every year on the Sunday closest to September 29th, feast day of St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Rafael, our diverse parish comes together to celebrate our Patron Saint. This year our Spanish ARISE Parish Team decided to extend the celebration and kick-off our ARISE season in Spanish at the same time. Starting Saturday, September 29th we enjoyed the praise and worship of a musical group of Guatemalans from Holy Trinity in Morgantown as well as the talks given by Maclovia Pedroza from Decatur, AL. We finished the evening with Eucharistic Adoration led by Fr. Al Bremer with a reflection by Fr. Carmelo Jimenez. Sunday morning started with our traditional procession with St. Michael and the devil depicted on our "float". We arrived at church for a bilingual Eucharistic celebration uniting the whole parish and continued the celebration with a shared meal. Our diversity, with at least 5 languages spoken and parishioners from at least 5 countries and new people always arriving to the area, will always be a challenge and a blessing. May St. Michael intercede for us as we strive to be united as one parish community.

Calendario del Sr. Obispo Medley para Noviembre 2012

1 de Noviembre 10:30am Misa Escolar, Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro
2:00pm Misa, Centro de Veteranos, Hanson, KY

3 de Noviembre 9:00am Reunión del Concejo Pastoral Diocesano, CPC (Centro Pastoral Católico)
4:00pm Misa, Parroquia Santísima Madre, Misa de Producciones de Gedeón

4 de Noviembre 10:30am Confirmación, Parroquia de San Jerónimo, Fancy Farm

6 de Noviembre 9:00am Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, CPC
2:00pm Conferencia de Liderazgo del Medio-Sur, Lago de Barkley

7 de Noviembre 10:30am Misa, conclusión de la Conferencia de Liderazgo del Medio-Sur, Lago de Barkley
5:30pm Confirmación, San Miguel el Arcángel, Oak Grove

8 de Noviembre 9:00am Misa Escolar, Escuela Secundaria Católica de Owensboro

10-15 de Noviembre Reunión de la Conferencia Episcopal, Baltimore

16-17 de Noviembre ODYC (Conferencia Juvenil Diocesana de Owensboro) Bowling Green, Centro de Convención Sloan

18 de Noviembre 3:00pm Bendición del Altar Nuevo y Dedicación de la Iglesia Renovada, Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro

19 de Noviembre 9:30am Reunión del Comité de Personal Sacerdotal, CPC

20 de Noviembre 10am-2pm Día del Presbiterio, CPC

21 de Noviembre 8:30am Reunión de Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas, CPC

22 de Noviembre 8:00am Misa de Acción de Gracias, Catedral de San Esteban

24 de Noviembre 5:30pm W i l l Thompson, Admisión a la Candidatura, Parroquia de San Esteban, Cadiz

25 de Noviembre 10:30am Emmanuel Udoh, Admisión a la Candidatura, Parroquia Sangre Preciosísima, Owensboro

26-28 de Noviembre Reunión del Concejo Sacerdotal de la Provincia, Lexington



+Monseñor
William Medley,
Obispo de la
Diócesis de
Owensboro

Mis queridos amigos,

La comunión de los santos es la Iglesia. Confesamos la comunión de los santos en el Credo de los Apóstoles y tal vez nos preguntamos, “¿Qué es la Iglesia si no la asamblea de todos los santos?”

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos enseña que como todos los fieles forman un solo cuerpo, el bien de cada uno se comunica a los demás. El sentido tradicional de la comunión de los santos nos recuerda que este cuerpo santo incluye los que “nos han precedido con el signo de la fe” y también nosotros que seguimos en nuestra peregrinación en esta tierra.

Noviembre tradicionalmente es el mes de devoción especial a nuestra tradición Católica de orar por los muertos y la intercesión de los muertos. El 1 de Noviembre celebramos la fiesta de Todos los Santos y el 2 de Noviembre la Conmemoración de los Fieles Difuntos.

El Kentucky occidental en las últimas semanas se ha enfocado en algo que podríamos decir es una manifestación única de la comunión de los santos. Lane Goodwin de trece años murió el 17 de Octubre del 2012 en su casa en Beech Grove en el condado de McLean. Durante las semanas antes de su muerte, Lane y su batalla valiente contra el cáncer se convirtió en una causa celebrada en el internet. Él compartió su lucha y su optimismo a través de Facebook con una foto notable de si mismo mostrando un gesto de “thumbs up” (pulgares arriba).

En respuesta Lane recibió las oraciones y deseos buenos de miles de personas incluyendo candidatos presidenciales, personas famosas, muchedumbres en partidos de futbol y grupos de estudiantes. Las fotos con el mensaje de “ánimo” llegaron de muchas partes del mundo con fotos de grupos regresando su saludo de “thumbs up”.

Con demasiada frecuencia escuchamos historias de los efectos trágicos de una generación que parece estar adicta al internet, donde el acceso de los adolescentes a la pornografía o de acosar a otros por el internet o quienes están distraídos de las relaciones humanas verdaderas.

Pero un niño de Kentucky occidental pudo congrega el mundo alrededor de algo positivo mientras una multitud de personas jóvenes y viejas pusieron interés en su salud y bien estar.

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La Universidad de Brescia ha estado rezando y le envía “pulgares arriba” a Lane Goodwin. Foto por El Departamento de RP de Brescia.

Uno podría decir que ahora la historia ha llegado a un fin triste porque Lane ha perdido su batalla en la tierra. Pero para los creyentes la transición de esta vida a la Vida Eterna es un final feliz. Leemos en el libro de Sabiduría, “A los ojos de los insensatos parecían muertos; su partida de este mundo fue considerada una desgracia.” Y luego el escritor nos recuerda, “Pero ellos están en paz.”

La muerte de Lane es una pérdida terrible para su familia y amigos, incluyendo para sus nuevos amigos alrededor del mundo. Pero él todavía es parte de nosotros, una parte de la comunión de los santos. Celebremos la Acción de Gracias y oremos que esta pérdida nos recuerda a todos que el internet puede unir al mundo en compasión, cuidado y oración.

Tradicionalmente en el mes de Noviembre los Católicos observan una devoción de rezar por los muertos, acentuando la comunión que creemos que compartimos.

Kentucky occidental fue bendecida en estas últimas semanas por una expresión única de la comunión de los santos. Lane Goodwin de trece años murió el 17 de Octubre del 2012.

Suyos en Cristo,

+Monseñor William F. Medley, Obispo de Owensboro

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St. Stephen, pray for us.

Horario de misas en español, en las parroquias con Ministerio Hispano.

Santo Redentor, <i>Beaver Dam</i>	Sabado - 5:00 PM
Santisima Trinidad, <i>Morgantown</i>	Domingo - 2:30 PM.
San Jose, <i>Bowling Green</i>	Jueves a las 6:30 pm, Sábados a las 7:00 pm, y Domingos a las 12:30 mediodia
Santa Susana, <i>Elkton</i>	Domingo - 12:00
Santa Maria y Santiago, <i>Guthrie</i>	Sabado - 6 :00 PM
Santo Nombre de Jesus- <i>Henderson</i>	Domingo - 1:00 PM.
San Miguel, <i>Sebree</i>	Domingo - 12:00 Medio dia.
San Jose de <i>Mayfield</i>	Domingo - 2:PM
San Pedro y San Pablo Pablo, <i>Hopkinsville</i>	Domingo - 2:00 PM. y 10:30 PM.
Cristo Rey, <i>Madisonville</i>	Domingo -10:PM
St. Leo, <i>Murray</i>	Sabado - 6:30PM
<i>Franklin</i> St. Mary of the Woods	Domingo - 12:00 medio dia.
Sagrado Corazon de Jesus. <i>Russellville.</i>	Comingo 2 veces al mes.
El resto celebracion de la alabra y comunion. Hna. Patt. - 7.00 PM	



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Día de todos los Santos y Difuntos

Por Luis Aju

Para todas las comunidades Hispansas de las parroquias, de la Diócesis de Owensboro reciban un saludo por ser el día de los Santos. Los saludamos porque las personas que siempre buscan el bien de los demás han iniciado su proceso de Santidad, podemos ver las obras buenas de mucha gente, personas que no dicen nada, pero con su silencio y buenas obras podemos distinguir. Hay gente que inspira Santidad, por que su amor, su cuidado y su apoyo a otras personas son admirables. A la par de sus buenas obras son gentiles y buenos para estar con la gente que necesita ayuda y acompañamiento.

Las personas que hacen el bien, con su alegría, caridad, amistad y amor, son personas inspiradas por Dios, para iniciar una vida diferente y de eso nos damos cuenta al ver sus acciones hacia los demás.

En todos los ámbitos de nuestras comunidades, por ejemplo, en el trabajo, en la

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En esta foto, podemos apreciar mas, al grupo de jovenes quienes trabajaron para instalar el altar dedicado a nuestros difuntos, toda la comunidad hispana de la Parroquia agradece por este gesto tan grande en exponer y traer a la memoria nuestra los actos que se realizan en el día de los difuntos. tambien gracias al Sr. de la comunidad de habla Ingles. ayudando a velar por el fuego, signo de vida aun el dia 2 de noviembre. F. Luis Aju

A la izquierda, Este es el altar construido por los jovenes de la Parrrouia de Santos Jose y Pablo, honrando en el recuerdo a nuestros difuntos pero que estan presentes en nuestra memoria y porque creemos que viven intecediendo por nosotros ante Dios. Tambien es el lugar de encuentro donde la comida y bebida hacen un signo de union entre ellos y nosotros. en su memoria comemos juntos ese dia. F. Luis Aju