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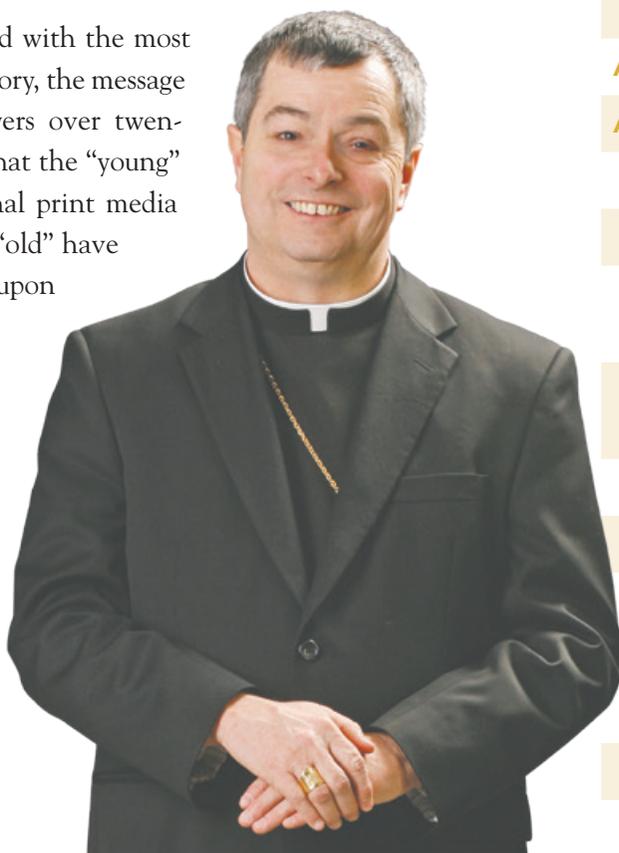
Dear sisters and brothers:

“*The medium is the message.*” Marshall McLuhan coined this phrase and our culture has rightly been fascinated by this concept. The medium may be art, music, literature, newspapers and magazines. When McLuhan coined the phrase in his 1964 book *Understanding Media, The Extension of Man*, he most probably was not thinking of the soon to come media revolution and the age of digital communication. Today the old style media continue, joined now by electronic and digital communications that we know as Facebook, Twitter, email and scores of others.

As the Church strives in every age to further its mission and its message, we know that for centuries the medium was simply preaching, in ages where few could read or write and of course radio and television had not been imagined. The invention of the printing press and later moveable type revolutionized the world. The expansion of media in the last half century continues at such a pace that it is hard to analyze what's happening, when things continue to change so fast.

The Church is still entrusted with the most powerful message of human history, the message of Jesus Christ and his followers over twenty-one centuries. We are told that the “young” do not read or follow traditional print media like newspapers. And that the “old” have not found their way to depend upon the computer as a source of all their information. Note that I dare not set the boundaries for what defines young and old.

Today I write to salute a chapter in the Diocese of Owensboro's medium and message through *The Western Kentucky Catholic*. In June of this year Mel Howard retired



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BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR ● AUGUST 2015

- AUG 1** 2:00 p.m. ● Fancy Farm Picnic Opening Prayer
- AUG 2** 8:00 a.m. ● Mass – St. Lawrence Parish, St. Lawrence
- AUG 3** 11:30 a.m. ● Priest Age Group 1 Gathering/Luncheon
- AUG 5** 11:30 a.m. ● Priest Age Group 6 Gathering/Luncheon
- AUG 6** 11:30 a.m. ● Priest Age Group 3 Gathering/Luncheon
- AUG 8** 10:00 a.m. ● Transitional Diaconate Ordination
St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield
4:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson
- AUG 9** 8:00 a.m. ● Mass/New Pastor Installation, Fr. Tom Buckman
St. Pius X, Owensboro
3:00 p.m. ● Blessing – John Paul II Catholic School, Morganfield
- AUG 11** Catholic Conference of Kentucky Executive Board Meeting
Louisville
- AUG 11-12** Provincial Bishops Meeting – Louisville
- AUG 12-13** Diocese of Owensboro Seminarian Gathering – Bardstown
- AUG 15** 5:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Michael Parish, Sebree
- AUG 16** 10:30 a.m. ● Mass – St. Charles Parish, Livermore
- AUG 17** 9:30 a.m. ● Priest Personnel Board Meeting – MCC
1:30 p.m. ● Priests' Council Meeting – MCC
- AUG 19** 8:30 a.m. ● Diocesan Finance Council Meeting – MCC
11:30 a.m. ● Priest Age Group 4 Gathering/Luncheon
- AUG 20** 11:30 a.m. ● Priest Age Group 2 Gathering/Luncheon
- AUG 23** 9:00 a.m. ● Mass – St. John the Evangelist Parish, Sunfish
- AUG 25** 10 a.m.–3:00 p.m. ● Paducah Office, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
- AUG 29** 5:00 p.m. ● Mass – Sacred Heart, Hickman
- AUG 30** 11:30 a.m. ● Confirmation – Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green
- AUG 31** 11:30 a.m. ● Priest Age Group 5 Gathering/Luncheon

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as editor of our diocesan newspaper. Mel was the founding editor of our paper in collaboration with our Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith. In 1984 he was hired as editor of "The Bishop's Newsletter" that later became our newspaper.

Mel, with sneakers on his feet and a camera in hand, has been around for a big slice of our diocese's seventy-eight years. He understood that the medium was the message and worked hard to capture the life of our local church over these almost three decades. He may not be commemorated as Matthew, Mark, Luke and John or the passionate letter-writer Paul, but he has given most of his professional life to sharing the good news. For a few years before becoming an editor he taught at Trinity High School in Whitesville and at Marion County High School in Lebanon.

We owe Mel and generations of journalists and editors a great thanks. They understood that the message is only heard, read and comprehended when packed in the right medium. Mel's medium was print journalism and there are probably thou-

sands of yellowing clippings from The Western Kentucky Catholic in scrapbooks and bookmarking memories across all of western Kentucky.

Thank you, Mel!

Mel would be the first to name his partner in his career and journey and a key to his success and especially his joy in life. His wife, Beverly, has also retired this summer. Her medium was teaching and counseling. She served at Owensboro Catholic High School for more than 34 years. Generations of students have been shaped by her counsel and wisdom.

Thank you, Bev!

Bev and Mel retire now to their farm, to their children and their grandchildren. Not a new medium at all, but they will continue to be learners and teachers!

May God Bless You All!

+ William F. Medley

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

Diocese of Owensboro priest assignments

These updated as of June 30, 2015

McCarty, Rev. Bruce: Pastor, St. Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah, Kentucky, effective July 29, 2015.

Roby, Rev. Brian: Pastor, Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro, Kentucky, and St. Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville, Kentucky effective July 29, 2015.

Pics of the Month



Bishop Medley gets a happy hug after the priestly ordinations at St. Stephen Cathedral on May 30.



Bishop Medley pours chrisms during the blessing of the altar at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center on May 21.

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After 30+ years of leading The Western Kentucky Catholic, Mel Howard retires as editor

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD,
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Mel Howard was an English teacher with a photography hobby when he was tapped to help edit what was then “The Bishop’s Newsletter,” in the early 1980s.

The original plan probably wasn’t to hire him on as editor of a monthly newspaper. Sr. Sharon Grant, SCN, needed someone to photograph events for the diocesan-wide Renew program, and her secretary, Norma Vella Tipton, contacted Howard.

“I said, ‘Sorry, I’ve got to teach,’” Howard recalled. At the time he was teaching English at Trinity High School in Whitesville. But Tipton was persistent, and in 1983 Howard began photographing diocesan activities.

At that time Bishop John J. McRaith’s secretary was Sr. Rachel Willett, SCN. Howard said Sr. Willett got him involved in editing “The Bishop’s Newsletter” -- a publication providing information on diocesan happenings.

Come the 1984-85 school year, Howard doubled between teaching English now at Owensboro Catholic High School, and editing the newsletter. But Bishop McRaith soon realized the diocese required a bigger publication for the faithful.

“As 1985 rolled around, Bishop McRaith asked me to become the communications director and newspaper editor,” said Howard. Howard ended his teaching career that year, and became a full-time diocesan employee.



Mel Howard and wife, Bev Howard, celebrate Mel’s retirement party at the McRaith Catholic Center on May 15. In addition to several colorful flower arrangements, Mel Howard was also given a framed replica of the first Western Kentucky Catholic he edited -- seen on the far right. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead.

Bishop Emeritus McRaith said there were “a lot of good things about Mel that made him good for the job.”

And he credits Howard for accepting the hefty new role: “He was willing to come.”

With the transformation into an official diocesan newspaper, “The Bishop’s Newsletter” wasn’t going to cut it, said Howard. So the diocese hosted a contest for new name submissions.

“The Western Kentucky Catholic” became the new name, and the winner was treated to dinner with Bishop McRaith.

Over the years the publication became a fix-



Bishop John J. McRaith, seen in this 2009 file photo with Mel Howard, hired Howard in the 1980s as the editor of “The Bishop’s Newsletter” -- which later became known as “The Western Kentucky Catholic.” File photo.

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Mandeville, Owensboro dioceses bless each other

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD,
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Bishop Neil Teidemann, CP, doesn't know how many western Kentucky visitors have volunteered in his Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, but he knows their impact has been great.

"There are a lot of people from Owensboro who over the years have come down to Mandeville," he told *The Western Kentucky Catholic*.

While the Diocese of Owensboro may be considered young compared to other dioceses in the United States, the Diocese of Mandeville only officially became a diocese in 1997.

Jamaica currently suffers from severe economic hardships, and much of Mandeville diocese's work is in serving those in extreme poverty.

Bishop Teidemann recalled the story that began the longtime relationship between the Owensboro and Mandeville dioceses.

Mandeville's first bishop, Bishop Paul Michael Boyle, CP, was in a meeting with Bishop John J. McRaith of Owensboro, back in the 1990s.

"They were talking and the bishop of Owensboro said to the bishop of Mandeville, 'How can I help you?'" said Bishop Teidemann.

Bishop Boyle said, "You can send us pencils."

Pencils were sent from the Diocese of Owensboro to the schools of the Diocese of Mandeville -- and then some.

The parishes in Owensboro diocese began collecting their Lenten appeals for their "sister diocese" of Mandeville. Bishop Teidemann said the "Lenten sacrifice for all the parishes of Owensboro



Students at St. Anthony Basic School enjoy their new swing set donated by the Diocese of Owensboro. Photo courtesy of the Diocese of Mandeville.

becomes assistance for us," with donated monies going to medical clinics and building of homes, among other venues.

Bishop William F. Medley and Bishop Teidemann have visited each other's dioceses. Bishop Teidemann said that Mandeville shares some similarities with the diocese of western Kentucky, including a mixture of city and rural areas.

Richard Murphy, director of Social Concerns in the Diocese of Owensboro, has been the liaison between the two dioceses for years. He also helps coordinate Owensboro donations of medical supplies, backpacks, notebooks and other crucial items for Mandeville.

Murphy has been to Jamaica twice, and hopes



Students of St. Philemena Basic School examine new books for their library, donated by the Diocese of Owensboro. Photo courtesy of the Diocese of Mandeville.

to go again this October with his parish of St. Stephen Cathedral.

Murphy said that the Jamaican people are incredibly welcoming to the Owensboro visitors: “When we first arrived, a woman we had never met sang all the verses of ‘My Old Kentucky Home.’”

Despite hardships, Murphy said he has seen “people of faith dealing with tough, tough odds and people who didn’t have much, but had a joyous attitude.”

Marcia Tai Chun, project consultant for the Diocese of Mandeville, coordinates mission groups to Mandeville. This includes volunteers from Pilgrims of Hope, an Owensboro-based ministry to Mandeville.

“We have been in continuous recession for a very long time,” said Chun. “The unemployment rate is very high, and higher among young men and women.”

Chun said the outreach from Pilgrims of Hope and the Diocese of Owensboro as a whole “has been wonderful and God sent.”

“(Mission) groups talk about how much they receive,” she said. “It is not one-sided. The fact that you have the support and comradeship is an extreme blessing on both sides.” ♦

Get Involved

To learn how you can participate in the Diocese of Owensboro’s partnership with the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, call Richard Murphy at (270) 683-1545.

Meet the Hispanic Minister: Sr. Maria Esperanza Ofelia Rivera Gomez

What is your name?

My name is Sr. Maria Esperanza Ofelia Rivera Gomez. I am a Sister of the Congregation Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Ad-Gentes and my home town is Huamantla, State of Tlaxcala, Mexico.

What is your parish?

I serve at SS Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro assisting and accompanying Sr. Maria Pilar Hinojosa who is the director of Hispanic Ministry for the parish.

When did you begin as a Hispanic Minister for your Parish?

We began around October 27, 2014.

What is a regular day of ministry like for you?

Sundays is the day I am involved the most. In the mornings I start off with catechesis in Spanish for children preparing for first Communion, followed by preparing everything for the Spanish Mass at noon. Often I help with talks and classes for Hispanic adults as well.

What is your favorite part about Hispanic Ministry?

For many years now since the year 2000 I have been serving in different dioceses in the U.S. and I have enjoyed it so much, it



has been a blessing. I really enjoy working in the Hispanic community and I am thankful for the opportunity now of serving here in Owensboro. The needs are great in the Hispanic community. There is a great need for bringing Jesus to Hispanic individuals and families. Our community can often feel lonely or alienated and this gives me an opportunity of bringing them the love of Jesus.

One other thing I really, really enjoy as well is prison ministry. Every Thursday Fr. Al Bremer and I travel from Owensboro to the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville, Kentucky. In the morning I minister to women and in the afternoon to men. This experience has also blessed my life. ♦

Lolek wins award for being voice for 'Shawn's Eyes'

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD,
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Lolek Productions film company wasn't aiming for national recognition when they made the video, but as producer Fr. Joshua McCarty received a Gabriel Award trophy on June 25, it seemed this had happened anyway.

"I had worked on this video for about two years - which is longer than usual," said Fr. McCarty, associate pastor at Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro, who received the award in Buffalo, New York, from the Catholic Academy of Communications Professionals.

The video, titled "Shawn's Eyes," was an 8.5 minute-long documentary about the friendship between Owensboro resident, Shawn Riney, and his neighbors Amy and Tom Payne.

The story of Riney, who has Down syndrome, is placed in the setting of Thanksgiving celebrations, and the gratitude of the Payne's for Riney and his family.

"I've had the most feedback from Shawn's video," said Fr. McCarty.

Lolek Productions was established three years ago with the angle of using "witnesses," or people living out the Catholic faith in their daily lives.

Lolek Productions' other films include "Reen," about a woman who experiences



Shawn Riney smiles during filming for "Shawn's Eyes," an 8.5 minute-long video documentary that earned Lolek Productions a Gabriel Award. Photo courtesy of Lolek Productions.

same-sex attraction yet lives according to the Catholic Church's teachings on chastity, and "Stronger," about a local wife and mother fighting breast cancer. The Eternal World Television Network (EWTN) is currently airing two of Lolek's films.

"Shawn's Eyes" won in the academy's "New Media" category, a new category for this year pertaining to internet videos 10 minutes or shorter.

"I have learned a lot from this; it's been a good experience," said Larena Lawson, secretary and marketing director for Lolek Productions. "I think we've come a long way."

Fr. McCarty credited Mel Howard, now-re-

tired editor of The Western Kentucky Catholic, for encouraging Lolek Productions to submit the video and sponsoring their submission through the diocesan Communications Office.

"This is an important milestone because it's all ideas until you do something about it," said Fr. McCarty. ♦

▶ Watch the Video

To view "Shawn's Eyes," visit lolekproductions.com/a-valentines-day-love-story-shawn-riney/.

Being Good Stewards of Our Common Home: The Pope's Encyclical

Seldom has a papal encyclical been anticipated with so much noise and discussion and even premature criticism and fear as our Holy Father, Pope Francis' *Laudato si* ("Praise Be to You"); with a beautiful subtitle "On Care for Our Common Home." This is the pope's encyclical on the environment – easily found on Google – but most of us will admit encyclicals aren't as engrossing as our favorite summer reading. Nevertheless, it deserves our prayerful attention; not just the commentary that journalists, pundits, radio hosts and television analysts provide.

Each of us, as Christian stewards, will find something that inspires and challenges us from Pope Francis' prescription for a healthy planet. For many readers, the challenge might come particularly in the pope's warnings about "extreme and selective consumerism." In our culture, we're taught that more is better – more production, more growth, more profits, more spending. But can the earth sustain this kind of economic dogma? Pope Francis echoes the Catholic teaching tradition that we should "replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing."

The letter urges us to examine our lifestyles and invites us to prayerfully consider a significant shift in our own practices and habits. For example, one question we should ask ourselves: Can we live with less? A visit to our closets is a good place to start, and while committing to buy less, we might ruminate on the mistaken values of our consumer economy and culture. Our pontiff points out that one-third of food that is produced is discarded. Again, our own kitchens present evidence of our

complicity in this wastefulness.

The poor suffer the most from changes in the earth's complex ecosystem, and that is readily evidenced by their struggle simply to find clean water. The pope also reminds us as Christians called to exercise good stewardship of the planet to consider what in our own life comprises "need" and what is "greed."

Pope Francis urgently calls us to a renewed commitment to the Eucharist as well – something

many commentators fail to mention – and asks us to rediscover our common bond within this "act of cosmic love." For the Christian steward, improving the environment must be a topic of prayer, a chance to call our politicians to action, and a time to renew our commitment to that wonderful Catholic principle of the common good.

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ture in the community, as faithful submitted pictures and stories about life in their parishes and schools. Howard summarized his daily tasks as "taking pictures, writing articles, editing submitted articles, working with submitted photos and laying it all out."

He credited Mary Margaret Drury, Donna Biggs, Mary Ann Kurz, Martha Hagan, Cathy Hagan and many other diocesan employees for their assistance with the paper over the years.

"We worked together these many years," said Drury. "When you do that, you become family. I watched his kids grow up, and now his grandkids."

Jim Mattingly, superintendent of Catholic Schools, is grateful for Howard's "big effort" to publicize the different schools, especially during Catholic Schools Week.

The paper was important to Howard, but Biggs said it was clear he "loved his family above all else," adding that he is all around "a good person."



Mel Howard, whose photo-taking presence became something of a legend around the diocese, snaps a picture of Bishop John J. McRaith during a January 2009 event. File photo.

Howard, who plans to work on his farm and spend time with family in his retirement, said he discovered "people connect my name with the Western Kentucky Catholic. People approach me at the Chrism Mass and stuff, and say 'You're the Western Kentucky Catholic!'"

His response has always been, "Yes, but, we all are." ♦

Mother-daughter duo experience 'heaven on earth' while volunteering in Lourdes

BY J. PATRICK KERR, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

There's something special about mothers and daughters.

Sometimes it may not be the smoothest road, but it is a road traveled together. There is something even more special when a mother and daughter can experience something together.

Such was the case for Kim Bruce and her daughter Meredith a few weeks ago when they participated in the Lourdes Hospital/St. Thomas More Paducah's youth mission trip to Lourdes, France.

"I was looking for the Eiffel Tower – you can't see it from the airport though," said Meredith of the arrival at the Paris airport.

Kim was impressed by the sheer size of the airport: "It's a lot bigger than I thought it would be. It's also a bit overwhelming when you realize you don't speak the same language as everyone else."

Kim added, "I got a taste of it on the plane – since we flew Air France, they spoke French first, but of course, they all spoke English too. Not near so much in the Paris airport though."

Once the pair arrived in Lourdes, France, they were immediately thrown into work.

"The first couple of days were very long, very intense and very repetitive," said Meredith. "And then the pilgrims came."

Kim said nothing could have prepared her for the experience, though surprisingly, "most of the pilgrims were not as sick as I thought they would be."

The two were in charge of hospitality, so "we spent a lot of time just making sure everyone was comfortable. I was basically the water girl for a whole week," said Meredith.

This did not mean there was no interaction between Meredith and the pilgrims, though: "We had the same group the whole week so we spent a lot of time together."

"Because we were with the same pilgrims, we formed a real bond," said Meredith. She said her prayer partner's name was Ann, a woman who used a wheelchair. "We did everything together. We went to Mass, marched in the Rosary Procession, went to the Baths, toured town – everything."

Kim said that as a cradle Catholic, she "kind of" knew about the story of Lourdes, and Our Lady, but never made a habit to ask for Our Lady's intercession.

"Now, after learning about Bernadette and realizing it was not that long ago and really feeling 'physically close' to Mary, I understand the power of that type of prayer and I am already incorporating it into my life," said Kim.

Furthermore, Kim felt a lot of peace in Lourdes. "It's beautiful, there is always a candle lit somewhere and you can always hear someone praying quietly," she said.

Kim said that for some pilgrims, it may have been the last trip they would take.

"Many have planned for years to make the trip," she said. "It just amazed me that a few months earlier Meredith and I sat at the dinner table and just



St. Thomas More parishioners Kim Bruce and her daughter Meredith, take a few hours to themselves at a French bistro after serving sick and suffering pilgrims in Lourdes, France. Photo courtesy of St. Thomas More Parish.

'decided' to go. We can do that. They can't."

Her daughter added that seeing spiritual growth in the rest of their group was amazing too.

"To see two of our group lead the Rosary in front of what must have been 10,000 people was amazing," said Meredith. "One of the guys got up every morning at like 5 a.m. and just spent an hour, on his own, sitting in the grotto thinking and praying."

Meredith said that every time she hears the Hail Mary prayed, she is now reminded of Lourdes, her friend Ann and all of the pilgrims.

"When you get there, everyone says 'It is like heaven on earth,'" she said. "Then, you realize it is heaven on earth." ♦

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

To register for sponsored events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation First Tuesday of each month

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

The \$20 fee includes dinner.

- Sept. 1** Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU – *Spiritual Reading*
- Oct. 6** Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan, OSU – *The Wisdom of Women: Gift of the Feminine Soul for Men as well as Women*
- Nov. 3** Sister George Mary Hagan, OSU – *Catholic Pioneers: Maryland to Kentucky*
- Dec. 1** Sister Ann McGrew, OSU – *The Art of Waiting*
- Jan. 5** Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan, OSU – *Change and Transition: A Reflection*
- Feb. 2** Sister Amelia Stenger, OSU – *Why Do I Feel Guilty When it's Time to Relax? Dealing with Everyday Stress*
- Mar. 1** Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU – *Angela, A Woman for All Time*
- Apr. 5** Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU – *Chile: An Ursuline Adventure*
- May 3** Sister Vivian Bowles, OSU – *Mind Management*
- June 7** Sister Ann McGrew, OSU – *The Choice to Say "Yes;" The Choice to Say "No"*
- July 5** Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU – *Blueprint for Life: Beatitudes*
- Aug. 2** Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU – *The Gift of Forgiveness*

Eucharistic Adoration

Second Sunday of each month except September (Picnic day)
Aug. 9, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13 ● 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel

Adoration will conclude with evening prayer.

Join our Spinning Retreat!

Aug. 14-16, 2015

Whether you are an experienced yarn spinner, weaver, rug hooker, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the Arts at the Mount weekend retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Aug. 14-16. Enjoy the fellowship of those who appreciate this traditional skill. The group plans to "spin, knit and talk until we're done!" For information on room rates, costs, etc., or to register, contact Kathy McCarty: **270-229-0206 • kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org**



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Spiritual Direction Training Program 2015-17

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

Topics and Dates:

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Jan. 11-15, 2016
Spiritual Direction

April 4-8, 2016
The Inner Journey

July 25-29, 2016
Prayer & Scripture

Oct. 17-21, 2016
Theology

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A limited number of scholarships are available. For scholarships, contact Sister Ann McGrew: 270-229-0200.

To register or for more information, contact Sheila Blandford: 270-229-0269 or sheila.blandford@maplemount.org. A brochure can be found at www.ursulinesmsj.org by clicking on Conference & Retreat Center, then Spiritual Direction Program.

Rediscover Catholicism

Second Thursday of each month
Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8,
Nov. 12, Dec. 10

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Conference
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Presenter: Sister Ann McGrew, OSU

The \$10 fee includes lunch.

This is a study based on the bestselling book, "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly. He reveals the essence of authentic Catholic spirituality while addressing some of the most important questions we face today as individuals and as a Church.

Yarn Spinners

Weekend of Aug. 14-16
Weekend of Dec. 4-6

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Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center Calendar of Upcoming Events

AUGUST

2-8 St. Louis Youth Choir
Retreat - St. Francis de Sales

**4 Evening with an Ursuline
dinner and presentation:
The Looking Glass**

9-15 Unitarian Universalist
Spiritual Mentoring Institute

13 Rediscover Catholicism
14-16 Yarn Spinners Weekend

15 Center for Ministry
Development Workshop

21-23 Retrouvaille

22 Father Paul Volk Retreat

SEPTEMBER

**1 Evening with an Ursuline
dinner and presentation:
Spiritual Reading**

10 Rediscover Catholicism
**13 Mount Saint Joseph 45th
Annual Barbecue Picnic**

21-25 Runaway Quilters

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

To register or schedule an event,
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25-27 Diocese of Owensboro
Diaconate Program

OCTOBER

2-3 Newman, USI and UE
(Indiana) Students Retreat

5-9 Diocese of Owensboro
Priests Retreat Week

**6 Evening with an Ursuline
dinner and presentation:
The Wisdom of Women**

8 Rediscover Catholicism
10-11 Catholic Engaged Encounter

**17-18 Marian Retreat with
Msgr. Bernard Powers**

19-22 Quilt Guild
23-25 Diocese of Owensboro
Diaconate Program

**26-30 New Spiritual Direction
Training Program (Week 1)**

28-1 Cantor Intensive



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Sister Catherine Kaufman

**New Quilt Club drawings begin Oct. 2.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Father Paul Joseph Volk: A Passion for God

Saturday, Aug. 22 ● 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

Presenters: Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU, and Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU

The \$20 fee includes lunch.

In this retreat, we will walk a few hours in the spirit of Father Volk, whose life of prayer and courage brought God's love to thousands of people in Kentucky and as far away as South America. Father Volk was the founder of the Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Maple Mount.

45th Mount Saint Joseph Barbecue Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 13

Mount Saint Joseph Park

Booths open from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Serving in dinner stands takes place from 11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Booths include Silent Auction, Yard Sale, Games, Crafts handmade by Ursuline Sisters and Friends, Ice Cream, Bingo, Plants, Holiday Décor, Adopt a Pet, and an Inflatable for the children.

Grand Raffle Prizes (tickets are \$5): \$10,000, 2-year Lease on a Toyota Corolla or \$3,500, Handmade Queen-size Quilt, \$1,000, \$500, Thomas Kinkade Cross Stitch, \$250, \$100.

Drawing takes place at 3 p.m.

All picnic proceeds benefit the retired Ursuline Sisters.

Mount Saint Joseph Quilt Club

Sign up by Oct. 1 to get your name into the new Quilt of the Month Club drawings. The drawings take place the first Friday of each month, and the first drawing of the year will be on Oct. 2. For a \$20 ticket, you get 12 changes to win a handmade quilt. To order your ticket(s), contact Kris Mango at 270-229-2009 or kris.mango@maplemount.org

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OCTOBER 26 TH OWENSBORO SPORTSCENTER 9:45AM 7 TH -12 TH GRADERS	PARENTING FOR PURITY FOR ADULTS (PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FUTURE PARENTS, ETC.) WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES	OCTOBER 27 TH ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL 8:00AM 7 TH -12 TH GRADERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS:
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DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO YOUTH MINISTRY

Scout Mass

Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2pm ● St. Stephen Cathedral

Presided by Bishop Medley, the Scout Mass will award Boy and Girl Scouts from throughout the diocese the religious emblems they have earned throughout the year.

Boy Scout Retreat

Friday-Sunday, November 13-15 ● Gasper River Retreat Center

Visit the Scouting webpage at rcdok.org for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Marian Retreat: Masterpieces of the Church

Oct. 17-18, 2015

Mount Saint Joseph Conference
and Retreat Center

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.
Retreat ends Sunday at 1 p.m.

Led by Monsignor Bernard Powers

Fee: \$125 (or \$85 for commuters)
Take 10% off the cost if paid in full by Sept. 17.

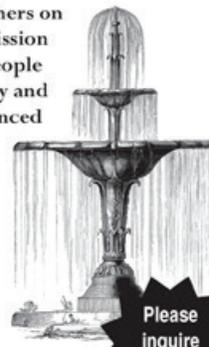
An artist takes an inner vision or image and with skill and spirit as well as with hand and heart creates a work of art, a masterpiece. It is set before us to bring us alive to the beauty and the life that it presents. The Church is an artist and sets before us her beauty and the love of the Blessed Mother. We celebrate them and know and share their beauty and the love of the Blessed Mother. Our time with the Blessed Mother is to ponder her great feast, these masterpieces of the Church.



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2015-2017

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Please inquire by Aug. 31

TOPICS AND DATES

Spirituality	Oct. 26-30, 2015
Spiritual Direction	Jan. 11-15, 2016
The Inner Journey	April 4-8, 2016
Prayer and Scripture	July 25-29, 2016
Theology	Oct. 17-21, 2016
Ethics of Spiritual Direction	Jan. 9-13, 2017
Supervision	April 3-7, 2017
Case Studies and Retreat	July 31-4, 2017

Each weekly session will be led by a team of trained spiritual directors.

Presence at all sessions is required to receive a certificate.

To register or for more information, contact Sheila Blandford:

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A brochure can be found at www.ursulinesmsj.org
under Conference & Retreat Center - Spiritual Direction
Limited scholarships are available. Contact Sister Ann McGrew: 270-229-0200



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A Special Announcement from the School of Education at Brescia University

The School of Education at Brescia University is scheduled for a spring 2016 accreditation review by the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB). State regulation requires that the accrediting agency allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for initial and continuing accreditation. Both EPSB and Brescia University recognize graduates, parents, schools and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel. We invite interested parties to submit written testimony on the School of Education to: Dr. Kim Walters-Parker, Director of Division of Educator Preparation Education Professional Standards Board 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor Frankfort, KY 40601

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered in the School of Education, and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates). Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to Brescia University for comment prior to the review. No anonymous or oral testimony will be considered. Letters of comment should be received by November 14, 2015.

Two new priests ordained

May 30 was an exciting day in St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, as two new priests were ordained for the diocese: Fr. Michael Charles Ajigo Abiero and Fr. Gary Clark. Fr. Abiero's first assignment is to St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah, and Fr. Clark's first assignment is to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro.



Fr. Gary Clark prays the words of the consecration for the first time at his ordination on May 30. Photo by Larena Lawson.



Fr. Michael Charles Ajigo Abiero gives Holy Communion to his mother, who attended his ordination on May 30. Photo by Larena Lawson.

NEWS BRIEFS

'Arise' concludes three-year process with final report

'Arise: Together in Christ' in the Diocese of Owensboro began in 2012 with the goal of helping participants share their faith in small groups. As the program concluded, the final report indicated that participants found they had a "deeper understanding of, and commitment to, a life of discipleship. As a result, participants, individually and communally, as members of the Body of Christ, more readily connect faith with action in their daily lives." The final report of the Renew International-created program indicated that 74 parishes in the diocese participated, 68 workshops were held, 1,000 adult leaders were trained and 4,700 total individuals participated. Parishes with largest participation were Blessed Mother, Owensboro; Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson; Holy Spirit, Bowling Green; Immaculate, Owensboro; Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro; St. Jerome, Fancy Farm; St. John the Evangelist, Paducah; St. Romuald, Hardinsburg; and St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro.

St. Meinrad monk from Paducah celebrates 50 years of priesthood

Fr. Micheas Langston, OSB, a native of Paducah, was honored with two fellow monks at St. Meinrad Archabbey on May 24, 2015, in celebration of their jubilees. Fr. Langston professed monastic vows on August 15, 1959 and was ordained a priest on Sept. 5, 1965. Honored alongside Fr. Langston were Fr. Colman Grabert, OSB, also celebrating 50 years, and Abbot Alan Berndt, OSB, celebrating 75 years of profession and 70 years of priesthood.

St. Ann Interparochial graduates final eighth grade class

May 22 saw the final eighth grade graduating class from St. Ann Interparochial School in Morganfield. The school closed its doors at the end of the spring '15 semester, after being open since 1912. The school will be replaced by John Paul II Catholic School, Morganfield, which will be dedicated and blessed August 9.



Pictured are (front row) Jacqueline Davis, Samuel Gatten, Macy Butler, and Kameron Givens. (back row) Emily Greenwell, Anna Wheatley, Avery Welden, Gracie McMains, Payton Ervin, Fr. Freddie Byrd, Paden Dyer, Aubrey Hancock, Samuel Gatten, Jarett Gough, and Kent Davis. Photo courtesy of Beth Hendrickson.

📷 Calling all photographers!

The Western Kentucky Catholic asks for your high-resolution digital photos showing special moments and memories from within our diocese. Photos must be in a JPEG format (ending in ".jpg.") and sent via email. A description of the photograph, date of photograph and name of photographer must be included. Photos will be selected for publication by Communications Office staff and printed as space permits. To submit photos or to learn more, email wkc.editor@pastoral.org.

St. Mary Magdalene celebrates 100th picnic

On Friday, June 26 through Saturday, June 27, St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Sorgho celebrated its 100th picnic. Mike Jones, this year's chair of the picnic committee, said that their picnic is "typically a one-day event, and almost every parishioner works the picnic."

Jones said that this year the parish wished the parishioners to be able to enjoy the picnic themselves, and invited all the parishioners to a Friday afternoon celebration "as a thank-you." Parishioners who worked the picnic this year also received a free brightly-colored commemorative t-shirt.

Fr. Mark Buckner, pastor, said the parish shows resilience for keeping the picnic going even during the years of World War II and the Vietnam and Korean Wars: "It shows the parish's faith, love of God and love of food."

Saturday itself drew more than 3,000 picnic-goers. In addition to picnic staples like barbeque and burgoo, the picnic also fea-



Clockwise from top, left: A young volunteer, wearing the St. Mary Magdalene 100th Picnic t-shirt, holds a stack of carry-out containers for delicious food. Photo courtesy of Kristi McCabe/St. Mary Magdalene Parish. Top right: An alpaca at the picnic's petting zoo greets a young visitor. Photo courtesy of Kristi McCabe/St. Mary Magdalene Parish. Bottom right: John Bickett, along with many other parish volunteers, keeps an eye on the meat. Photo courtesy of Kristi McCabe/St. Mary Magdalene Parish.

ured inflatables, pony rides, a petting zoo, live music, a silent auction and vendors. The parish was able to bring in these additional attractions thanks to local corporate sponsors, Fr. Buckner and Jones said.



Second annual 'Get Moving at the Mount' 5K

The second annual 'Get Moving at the Mount' 5K Run/Walk took place Saturday, May 30, at Mount Saint Joseph. Pictured are Ursuline Associate Martha House, center, carrying the Daviess County flag as April Ray, right, carries the American flag to begin the race. The race was the official 5K of the Daviess County Bicentennial. Melissa Gaither (#23) keeps pace in the turn. 122 men, women (including six Ursuline sisters) and children finished the race. Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.



Remembering history

Saturday, July 11 was Daviess County Memorabilia Day at the Daviess County Public Library. Heidi Taylor-Caudill and Brett Mills of the diocesan archives office coordinated a table showcasing items from both the Diocese of Owensboro and the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph's rich histories. Taylor-Caudill also serves as archivist for the Ursuline Sisters. Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.



Diocesan staff attend retreat

Employees at the McRaith Catholic Center attended a two-day retreat at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on May 28-29. The retreat leader was Fr. Nicholas Rice, a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Louisville. In this photo, (L-R), Richard Murphy, Louanne Payne, Mike Bogdan, Sandy Morris and Mary Ann Kurz share about their individual faith journeys. Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

NEWS BRIEFS

Parishes celebrate Fr. Trawick's 30th anniversary

On Sunday, May 31, St. Henry Parish, Aurora, and St. Stephen Parish, Cadiz, held a joint celebration of Fr. Gregory Trawick's 30th priestly ordination anniversary. The celebration consisted of a 200-person dinner party at the Lake Barkley Convention Center. As a special surprise, Fr. Trawick was presented with a framed papal blessing from Pope Francis. Fr. Trawick had been ordained on May 11, 1985, from St. Meinrad Seminary, and later served as an associate pastor and pastor in the Diocese of Owensboro. He also attended Catholic University of America, where he obtained a JCL in canon law. He then served time on the diocese tribunal as the judicial vicar. Returning to parish ministry, Fr. Trawick spent his later years as pastor of St. Ambrose Parish in Henshaw, St. Francis Borgia Parish in Sturgis and St. William Parish in Marion before arriving last year to serve St. Henry and St. Stephen as pastor of both.

Fr. McClure moves into McRaith Catholic Center

Fr. Jason McClure, director of vocations for the Diocese of Owensboro and vicar for clergy, recently moved into an office at the "home base" of the Diocese of Owensboro, the McRaith Catholic Center. Fr. McClure's role as vicar for clergy will see to the needs of diocesan priests. Fr. McClure will continue to work with Fred Litke, associate director of vocations, in the diocese Office of Vocations to help individuals grasp a "real sense of peace, love and joy about where God wants you to go."

Parish mission at SS. Peter and Paul 'enriching'

BY ELLIS SALAS, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Three years ago the Diocese of Owensboro started a Bible study program called 'Arise' (Levantate). Hopkinsville's SS. Peter and Paul Parish Hispanic parishioners initiated a parish mission visiting Spanish-speaking Catholic families living in their community. The purpose is to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who do not receive or have stopped attending the eucharistic celebration of Christ in the Mass. In this parish mission and in visiting these families they are invited again to this encounter with the risen Lord and offered various forms of spiritual support.

Parishioners have shared the sacred scripture and prayed with them. The experience has been very enriching to all who have participated, increased parishioners' sense of belonging and deep-



Bartha Rico, Yolanda Perry, Evelia Ocampo and Juanita Montejos visit Spanish-speaking families as part of SS. Peter and Paul Parish's mission. Photo courtesy of José Duran.

ened their own personal encounter with Jesus Christ, the Church and the local Catholic community.

The parishioners appreciate the support and guidance of Fr. Julio Barrera to encourage this spiritual process of evangelization. ♦



Cathedral honors local religious

This year being the Year of Consecrated Life, St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, honored those religious sisters and priests who are associated with St. Stephen. A May 13 dinner at St. Stephen's rectory honored the 26 religious individuals present. Photo courtesy of St. Stephen Cathedral.

Seniors' Day Out at St. John the Evangelist

On the first Thursday of each month, St.

John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah hosts a "Seniors' Day Out," starting with 10 a.m. Mass and followed by a meal and fun activities. Seniors who are interested in learning more may call the parish office at (270) 554-3810. Photo courtesy of Gwen Taylor, St. John the Evangelist Parish.



EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA AGOSTO 2015

- AGOSTO 1** 2:00 p.m. ● Oración Inicial del Picnic de Fancy Farm
- AGOSTO 2** 8:00 a.m. ● Misa – Parroquia de San Lorenzo, St. Lawrence
- AGOSTO 3** 11:30 a.m. ● Reunión/Almuerzo de Sacerdotes del Grupo de Edad 1
- AGOSTO 5** 11:30 a.m. ● Reunión/Almuerzo de Sacerdotes del Grupo de Edad 6
- AGOSTO 6** 11:30 a.m. ● Reunión/Almuerzo de Sacerdotes del Grupo de Edad 3
- AGOSTO 8** 10:00 a.m. ● Ordenación de Diácono Transicional
Parroquia San José, Leitchfield
4:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesús,
Henderson
- AGOSTO 9** 8:00 a.m. ● Misa/Instalación del Nuevo Párroco, P. Tom Buckman San
Pío X, Owensboro
3:00 p.m. ● Bendición – Escuela Católica de Juan Pablo II, Morganfield
- AGOSTO 11** Reunión de la Junta Directiva de la Conferencia Católica de
Kentucky – Louisville
- AGOSTO 11-12** Reunión de Obispos de la Provincia – Louisville
- AGOSTO 12-13** Reunión de Seminaristas de la Diócesis de Owensboro – Bardstown
- AGOSTO 15** 5:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia San Miguel, Sebree
- AGOSTO 16** 10:30 a.m. ● Misa – Parroquia de San Carlos, Livermore
- AGOSTO 17** 9:30 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – CPC
1:30 p.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – CPC
- AGOSTO 19** 8:30 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – CPC
11:30 a.m. ● Reunión/Almuerzo de Sacerdotes del Grupo de Edad 4
- AGOSTO 20** 11:30 a.m. ● Reunión/Almuerzo de Sacerdotes del Grupo de Edad 2
- AGOSTO 23** 9:00 a.m. ● Misa – Parroquia San Juan Evangelista, Sunfish
- AGOSTO 25** 10 a.m.–3:00 p.m. ● Horas de Oficina de Paducah, Hospital de
Lourdes, Paducah
- AGOSTO 29** 5:00 p.m. ● Misa – Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón, Hickman
- AGOSTO 30** 11:30 a.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia del Espíritu Santo,
Bowling Green
- AGOSTO 31** 11:30 a.m. ● Reunión/Almuerzo de Sacerdotes del Grupo de Edad 5

Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Queridos hermanas y hermanos:

“El medio es el mensaje.” Marshall McLuhan mencionó esta frase y nuestra cultura con mucha razón ha estado fascinada con este concepto. El medio puede ser arte, música, literatura, periódicos y revistas. Cuando McLuhan inventó la frase en su libro en 1964 titulado *Entender los Medios, la Extensión del Hombre*, es muy probable no se estaba imaginando la revolución de los medios que venía y la era de comunicación digital. Hoy todavía siguen los medios del pasado, ahora junto a las comunicaciones electrónicas y digitales que conocemos como el Facebook, Twitter, email y mucho más.

Como la Iglesia se esfuerza para extender su misión y su mensaje en cada época, sabemos que por muchos siglos el único medio fue predicando, durante tiempos en que muy pocas personas podían leer o escribir y claro, no se había inventado la radio y la televisión. La invención de la imprenta y después tipos móviles revolucionaron el mundo. La expansión de los medios en los últimos cincuenta años continúa a un paso que es difícil analizar lo que está pasando, cuando las cosas siguen cambiando tan rápido.

A la iglesia todavía se ha confiado el mensaje más poderoso en la historia humana, el mensaje de Jesucristo y sus seguidores a través de veintiún siglos. Nos dicen que los “jóvenes” no leen ni siguen los medios tradicionales impresos como los periódicos. Y que los “viejos” no han encontrado la forma de dependerse de la computadora como fuente de toda su información. Fíjense que yo no me atrevo definir quien está joven y quien está viejo.

Hoy escribo para rendir homenaje a una etapa en el mensaje de la Diócesis de Owensboro por medio del periódico el Católico de Kentucky Occidental. En junio de este año Mel Howard se jubiló de ser el editor de nuestro periódico diocesano. Mel fue el primer editor de nuestro periódico en colaboración



con nuestro Obispo Emérito Juan J. McRaith. En 1984 fue contratado como el editor del “Boletín Informativo del Obispo” que después se convirtió en nuestro periódico.

Mel, con sus zapatos bien puestos y su cámara en mano, ha estado presente por un trayecto grande de entre los setenta y ocho años de nuestra diócesis. Él entendió que el medio era el mensaje y trabajó duro para captar la vida de nuestra iglesia local a través de estas tres décadas. Tal vez no le van a conmemorar como Mateo, Marcos, Lucas y Juan, o Pablo que escribió cartas con tanta pasión, pero él ha dedicado la mayor parte de su vida profesional a compartir la buena nueva. Por algunos años antes de ser el editor él fue maestro en la Escuela Preparatoria de la Trinidad en Whitesville y en la Escuela Preparatoria del Condado de Marion en Lebanon.

Les debemos mucho agradecimiento a Mel y a generaciones de periodistas y editores. Ellos entendieron que el mensaje solamente es escuchado, leído y comprendido si es que viene empaquetado en el medio correcto. El medio de Mel fue el periódico impreso y probablemente hay miles de recortes del Católico de Kentucky Occidental poniéndose amarillos en álbumes de recortes y guardando memorias a través de todo el Kentucky occidental.

¡Gracias Mel!

+ William F. Medley

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El Vía Crucis en las Calles de Owensboro

Los parroquianos de la Parroquia de Santos José y Pablo, por el 8vo año consecutivo, salieron a las calles en el centro de Owensboro para representar la Pasión de Jesucristo en el Viernes Santo 2015. La jornada comienza con la condenación de Jesús por Pilato a un lado del salón parroquial. Enseguida todas las personas siguen a los personajes que representan cada estación del Vía Crucis acompañados por seguridad por dos patrullas de la Policía. Después de cada estación se lee una reflexión en inglés y español y de allí caminando de nuevo cantando himnos. A su llegada a la Universidad de Brescia los soldados crucifican a Jesús y los dos ladrones. Después de la última estación la gente regresa caminando en la marcha del silencio acompañados solamente por el ritmo de un tambor y la dolorosa mientras avanzan de regreso a la iglesia.
Foto: Padre Josué McCarty



Misión en la Parroquia San Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville, KY

POR ELLIS SALAS

Hace tres años la Diócesis de Owensboro comenzó un estudio bíblico en toda la Diócesis el programa, *LEVANTATE*. Ante la experiencia vivida en estos tres años las pequeñas comunidades de *LEVANTATE* de la Parroquia San Pedro y Pablo en Hopkinsville ha iniciado una Misión Parroquial visitando a diferentes familias de habla hispana católicas que viven en esa comunidad. El punto principal es llevar el evangelio aquellos que no lo reciben o que han dejado de asistir al encuentro con Cristo en la Eucaristía dominical. Esta Misión Parroquial ha consistido en salir a las calles y visi-



En la Fotografía: Visitando casas; Bartha Rico, Yolanda Perry, Evelia Ocampo y Juanita Montejos. Foto por: José Duran.

tar diferentes familias de la comunidad en sus casas, para invitarlos una vez más a este encuentro con Jesús resucitado y ofrecerles diversas formas de apoyo espiritual, compartir la Sagrada Escritura y orar con ellos. La experiencia ha sido muy enriquecedora e impactante para todos los que han visitado y orado con las familias, ha aumentado nuestro sentido de pertenencia y se ha profundizado el encuentro con Jesucristo, la Iglesia y la comunidad Católica local.

Agradecemos el apoyo y la dirección del Padre Julio Barrera ya que así hemos logrado realizar este proceso espiritual de evangelización. ♦

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Oct. 6: Hermana Rose Marita O’Bryan – “La Sabiduría de las Mujeres: el Don del Alma Feminina”

Nov. 3: Hermana George Mary Hagan – “Pioneros Católicos: de Maryland a Kentucky”

Dic. 1: Hermana Ann McGrew – “El Arte de Esperar”

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Oficina de la Vida Espiritual para la Diócesis de Owensboro

Padre Paul Joseph Volk: Una pasión para Dios

Sábado, el 22 Agosto

9:30 a.m. a 3:30 p.m.

Guías del Retiro:

Hermana Ruth Gehres, OSU

Hermana Marietta Wethington, OSU

Cost:

\$20 incluye el almuerzo

En este retiro, vamos a caminar in el espíritu del Padre Volk, cuya vida de oración y valentía llevó el amor de Dios a miles de personas en Kentucky y hasta tan lejos como América del Sur.



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¿Cómo vamos nosotros y la familia?



Saludos a todos y espero estén disfrutando mucho del verano de Kentucky con sus calores, con su lluvia y lo verde de los árboles y las plantas. A los que se nos han despertado las alergias pues diosito que nos ayude. Ojala y que también, los que los tienen, hayan disfrutado mucho de sus hijos en casa durante estas vacaciones ahora ya a punto de regresar a clase.

Estamos ya pasados de la mitad del año, ya en agosto y cuantos cosas han sucedido ya durante este año... ¿cierto? Algo que podríamos hacer es hacernos una pequeña evaluación de cómo vamos o que tanto nos hemos dejado abrazar y transformar por Dios en lo que va del año. ¿Cuánto hemos crecido? Y lo digo por mí mismo también. A inicio de año siempre nos hacemos nuevos propósitos: bajar de peso, rezar más, comer más sano, leer más, ser menos enojones, ver menos tele, tender la cama, no faltar a misa el domingo etc... Ahora es cuando revisarnos y retomar camino si necesario y así no llegar a finales de año y sentir desilusión.

Entre los importantes sucesos de este año está que el Papa Francisco nos visita ahora en Septiembre. Pronto se celebrará el Encuentro Mundial de Familias. Por cierto, ¿Cómo anda la tuya? Tu familia. Sería bueno no dejar pasar por desapercibido tan gran oportunidad de revisarnos, de avivar nuestro lazos de comunión, de respeto, dialogo y amor en familia. Que los que tienen a la familia lejos con más frecuencia pasen rato en el teléfono y no se olviden de la mamá, de los hijos, de la esposa. Nunca es tarde para pedir la disculpa, aceptar perdón o de recalibrar nuestra fe y nuestras relaciones de familia. Yo por mi parte hare el mismo esfuerzo y seguiré rezando por nuestras familias.

Disfruten mucho de este tiempo de luz antes de que de nuevo nos visite el invierno. Sean proactivos en sus parroquias, reanímense en Jesucristo nuestro Señor, ayuden a sus sacerdotes y ministros hispanos y gócese juntos en la fe.

Cristóbal Gutierrez

Director del Ministerio Hispano

Mel Howard, editor, se jubila después de 30+ años

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

El 15 de Mayo el personal del Centro Católico McRaith celebró la jubilación de un querido amigo y compañero de trabajo: Mel Howard, el editor del Católico de Kentucky Occidental.

“Hizo un trabajo espectacular,” decía el Obispo Emérito Juan J. McRaith, quien fue el obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro cuando Howard empezó su trabajo como editor en los 1980’s.

Howard empezó a trabajar para la Diócesis como el editor del “Boletín Informativo del Obispo,” una publicación sencilla que mantenía a los fieles al tanto de lo que pasaba en la Diócesis. Cual el Obispo McRaith expresó el deseo de expandir la publicación a un periódico real, naturalmente Howard fue la persona indicada para el trabajo.

Howard organizó un “concurso” a través de la Diócesis para coleccionar sugerencias del nombre para el periódico. La idea que ganó fue “El Católico de Kentucky Occidental” – y así la persona ganó una cena con el Obispo.

Por los últimos 31 años Howard ha coleccionado y publicado un número sin fin de fotos y artículos entregados al periódico, lo cual dice que le han nombrado con cariño el “álbum de recortes” para la diócesis.

Después de 31 años como editor del periódico, Howard se dio cuenta que “la gente conecta mi nombre con el Católico de Kentucky Occidental. Personas se me acercaban en la Misa Crismal y en otras partes, y me decían ‘¡Tú eres el Católico del Kentucky Occidental!’”

Su respuesta siempre fue, “Sí, pero todos nosotros somos.” ♦

Reportar las Acusaciones de Abuso Sexual

Cualquier persona que sepa de un abuso de un menor de dieciocho años es obligado por ley informarles a las autoridades estatales apropiadas: policía local o la línea dedicada para el Abuso Infantil de Kentucky (gratis: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

Además, para informar a la Diócesis sobre el abuso por parte de algún personal (pagado o voluntario) de la Iglesia, en el pasado o presente, favor de llamar a la Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral a esta línea confidencial: 270-852-8380. La Diócesis de Owensboro acaba de revisar su reglamento sobre el abuso sexual, efectivo el 1 de Julio del 2014 y está disponible en todas las parroquias y también en el sitio web diocesano (www.rcdok.org/safe).

Los miembros de la junta que responden a las alegaciones de abuso sexual en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Mr. Ken Bennett (Presidente), Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, Mr. Tony Kraus, Mr. Michael Marsili, Ms. Kelly Roe (Vice-Presidente), y Ms. Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy sirve como enlace entre el Obispo y la Junta de Revisión Diocesano.



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Les Presentamos al Ministro Hispano: La Hermana María Esperanza Ofelia Rivera Gómez



¿Cuál es su nombre? Mi nombre es la Hermana María Esperanza Ofelia Rivera Gómez. Soy una Hermana de la Congregación de las Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón Ad-Gentes y soy de Huamantla, Estado de Tlaxcala, México.

¿Cuál es tu parroquia? Sirvo a la Parroquia de Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro ayudando y acompañando a la Hermana María Pilar Hinojosa quien es la directora del Ministerio Hispano para la parroquia.

¿Cuándo empezaste a ser Ministro Hispano para tu Parroquia? Empezamos alrededor del 27 de Octubre del 2014.

¿Cómo es un día regular para ti en el ministerio? El Domingo es el día que estoy más involucrada. En las mañanas empiezo con el catequesis en español para los niños que se preparan para la primera Comunión, y en seguida preparo todo para la Misa de Español al mediodía. Con frecuencia ayudo con las pláticas y clases para los adultos hispanos también.

¿Cuál es tu parte favorita del Ministerio Hispano? Por muchos años ahora, desde el año 2000, he estado sirviendo en diferentes diócesis en los EEUU y lo he disfrutado mucho, ha sido una bendición. Disfruto trabajar con la comunidad hispana y estoy agradecida por la oportunidad de ahora servir aquí en Owensboro. Las necesidades en la comunidad hispana son grandes. Hay una necesidad grande de llevar a Jesús a individuos y familias hispanas. Nuestra comunidad puede sentirse solos o aislado y eso me da la oportunidad de llevarles el amor de Jesús.

La otra cosa que disfruto mucho mucho es el ministerio en la prisión. Cada jueves el Padre Al Bremer y yo viajamos de Owensboro a la Penitenciaría Estatal de Kentucky en Eddyville, Kentucky. En la mañana hago ministerio con las mujeres y en la tarde a los hombres. Esta experiencia también ha bendecido mi vida. ♦

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Religious education must increase access for special needs children

BY MICHELE CLOUSE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

One of the goals of the Diocesan Disability Awareness Committee is to increase access to religious education in many forms to children with a variety of disabilities.

One of the first actions toward this goal has been to look at programs that are in place and resources that are currently available. The committee is also looking at other programs in place across the country in both Catholic and other churches in order to determine what works, what doesn't work, what obstacles are in place, and what accommodations are made and how.

Every individual is entitled to learn and grow in their faith, however, children with special needs can present unique challenges to this.

First, religious education teachers are often volunteers who may or may not have training in teaching. If they have had some training, it is not often that this includes dealing with children who may have physical, developmental, intellectual, or other difficulties. Second, classroom areas may not be accessible to children with physical limitations.

Third, religious education classes may be relatively short when trying to impart a lot of information, values, etc., making accommodating some needs extra stressful for teachers. Fourth, some children need physical assistance to complete some tasks while others need direction and assistance to complete a task.

This is just a brief list of some of the challenges facing our parishes and our diocese as we strive to

improve our delivery of this service.

However, when people work together to support children with special needs to grow and live their faith, everyone benefits from their accomplishments. A young man named Nicholas was facing his upcoming First Holy Communion. Now most families would find this to be an exciting time, but Nicholas has some challenges that made this somewhat fearsome for him and his family.

Nicholas has some difficulty with balance and motor skills, making the walk to the altar, standing still, and receiving the host a challenge. Nicholas also has difficulty with his chewing and swallowing, again, making receiving the host a challenge. So several months prior to First Communion, Nicholas' speech therapist, his physical therapist, and his family had a discussion to determine if this was a reasonable goal.

The challenges were outlined, the minimal requirements discussed, and the accommodations that might be needed were outlined. Nicholas and his family decided that this was a goal they wanted to work toward. Nicholas' family discussed this with his religious education teacher and the priest in his parish and they agreed to work with the team to make this happen.

The physical therapist used a plate and a goblet to work with Nicholas on walking, standing and kneeling. The family obtained some unconsecrated hosts that the speech therapist was able to use. The next step was to determine the size of host that Nicholas could handle efficiently and to increase Nicholas' tolerance to the wine. This was done by watering down grape juice and gradually

increasing the juice and then doing the same with the unconsecrated wine.

Then the therapist worked together to practice the entire sequence over and over so Nicholas would have it down pat. The morning of first Communion, Nicholas, his teacher and his family gathered with excitement and anticipation. Well, Nicholas pulled it off without a hitch. He was so excited as were the whole parish, his family, his teacher, the priest and his therapists!

Nicholas' story is an example of the Church community as well as others supporting a family in their faith development. There are several resources available in the diocese to help support efforts such as these.

These include programs from Loyola Press for reconciliation, first Communion, and confirmation. The materials are social stories, picture schedules, concepts in pictures and easy words.

There is also an older program sponsored by Rose Kennedy. Some of the material is outdated but it does contain lesson plans that might be a good starting point for some children.

The best use of these materials is to get help from someone who is knowledgeable and experienced with these types of interventions. Whether they are Catholic or not, speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, behavior therapists and others who work with those with special needs can guide families and teachers in using these materials or other items to help support growth and learning in faith.

These materials can be checked out from the McRaith Catholic Center. The Disability Aware-

ness Committee continues to work on expanding, encouraging and supporting teachers, students, parishes, and families.

For more information, contact Elaine Robertson at Elaine.Robertson@pastoral.org or Richard Murphy at Richard.Murphy@pastoral.org or call the McRaith Catholic Center.

Michele Clouse, M.A., CCC/SLP, is a speech language pathologist at Wendell Foster's Campus for Developmental Disabilities, Owensboro ♦

Haitians receive clean water, God's love

BY JASON HARVILLE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Staring into the darkness, one often finds themselves at the crossroads of sleep or prayer. On this particular night I chose the latter despite the mental, physical and even emotional marathon I had experienced throughout the day.

My time in Lomas, Haiti, from April 21-28, 2015 showed me that noise, as I know it, did not exist there.

Laying on a spring-less mattress, supported only by rebar, I found it hard to relate to a cozy bed and the humming of a Whirlpool dryer that I fell asleep to just a few nights prior. The occasional delirious outbursts from the native goats were the only thing reminding me that I was truly awake.

Earlier that day, a group of my fellow missionaries from SS. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro joined the Lomas natives to walk down a long,

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Dear Cursillistas: With God we can do anything!

BY DENIS WHEATLEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

What is the best gift that anyone ever gave you?

The 69th Men's Catholic Cursillo weekend was dedicated to Jesus' presentation by Mary and Joseph. The theme was "You yourself shall be pierced with a sword – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare" (Luke 2:35).

On this weekend, we all found that it is true that without God we can do nothing, but with God we can do anything – that God and I are an overwhelming majority.

Cursillistas: do you remember when you attended the Catholic Cursillo weekend? Do you know where your Pilgrim's Guide is? Do you remember at which Saint's table you were sitting? Do you remember your brothers or sisters that God put with you at table?

Please take the time to go visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to spend some time talking to him. Ask him who he would like for you to sponsor to come to spend three days and nights with him. If you don't want to go by yourself ask our Blessed Mother to go with you to speak for you.

Please, give this gift to someone you love, that very best gift that you can give – a weekend with Jesus.



The 71st Women's Cursillo within the Diocese of Owensboro was held June 11-14. Pictured, left to right: (first row) Mary Lee, coordinator; Felicia Elliot, assistant coordinator. (Second row) Robin Bilan, Mary Beth Wood, Lauren Johnson, Sr. Elaine Burke, Sharon Brumlow, Pam Alderson, Teresa Westerfield, Mary Hagan, Jane Irwin. (Third row) Sherri Cecil, Teresa Krampe, Jan Buckner, Paula Stallings, Heidi Wheeler, Martha Wheatley, Cecelia Hamilton. (Fourth row) Julie Crawford, Cami Frey, Sharon Smith, Doris Hardesty, Karla Wagner, Kim Haire, Cecilia Yates, Rose McClurg, Mary Grace Woodward.



The 69th Men's Cursillo within the Diocese of Owensboro was held March 26-29. Pictured, left to right: (first row) Frank Wheatley, Ken Woodward, Jim Fallin, Eddie Gray, Scott Elliott, Kelly Christian, Denis Wheatley, Deacon Nick Nicholas, Danny Alderson, Charlie Krampe. (Second row) Bailey Terry, Austin Wheatley, David Wolfe, Thomas Wagner, Bill Ling, John M. Henning, Kelly V. Wheatley. (Third row) Michael Wheatley, Jeremy Wheatley, Bob Cinnamon, Bob Stallings Sr., Mike Fallin, Tom Rose.

Please, take your Pilgrim's Guide, turn to page 23, and pray with me: "We give you thanks, Almighty God..."

De Colores!

World Refugee Day: A teen's perspective

BY VICKI CONDER, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Do you know what the term “refugee” means?

A refugee is someone who has left their home country because of religious or political persecution. Because of the persecution, they have been invited into this country. They work, pay taxes and are on a path to becoming legal citizens.

The people of St. Pius X Parish are pleased that approximately 75 Burmese individuals have chosen to call our church their parish home.

This year, St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro was honored to host Owensboro's annual World Refugee Day celebration. World Refugee Day is celebrated each year the week before we in the United States celebrate our Independence Day.

The chicken for the celebration was donated by Tyson, where most of the local Burmese refugees work.

It was grilled by Jeff Jones and served with rice and other native dishes. Approximately 200 of our Burmese community celebrated this year's World Refugee Day.

Parishioners assisted the staff of Owensboro's International Office in putting on the event. One of the St. Pius X volunteers was 16-year-old Nathan Jones. Here is his account of the day:

“On the morning of July 27 my father went

up to St. Pius X Parish's hall to help cook for the World Refugee Day. At first, I wasn't sure I wanted to help, but when I got there, I started to feel a lot better about my decision.

“I helped set up cornhole boards. Next I set out bubbles and chalk for the little kids to play with. I also put out balloons on the St. Pius X sign to let people know where it was being held.

“When people started arriving I showed them how to play cornhole. Before they started to serve food, I sat down at a table with some kids my age. I met some pretty cool Burmese teen boys my age. It turned out they went to my school and I never knew it. I thought it was neat talking with them and getting to know them. Later I added the three of them on Facebook.



Five little girls dressed in native wear wait in line to eat. Later they will perform a native dance as part of the World Refugee Day festivities at St. Pius X Parish on July 27. Photo courtesy of St. Pius X Parish.

“I got to try some of the Burmese food and it turned out to be really good. After the meal, some of the girls and women did some Burmese dances. The last dances were pretty remarkable. Eight men sat on the floor and used PVC pipes to make a big tic-tac-toe board on the floor. They said in Burma they use bamboo, but since there isn't any bamboo in Owensboro they used the PVC pipe.

“As the music began, they began to tap the pipes together and then tap the floor in rhythmic movements while eight young ladies in traditional Burmese costumes danced between the moving pieces of pipe. Not once did anyone miss a step!

“The whole vent was really a great thing to experience and I am glad to have had the opportunity to see it and meet some really good people.” ♦

Our own Lampedusa

BY CHRIS GUTIERREZ,
DIRECTOR OF THE
OFFICE OF HISPANIC
MINISTRY, DIOCESE
OF OWENSBORO



A couple years ago and in light of tragic events, Pope Francis visited Lampedusa, Italy.

Lampedusa is an Italian island on the Mediterranean that in recent times has seen a spike in the deaths of thousands of undocumented immigrants from various parts of Africa trying to reach Europe. The Pope had gone there to console immigrant survivors and to offer words of encouragement to a region in Italy trying its best to save lives and respond to a tragic humanitarian crisis. This constant tragedy includes young and old, men and women, entire families fleeing violence and poverty.

This reality sounds amazingly familiar to me living here in United States.

Our reality over the years has not been that of brothers and sisters drowning and dying at sea, but rather dying in the heat of treacherous and unforgiving deserts. I am also thinking of so many mothers and their children from Central America right now suffering greatly in immigration detention centers, often not even granted due process along bordering states.

As I have had the opportunity to build relationships over the years with immigrants residing around our diocese, I have found that they too have their

own stories of survival.

I have always been inspired by my own father's story, but over the years involved in Hispanic Ministry have given me the opportunity and humbling privilege to listen first hand to immigrant's plights finding very close parallels to the reality of other parts of the world.

During his visit to Lampedusa Pope Francis said: "The culture of comfort, which makes us think only of ourselves, makes us insensitive to the cries of other people, makes us live in soap bubbles which, however lovely, are insubstantial; they offer a fleeting and empty illusion which results in indifference to others; indeed, it even leads to the globalization of indifference. In this globalized world, we have fallen into globalized indifference. We have become used to the suffering of others: it doesn't affect me; it doesn't concern me; it's none of my business!"

I am very excited and happy to know Pope Francis is coming to visit us in September. Hispanic undocumented immigrants continuing to live on the margins and shadows of our society are also very hopeful.

Maybe he can move the hearts and minds towards comprehensive immigration reform and explain what welcoming the stranger means. My hope and prayer is that Pope Francis's message during his visit can perhaps jiggle us out of our own comfort and indifference.

Perhaps he will be able to awaken our own capacity to weep before our own Lampedusa. ♦

Haitians receive clean water ... *Continued from page 25*

dusty path to the creek locally known as the "river."

The Lomas natives, or "Lalomians," we passed smiled brightly as we walked by. Hanging from our arms were beautifully dirty little children, cleverly trying to win our attention with tricks and acts of childish humility. Passing the properties outlined by natural cactus fences, we noticed barren yards and powerless huts.

Residents flocked from their dwellings to get a glimpse and greet the "blan" – the Haitian Creole for "white" – guests.

Several residents invited us to their property and proudly introduced to us their way of life. Thatch rooftops and adobe huts, covering a few hundred square feet of dirt, is home to these Haitians. Scattered throughout the properties are various combinations of turkeys, pigs, goats, chickens and other livestock sniffing and searching for any morsel of vegetation.

After a brief exchange of foreign salutations and peaceful gestures, we motioned to our young entourage to head back through the gate and back down the main road to our destination of the river.

The primary goal of this particular mission was the introduction of the Water With Blessings program, funded through donations collected at SS. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro. The program consists in providing water filtration systems to residents who are limited to living off contaminated water.

We collected water from the river, and after returning to the local rectory were able to do something never before possible in this area: giving all

of the kids a drink of clean, fresh and uncontaminated water – all thanks to the grace of God and the generosity of our community.

Before leaving for Lomas I had often found myself questioning how it came to be that this societal average Joe, nine-to-five employee, husband, and father of three could truly make a difference in a poverty-stricken third-world country.

After a few short days in Haiti, it became very clear that God provided an opportunity for me, as well as my fellow missionaries, to personally give a message of love and compassion to the Lomas residents.

In a place where language barriers prevented words from fostering much meaning, it was our actions that spoke of God's love.

I will be forever appreciative of all of those individuals and entities that helped support me and my role in this mission to Lomas, Haiti.

Jason Harville attends the Parish of the Immaculate in Owensboro. ♦

How to help

Support for Haitians in need can be done in many ways: daily prayers, sharing time and talent, supporting missionaries, supporting Haitian children, classrooms or specific projects. If your parish does not currently support Haitian mission work and you would like to make a difference, contact the office at either SS. Joseph and Paul Parish (270-683-5641) or the Parish of the Immaculate (270-683-0689) to learn more.

Commitment to vocations is key



FR. JASON MCCLURE, DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS AND VICAR OF CLERGY, DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

Greetings from the Office of Vocations! In 2013, Bishop Medley appointed me the director of vocations for the Diocese of Owensboro. While I'm honored to serve the Church in this ministry alongside Dr. Fred Litke, the associate director of Vocations, I also realize that our efforts will bear more fruit if vocation ministry is supported by all the faithful throughout the diocese. So in this issue of the Western Kentucky Catholic, I'm making an appeal for your help.

On April 21, 2013, Pope Francis said, "Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community.... This is why Jesus said: 'Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest,' that is, God the Father, 'to send out laborers into his harvest' (Mt 9:38). Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."

I know that my vocation to priesthood was realized in the context of my own prayer but also as

a result of the prayer and support of others. I'm calling on you, the faithful of the Diocese of Owensboro to join me in my work as vocation director. Seeking and responding to God's call in our contemporary culture is difficult and requires great courage. Young people are bombarded by so many images and messages, many of which distract from the authentic call to holiness each of us receives. How important it is in this time in which we live, for young people to hear from others the encouragement that is so effective in helping them discern God's call in their life.

The power of prayer is undeniable. So I'm asking you to make a commitment to praying for vocations to priesthood and religious life. I sincerely believe that the vocations are already there, God has already called us to some vocation (holy matrimony, holy orders, consecrated life, single life). Perhaps our commitment to prayer will inspire particularly young people to respond to God's call, which as Pope Francis articulates, "means allowing God to help us leave ourselves and our false security behind, and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our

Prayer for vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer courtesy of usccb.org/vocations

life and our happiness."

I believe that our prayers will yield results as we will see the Lord of the harvest send laborers into his harvest and secure a presbyterate for the future of the Diocese of Owensboro.

I have included a prayer for vocations above. I'm asking you to pray this each day. Pray it on your own. Pray it as a family. Pray it with your children. Pray it before the Blessed Sacrament. Your commitment to prayer for vocations is an essential part of vocation ministry in the Church as vocations

Contact our Office of Vocations

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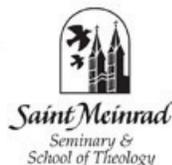
are “born in and from prayer.”

In closing, I call upon young people and all who are discerning their vocation. Discover your vocation through prayer, the sacraments, by seeking good information and speaking to your pastor, contact the Office of Vocations, or visit our website for more resources to support you in your discernment. I leave you with yet again, the words of Pope Francis, “Dear young friends, never be afraid to go out from yourselves and begin the journey! The Gospel is the message which brings freedom to our lives; it transforms them and makes them all the more beautiful. How wonderful it is to be surprised by God’s call, to embrace his word, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, in adoration of the divine mystery and the generous service to our neighbors! Your life will become richer and more joyful each day!” ♦



We are happy to congratulate Saint Meinrad graduates Rev. Michael Charles Ajigo Abiero and Rev. Gary Clark on their ordination to the priesthood.

Very Rev. Denis Robinson, OSB,
and the students, faculty, monks and staff
of Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology



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Vocare generates revenue, celebrates vocations

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When it comes to vocations, Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, believes the realization must be made that “our Church depends upon the dedication of men and women who are devoting their lives to the Church.”



Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB

Fr. Robinson is the president-rector of St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Indiana and will be the keynote speaker at the Diocese of Owensboro’s 2nd annual Vocare Gala in September.

Vocare, which is a celebration of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Owensboro, serves to both encourage vocations and support them financially.

Educating the next shepherds of the Catholic Church is not cheap.

Fr. Jason McClure, director of vocations for the diocese, said that seminary costs “approximately \$40,000-\$50,000 per year per seminarian,” depending on what year they are in.

“This includes tuition, room and board, books, insurance, fees, CPE (clinical pastoral education) tuition, Spanish language immersion and other incidentals,” said Fr. McClure.

Fred Litke, diocese associate director of vocations, said that Vocare 2014, with an attendance of

458 people, saw a collection of more than \$170,000 as well as a \$50,000 grant from Catholic Extension. This brought a total of more than \$220,000.

But the Vocare Gala is more than just a night of fundraising.

“Without (priests and consecrated persons) we wouldn’t have any Church,” Fr. Robinson said in a recent interview with The Western Kentucky Catholic.

And consecrated men and women are not disconnected from diocesan priests, but closely integrated, he said.



Two Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus speak with Kevin and Ann Kauffeld at Vocare 2014. Photo by Mel Howard

“The religious life supports the priestly vocation by understanding that we are all a part of the same Church,” said Fr. Robinson. “These are not two different things; we are all part of the same system.”

Fr. Robinson offered two ways for Catholic lay-people to support vocations.

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A reflection for the Year of Consecrated Life: Part 1 of 2

Union with Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows and Mother of Priests

BY SR. CECILIA MARIA OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, CP, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

As the Church continues her celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life, the Passionist Nuns of Whitesville, KY, would like to share with you another aspect of their vocation. All Passionists honor with particular devotion Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Sorrowful Mother. For us she is model and exemplar, patroness and queen, teacher and aid; at her station at the foot of the Cross, we discover the fullness of our own vocation. We are to be so united with the Mother of Christ Crucified that her loving vigil on Calvary is realized in our daily lives.

The hours of Jesus' Passion are the climax of His earthly mission of redemption, the consummation of the perfect outpouring of love which He began at His Incarnation. This is the moment that His heavenly priesthood is most clearly manifested to us. Even as He hangs helpless on those beams of pain, He presides unchallenged over a most solemn sacrifice. The crimson vestments which He donned even as the scourges fashioned them from His flesh, show forth the nature of this High Priest with terrible beauty. He not only offers sacrifice; He is the victim offered. His hour having come, in power and love He lays down His life for His friends.

Mary's vocation as the mother of this High



A Passionist nun of Whitesville, Kentucky, kneels before a statue of the Pieta. Photo courtesy of the Passionist Nuns of Whitesville.

Priest also reaches its climax on Calvary. She keeps her vigil on Calvary with the full awareness that she prepared this Lamb for the sacrifice when she gave her *fiat* ("amen" in Hebrew) to the angel and became Mother of the Messiah. The letter to the Hebrews tells us, "when He came into the world, He said: *Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me*" (10:5). Without Mary's "yes," there would have been no Body for the Christ to offer upon the Cross. From the very beginning and throughout His life, she is the handmaid of redemption as, by her constant *fiat*, she aids and accompanies Him toward His goal.

It is her participation at Calvary that sounds the Great Amen to the Mass Christ celebrates on the Cross. By her presence, prayer, and union of mind

and will with His own, the mother of the Victim-Priest gives support, strength, and endurance to her Son. Her mother's heart feels keenly every wound, every blow, every insult which fills her Son's chalice of suffering. Mary embodies the perfect response to the familiar offertory words, "Pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father." As surely as her dying Son offers His own life in sacrifice to the Father, He offers hers who stands below in loving sorrow, whose *fiat-amen* once gave Him life in order that He might lay it down for the sake of all mankind.

To be continued in our September 2015 issue.



Learn More

Learn more about the Passionist Nuns in Whitesville by visiting passionistnunsblog.com.

Father Paul Joseph Volk: A Passion for God

Saturday, Aug. 22

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Retreat Leaders:

Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU

Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU

Cost:

\$20 fee includes lunch

In this retreat, we will walk a few hours in the spirit of Father Volk, whose life of prayer and courage brought God's love to thousands of people in Kentucky and as far away as South America.



To register, contact Kathy McCarty
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Grace kept seminarian on the right tracks

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD,
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Owensboro seminarian James “Jamie” Dennis is known by friends and family for his love of trains. But there’s no doubt that the Caneyville native credits his faith community for keeping him on the right track.

His love for trains is deeply rooted. He enjoys Amtrak trips around the country and his family’s farm has a life-sized train - complete with tracks - that Dennis built with his father.

Dennis finds it convenient to have the two-mile-long railway on the farm. Having lost his sight as a child, Dennis told The Western Kentucky Catholic he can’t just jump on an ATV to drive around the property. He takes the train instead.

Dennis, who will be ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Diocese of Owensboro on August 8, said his love of trains gives him unique ministry opportunities.

Transitional Diaconate Ordination

All are welcome to attend the ordination to the transitional diaconate of James Dennis on Saturday, August 8, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish in Leitchfield.

While on his Amtrak trips, which he takes on his own, Dennis often encounters fellow travelers who learn he is a Catholic seminarian. People notice Dennis when he quietly says the Liturgy of the Hours in his seat: not only is he chanting prayers,

but he is reading those prayers from his Braille breviaries.

“Some have fallen away from the Church and find comfort in talking to a regular stranger,” said Dennis. “Others are regular Mass-goers who just want to talk. It’s all a ministry opportunity.”

Dennis also has a “great fondness” for the Eastern churches, both those Catholic and Orthodox.

He has visited and prayed at an Antiochian Orthodox church in Bowling Green, and likes the Byzantine (Eastern Catholic) chapel at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, where he attends seminary.

Dennis is drawn to the tactile Byzantine icons that are textured with carved wood or metal and embossed images. He said these types of icons were often utilized by blind monks and nuns to assist in their prayers.

Dennis was a cradle Catholic but lost interest in the faith as a teenager. However, when attending Brescia University to study business, he realized he could easily walk to campus Mass, and this soon became a habit.

Fast-forward to completing his sacraments of initiation with his confirmation in Brescia’s chapel, and later, his being told he should consider the priesthood.

He became the first blind seminarian to attend St. Meinrad, and though Dennis admits it hasn’t all been easy, “the love of the people of God and of our diocese keeps me motivated.”

“The main thing I want to do is bring Jesus to his people and bring them the comfort he’s given me,” said Dennis.



James Dennis is visited by young friends Preston Hans and Kate Hans, who are treated to a ride on the train. Photo courtesy of Melissa Baysinger.

Videos

James Dennis has a YouTube channel with videos of his travels and train trips. Follow his journeys by visiting <http://bit.ly/1O4zEUD>.

This summer Dennis is serving as seminarian intern at Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro: “They keep me busy. I visit hospitals once or twice a week and am currently giving a series of reflections focused on the Liturgy of the Hours.”

Dennis said he also feels a closeness with parishioners who recently migrated to the United States: “I’m a minority myself, and I understand what it’s like.”

Dennis said that while some people become nervous or judgmental when ministering to someone who looks different, “I don’t judge based on appearance – because I can’t see them.”

“The first thing I think of is the person and looking into their soul,” he said. Besides, “Jesus hung out with everybody, not just ‘normal’ people.”

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Randy Hardesty, (left) speaks with now-Deacon Basilio Az Cuc at Vocare 2014. "Deacon Basilio" as he is known to friends, was ordained to the transitional diaconate in April 2015. Photo by Mel Howard.

"First, through very focused prayer that God will send workers into the vineyard," he said. "Second is by offering invitations. Invite young people to consider the priesthood or consecrated life."

"Many times lay Catholics don't see themselves as the first step in helping people (discern)," he added.

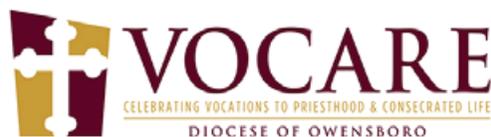
Fr. Robinson cited the upcoming Vocare Gala as "one of the best programs I've seen in the United States" in helping to promote and support vocations. He said the celebration is a powerful form

of communication because it involved a large community of people throughout western Kentucky.

He said it invited people to participate in the life the church in a "very focused way."

"Vocare is an educational opportunity, but also a spiritual opportunity for Catholics to exercise their own vocations by promoting the vocations of others," he said.

Vocare 2015 takes place at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18 at the Owensboro Convention Center. Registration is \$65/person, \$125/couple, \$500/table. To register or learn more about Vocare, contact Kathy Rasp at (270) 683-1545. ♦



What is Vocare?

A gala to celebrate and support vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in the Diocese of Owensboro.

When is it?

Friday, September 18, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Where is it?

Owensboro Convention Center

How do I register?

Registration is \$65/person, \$125/couple, \$500/table.

Reserve your spot by calling
Kathy Rasp at (270) 683-1545.

Grace kept seminarian ... Continued from page 31

Dennis also said his experience as a blind seminarian has brought about some amusing situations.

As a second-year seminarian at St. Meinrad he was once in charge of selecting the priests' vestments for Mass. He always did this in the evening, and being blind had no need to turn the lights on in the sacristy. He kept track of the vestment types with labels, and it usually was not too difficult.

One night, working in the dark room, he heard the door open and said hello to the newcomer.

"A monk screamed and jumped 10 feet," said Dennis. "I scared him half to death."

Surprises aside – the story was spread widely afterward – Dennis commented that parishes' having him around is not a bad deal.

"I can really save a place on their electric bill," he quipped. ♦

Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation

First Tuesday of the month

Time: 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 includes dinner

See www.ursulinesmsj.org for a complete list of dates and times



Sept. 1: Sister Marietta Wethington – "Spiritual Reading"

Oct. 6: Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan – "The Wisdom of Women: Gift of the Feminine Soul for Men and Women"

Nov. 3: Sister George Mary Hagan – "Catholic Pioneers: Maryland to Kentucky"

Dec. 1: Sister Ann McGrew – "The Art of Waiting"

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Vocations Video

The Diocese of Owensboro and Gideon Productions recently produced a video celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life. The video features short testimonies from men and women religious around the diocese. To watch the video, visit <https://youtu.be/PGsP1Yea18E>.

Lourdes Hospital and St. Thomas More youth tour to Lourdes a success

BY J. PATRICK KERR, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On a hot June morning, youth gathered in the parking lot at St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah, to begin what many knew, some suspected and some maybe even doubted, would be a life-changing journey.

St. Thomas More's youth group, along with dedicated parents and others began their mission trip to Lourdes, France, with an excitement reminiscent of a Christmas morning.

For many, this would be their first trip abroad. That alone created the atmosphere that this journey would be something special.

After a very long trip there the group arrived about three days before the pilgrims who were making the trek to Lourdes for spiritual and physical healing.

The group spent three days of orientation learning everything from proper wheelchair pushing to how to prepare meals in the kitchen. This included, of course, how best to use a complex system of hand gestures and charades to bridge the language barrier.

The group cared for the same pilgrims from their arrival to their departure, turning a short week into a lifetime bond of friendship bridging distance and culture with the grace of God.

St. Thomas More youth attended Mass with their pilgrims, immersed themselves in the healing waters of Lourdes with their pilgrims, prayed the Rosary, ate and laughed with those who were sick and suffering.



St. Thomas More's Youth, along with parents and chaperones get ready to board the bus for a short ride to Nashville where they will catch a flight to Paris. Photo courtesy of St. Thomas More Parish

Many marveled at the crosses that the sick had to bear just to get to Lourdes – let alone in their everyday lives.

Nearly every moment was humbly spent caring for the needs of others. Further, the singleness of purpose during the trip served as a focal point for spiritual growth. Youth left the hustle and bustle of everyday life behind and took on the needs of

others as their daily mission.

Organizers of the North American Lourdes Volunteer Organization called St. Thomas More's group one of the strongest they had seen in years. That strength and commitment was honored by inviting our group to lead the rosary procession (an honor rarely bestowed on a volunteer group) and allowing two of the youths to lead more than 10,000 people in a Hail Mary during the Rosary held in the grotto itself.

The changes in our youth were most visible to their parents. All parents said they could feel the Holy Spirit descend upon the youth from the moment the pilgrims arrived and practically saw that spirit grow everyday throughout the week.

The mission group credits the support of Lourdes Hospital in Paducah along with the Eckstein Family and St. Thomas More's parishioners, for without them this trip would not have been possible. ♦

'Positive Sprouts' learn about farming, history at Maple Mount

Ten children in the "Positive Sprouts" program through the Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club visited Maple Mount on June 18, with Sister Amelia Stenger, OSU, as their guide to the farm and the museum. In this photo, Sister Amelia demonstrates how the early sisters at Maple Mount used this churn to make butter. Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.



2015 youth SLIM Awards named

BY MELINDA PRUNTY, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

The diocesan Office of Youth Ministry is proud to announce the recipients of their annual Servant Leaders In Ministry or 'SLIM' Awards. The Office recognizes high school juniors and seniors who have made outstanding contributions to their parish, deanery and/or the diocese through their leadership and involvement in youth ministry. The rule of thumb for the total number of awards is 18 – two per deanery – unless youth are not nominated from a deanery. Recipients receive an award in the form of a plaque while all other youth nominated receive a certificate of recognition. If a young person is nominated their junior year and do not receive an award, they can be re-nominated for an award their senior year.

We are proud to announce that for 2015, 18 youth from around the Diocese of Owensboro representing eleven parishes were awarded plaques in recognition of their Servant Leadership In Ministry. They are:

Eva Cash

Blessed Mother Parish,
Owensboro

Emily Linn

Blessed Mother Parish,
Owensboro

Anne Beckert

Holy Name of Jesus Parish,
Henderson

Lauren Probus

Holy Name of Jesus Parish,
Henderson

Leslie Wilson

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,
Owensboro

Taylor Michael Widmer

Parish of the Immaculate,
Owensboro (posthumously)

Tyler Ward

Precious Blood Parish,
Owensboro

Hannah Baird

St. Anthony Parish, Browns
Valley

Margaret Kellems

St. Columba Parish, Lewisport

Hannah Boswell

St. Columba Parish, Lewisport

Mary Katelyn Hayden

St. Jerome Parish,
Fancy Farm

Hannah Purcell

St. Jerome Parish,
Fancy Farm

Abby Bratton

St. John the Evangelist Parish,
Paducah

Katie Clark

St. John the Evangelist Parish,
Paducah

Amanda Gilles

St. Mary Magdalene Parish,
Sorgho

Nicholas Fischer

St. Mary Magdalene Parish,
Sorgho

Marissa Elder

St. Mary Magdalene Parish,
Sorgho

Hannah Bland

St. Mary of the Woods Parish,
Whitesville

Ben Hopper

St. Thomas More Parish,
Paducah



Jared Jones is prayed over by his parish family when receiving his SLIM award certificate at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah, on May 9. Also receiving a SLIM award that day was Sydney Nash, not pictured. Photo courtesy of Maria A. Korte, St. Francis de Sales Parish.



Celebrating SLIM awards at Blessed Mother parish in May. (Front row, L-R) Eva Cash, SLIM award recipient; youth minister Christina Best; Emily Linn, SLIM award recipient. (Middle row, L-R) Mason Robertson, Becca Ballard and Cameron O'Nan, who all received a certificate of recognition. Back row is Fr. Michael Clark, pastor. Photo courtesy of Blessed Mother Parish.



(L-R) Emily Linn, SLIM award recipient; Mason Robertson, certificate of recognition recipient; Eva Cash, SLIM award recipient; Becca Ballard, certificate of recognition recipient. Photo courtesy of Blessed Mother Parish.



Hannah Bland and pastor, Fr. Gerald Baker, at St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville, upon presentation of SLIM award on May 24. Photo courtesy of Bland family.

Sixteen youth from the Diocese of Owensboro representing 10 parishes were awarded certificates of recognition for being nominated for their Servant Leadership In Ministry. They are:

Mason Robertson
Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro

Cameron O’Nan
Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro

Becca Ballard
Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro

Harley Engle
Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson

Erik Davis
Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson

Bethany Beals
Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Sydney Nash
St. Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah

Jared Jones
St. Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah

Kristin Atkins
St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm

Ben Willett
St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah

Dylan Payne
St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Sorgho

Emily Hardesty
St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg

Adam Hayden
St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Alex Danhauer
SS. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro

Kalyn Frizzell
SS. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro

Congratulations to all of this year’s recipients! Keep up the good work and keep growing in your faith!

Summer project helps those in need



On June 14, 2015, 11 youth and six adults from St. Stephen Cathedral painted a Habitat for Humanity home. (L-R, first row): Madelyn Lyon, Andrew Ellis, Hope Johnson, Anna Atkins, Rachael Kyle, Jade Flaherty, Lucy Kurtz, Fr. Suneesh Mathew, HGN. Second row: Ron Bornander, Molly Payne, Will Clark, Brooklyn Reynolds, Drake Steel, Deacon Dirck Curry. Back row: Matt Steele and Mark Heinz. Not pictured: Brenda Clark. Photo courtesy of St. Stephen Cathedral.

Owensboro native receives Eagle Scout Award

On May 30, 2015, Benjamin Conkright, son of Kevin D. and Tracy S. Conkright of Owensboro, received the Eagle Scout Award – the highest advancement in the Boy Scouts of America. Benjamin is a member of Boy Scout Troop 76, sponsored by Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro. Eagle Scout recipients have earned 21 merit badges and successfully complete a community-related service project. Benjamin’s project was renovating the prayer garden of Owensboro Catholic Elementary School’s 4-6 Campus. This included installing weather-resistant Stations of the Cross – requiring more than 650 hours. Benjamin has also served as patrol leader, senior patrol leader and troop guide for Troop 76, and also received the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Catholic Awards as a Boy Scout. Photo courtesy of the Conkright family.



Youth learn leadership skills, grow in faith, at CLI

From June 21-26, Diocese of Owensboro youth gathered to develop and practice leadership skills, communication skills and personal awareness, as well as learning group dynamics and consensus decision-making. The teens, ages 15-19, attended the Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) at Mount St. Joseph Conference & Retreat Center. They also helped plan and lead prayer time and the liturgy celebrations. Those interested in attending next year's CLI may call the diocese Office of Youth Ministry at (270) 683-1545.



After learning each student's greatest skills, the afternoon exercise consisted of not allowing the students to use that skill. Some were not allowed to speak, some not allowed to see and others had their hands and feet bound. They then were given the task of putting a puzzle together and learning a scripture verse solely by relying on the skills of those on their team. Photo courtesy of Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

Owensboro Catholic students enjoy Day of Prayer at Mount St. Joseph



Many sixth-grade students from the Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus visited Mount St. Joseph for a Day of Prayer on May 26. Activities included a rosary walk, a scavenger hunt, a trust team exercise and crafts. In this photo, students "find" St. Therese of Lisieux during their scavenger hunt. Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.



Paducah senior wins prestigious award

During graduation ceremonies on May 23, 2015, Benjamin Willett, a senior at St. Mary High School in Paducah, was awarded the Christian Witness Award. Classmates, faculty, staff, administration and clergy had been asked to select the student that they believe best models the Gospel message of Jesus Christ for St. Mary's most prestigious honor, and Benjamin Willett fit the bill. This is the second Christian Witness Award for the Willett family; Benjamin's brother, Derek, was selected to receive the award in 2012. Benjamin and Derek are the sons of Harold & Sally Willett of Paducah. Photo courtesy of Willett family.

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Thank you to all of the faithful who shared their financial gifts with the Diocese of Owensboro. This year the diocese was blessed with a pledge of \$375,765.50, as of June 30. Without such generosity, the local Church is limited on what it can accomplish. Thank you once more to this year's 3,747 donors, and please continue to keep our diocese in your prayers.

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Associates and Sisters Day 2015 at Mount St. Joseph

BY STAFF OF THE URSULINE SISTERS OF MOUNT ST. JOSEPH

Associates and Sisters Day 2015 was filled with many smiles and a deepening in the Catholic faith as 107 Ursuline Sisters and Associates gathered in Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on June 13.

Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU, shared her wisdom of the saints for her morning presentation titled "Consecrated Life: Saints Among Us," to coincide with Pope Francis' call to name this "The Year of Consecrated Life." This was also the first year that those who could not attend in person were able to watch the day online.

The afternoon was filled with sharing stories of how some associates were inspired to join, and a panel discussion about those who followed the call of God. There was trivia and other topics before the group joined Fr. Jerry Riney at Mass. Eight associates who had previously made commitments received their lifetime pins at Mass. ♦



The Ursuline Associates who made commitments at the June 13 Associates and Sisters Day Mass stand in front of the Motherhouse Chapel with their contact companions behind them. First row, (L-R): Florence Wieder of Owensboro; Carrie Wieder of Owensboro; Karen De Sosa of Owensboro; Carol Morris of Owensboro; Tammy Milbourn of Parkville, Mo.; Catherine Cox of Kansas City, Mo.; Linda Monaco of Kansas City, Mo.; and Debbie Lanham of Owensboro. Second row are contacts Sister Rose Jean Powers of Owensboro; Sister Marietta Wethington of Maple Mount; Joan Perry of Owensboro; Carol O'Keefe of Overland Park, Kan.; Sister Rose Karen Johnson of Central City, and Martha Little of Owensboro. Photo provided courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

A Message From the Diocese: To Report Allegations of Abuse

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

In addition, to report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro revised its sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014 and it is available at parishes and also on the diocesan web site (www.rcdok.org/safe).

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett (Chair), Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, Mr. Tony Kraus, Mr. Michael Marsili, Ms. Kelly Roe (Vice-Chair), and Ms. Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board. The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.