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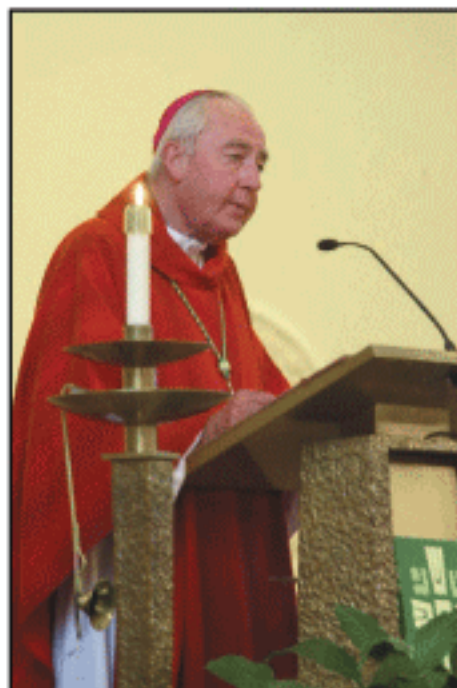
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Bishop John McRaith Joins Diocese's Prayer With Nation For All Who Carry Heavy Crosses



Bishop John McRaith joined diocese's prayer with National Day of Prayer for victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 bombing in New York and at the Pentagon. Staff Photo

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Across the nation people organized special Prayer Services for the victims and families of the hijacked airliner attacks by terrorists Sept. 11, 2001, against the World Trade Center towers in New York and the Pentagon in Arlington, VA. Thousands of Americans died in these attacks. President George Bush declared America to be at war against terrorism. The Mass is the church's daily prayer, and the Sept. 14 noon Mass at the Cathedral was only one of our diocese's ways of joining the National Day of Prayer Sept. 14.

Here is Bishop John's homily on the National Day of Prayer:

"We gather today for many reasons. We have just lived through an unbelievable week. This Feast is perfect for this coming together for Mass - The Feast of the Triumph of the Cross.

We have seen a great deal of suffering these past days - and we know so many people are carrying very heavy crosses at this time. We gather to pray for them, for those who lost their lives in the tragic event, and we pray for peace in the world. We pray that we all may join those who are carrying heavy crosses this day.

We take special note of the title of this feast - The Triumph of the Cross. Just as

Jesus' suffering brought us salvation, so the suffering that so many are experiencing today and this past week will not go without reward.

As we connect our suffering and the suffering of so many to the Triumph of the Cross, which Jesus carried and upon which He died, we know that there will be victory as there was victory for Christ in bringing salvation to the world. We also remember that victory ended with the resurrection of Jesus.

So in this dark hour for the United States of America and for the world, we know that if we connect our suffering with His, we too shall triumph and that there will be a resurrection after these days.

We pray for peace today as our leaders ponder what to do next. We pray for them that they will be guided by the will of God for what is best for all people in this One World in which we live.

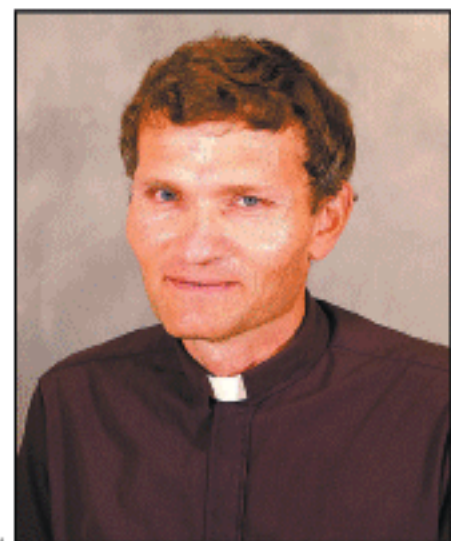
Suffering is a mystery and I am not here to try to solve that mystery but only to help us all walk in faith as we walk with Jesus, remembering that his cross did indeed come to be called the Triumph of the Cross.

*Bishop John McRaith
invites you
to the
Diaconate
Ordination
of Mr. Al Bremer*

*at The Immaculate
Church, Owensboro, Ky.*

*on November 3, 2001 at
10:00 a.m.*

*Al is the son of Elizabeth
Bremer and the late Albert Bremer of Hartford, Michi-
gan. Al is studying for the priesthood at the School of
Theology at St. Meinrad, Indiana*



I end with a draft of the statement that the bishops issued Tuesday:

'A terrible tragedy has struck our nation today. Though we do not yet know its full extent, we mourn those who have lost their lives and pray for their eternal rest and for the consolation of their families.

'We pray for the living victims that they may know that God is with them in their sufferings. We pray for those who are rescuing and ministering to the injured, that God may strengthen them in their heroic and often heartbreaking work. We pray for our national community that we will be of support to one another in the days ahead as we come to grips with the enormity of what has happened.

'We express our support for our President and government leaders, both national and local, who bear the tremendous responsibility of dealing with the aftermath of these unbelievable events. They are in our prayers in a special way.

'This tragedy is the result of acts of terrorism and we pray also for those whose hatred has become so great that they are willing to engage in crimes against our common humanity. May they realize, at last, that such violence creates not justice but greater injustice.

'On Friday and Saturday, we celebrate the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross and then honor our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows. They are particularly apt days for Catholics to reflect on the ways in which we are called to take up our cross and follow the Lord.

'We call upon all our fellow citizens to renew their trust in God and to turn away from the bitter fruits of the kind of hatred which may be the source of this tragedy. As the Catholic Bishops of the United States, we unite in prayer to the Lord our God in the words of the Psalmist:

*'In you, O Lord, I take refuge... Incline your ear to me and save me.
Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety.' Psalm 71.*

Mary Asks Us To Care For Each Other Here And In Poorest Countries

My Dear Friends,

August 25-27 was a special weekend in our diocese. You will find a detailed report starting on page 10 of this issue of the WKC, but I just wanted to add a word about it in my message to you this month.

As you may recall, in August, I wrote about the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, in hopes of generating interest in the possibility of our diocese reaching out to Mandeville, one of the poorest dioceses in the Western Hemisphere. Well, a true missionary was in our midst in August: Bishop Paul Boyle, Bishop of Mandeville. He not only spoke at the Cathedral to raise money and share the story of his people, he also spoke on two other occasions to others from throughout our diocese.

I just want to say that the visit by Bishop Boyle was a special gift to us all. Those who came to hear him talk know what I am saying. It is a gift to hear the needs of others and know that God has blessed us with the power to help.

Although his message was powerful, it wasn't so much what he said as it was the person himself—Bishop Boyle's tireless devotion to helping the Jamaican people in his diocese—that touched me so much. This is a big world with great needs and poverty, and Bishop Boyle made clear that this is particularly true in his diocese.

We can get so caught up with the needs here at home (and there are plenty of them) but, as we listened to Bishop Boyle, we realized that there are other needs in this world that we



Bishop Paul Boyle speaking at the Catholic Pastoral Center on Saturday morning, August 25. Staff Photo

also must be attentive to.

We are one Mystical Body of Christ—one Family of God, all Sisters and Brothers—and when one part of the Body hurts, the whole body hurts. We heard about a hurting part of the Body of Christ from Bishop Boyle.

Bishop Boyle is known around the world as the Superior General of the Passionist Religious community, a position that he held from 1976-1988. During those years, and before and after them, he worked with religious communities in all parts of the world. In his brief time spent with us, it became obvious that he has a unique understanding of the Mystical Body of Christ. We were blessed to have him here and to hear his story. We now want to find ways to work with the Diocese of Mandeville that will be of benefit to them and to us, and we are starting to work on that as I write this message.

Thank you, Bishop Boyle, for honoring us with your presence and with your true sense of being a Missionary.

Honoring Our Blessed Mother

On another, not totally unrelated, topic, I want to call attention to the special devotions so appropriate to Our Blessed Mother. We will celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Rosary on October 7. Our annual diocesan celebration in honor of the Blessed Mother will be on October 14 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish and the Shrine to Our Blessed Mother in Bowling Green. I hope to see many of you there for this special celebration.

When I say that these two topics are not unrelated—we must always remember that Our Blessed Mother is the Mother of the Church and thus Our Mother. Whether the Church is in Western Kentucky or Mandeville, Jamaica, the Blessed Mother loves us all and, as a good mother, wants us to care for each other. This must start here at home but then this care also must extend to Mandeville, Jamaica.

God's blessings on all of you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. John J. McRaith, D.D.
Bishop of Owensboro, Ky.



Bishop McRaith's October, 2001 Schedule

- 2 Brescia University Development Committee Meeting-12:00 noon
- 3 RCIA-Owensboro/Daviess Co./McLean Co. Deanery-Immaculate, Owensboro-7:00 p.m.
- 4 Staff Meeting-Catholic Pastoral Center-9:00 a.m.
- 6 Diocesan Social Concerns Meeting-Catholic Pastoral Center-10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 6 Farewell for Sr. Mary Raymonde Carrat, AD, Administrator of Bishop Soenneker Home, Knottsville-noon
- 6 Confirmation-St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah-4:00 p.m.
- 7 Engaged Encounter Mass and Picnic-St. Raphael-7:00 p.m.
- 8 Evening with Paul VI House of Discernment-Brescia University
- 14 XI Diocesan Marian Congress-St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green-1:00 p.m.
- 15 Priests' Personnel Committee-CPC-9:30 a.m.; Priests' Council Meeting-CPC-1:30 p.m.
- 16 Lourdes Foundation Board-Lourdes Hospital, Paducah-10:00 a.m.; Paducah Office
- 17 RCIA-Eastern Deanery-St. Joseph, Leitchfield-7:00 p.m.
- 18 Staff Meeting-Catholic Pastoral Center-9:00 a.m.
- 19 Catholic Pastoral Center Staff Day of Reflection-St. Raphael-afternoon
- 20 Diaconate Ordination-Mark Buckner-St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro-12:00 noon
- 21 Installation of Fr. Tony Jones as pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mayfield-10:30 a.m.
- 21 Dinner for Priests and Religious in Paducah Area hosted by KCs-Paducah-4:00 p.m.
- 22 Owensboro Mercy Health System Board of Directors Meeting-5:30 p.m.
- 23 Henderson Serra Club Charter Night-6:30 p.m.
- 24 Mass-Priests on Retreat-MSJ; Mass-Provincial Meeting of Priests Ordained in Recent Years
- 26 Brescia University Board Meeting-8:30 a.m.
- 26 Priests' Gathering with Rev. Ed Foley - General Instruction on the Roman Missal-CPC
- 27 Day for Liturgical Ministers-Brescia University-8:30 a.m.
- 28 Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration-St. Stephen Cathedral-2:00 p.m.
- 30 RCIA-Bowling Green Deanery-Holy Spirit, Bowling Green-7:00 p.m.

Bishops' Web Site Offers Info on Donations, Liturgical Aids, Papal, Bishop Remarks, Condolences From Around the World

By Sr. Mary Ann Walsh

WASHINGTON—Aids for dealing with the national tragedy of September 11, including information on donations to people affected by the terrorist attacks and assistance in planning prayer services have been posted on the U.S. bishops' web site, www.usccb.org.

The page known as "National Tragedy" was set up September 12, the day after terrorists brought unparalleled death and destruction in New York City and Washington.

The page also will include samples of condolence notes sent to U.S. Catholics from all around the world and responses to the tragedy by Pope John Paul II and the U.S. bishops.

The site indicates donations to aid victims can be sent to Catholic Charities USA, and gives the number 1-800-919-9338 for instructions.

The liturgical and prayer resources include blessings for victims of crime, firefighters, police, and rescue personnel. It also includes pertinent prayers and Scripture readings.

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Queridos Amigos,

Agosto 25-27 fue un fin de semana especial en nuestra diócesis. Ustedes encontrarán un informe detallado al comienzo de la página 10 de la publicación del WKC, pero solo quiero agregar una palabra sobre esto en mi

mensaje a usted este mes. Como ustedes pueden recordar, en agosto, escribí sobre la diócesis de Mandeville, Jamaica, con esperanzas de generar interés en la posibilidad de que nuestra diócesis alcanzara a la Diócesis de Mandeville, una de las diócesis

más pobres del hemisferio occidental. Bien, un misionario verdadero estaba en nuestro medio en agosto: el Obispo Paul Boyle, obispo de Mandeville. El habló no solamente en la catedral para recoger dinero y para compartir la historia de su gente, él también habló en dos otras ocasiones a otras a través de nuestra diócesis. Yo quiero decir que la visita del obispo Boyle fue un regalo especial para todos nosotros. Los que vinieron ha oírlo hablar saben lo que estoy diciendo. Es un regalo oír las necesidades de otros y saber que Dios nos ha bendecido con el poder de ayudar. Aunque su mensaje era de gran alcance, no es tanto lo que él dijo pues era la dedicación incansable de la persona del obispo Boyle para ayudar a la gente jamaicana en su diócesis que me ha tocado tanto. Este es un mundo grande con grandes necesidades y pobreza, y obispo Boyle a dicho claramente que esto es particularmente la verdad en su diócesis. Nosotros podemos ocuparnos con las necesidades de nuestro país (y hay en abundancia) pero, a medida que nosotros escuchamos al obispo Boyle, nosotros realizamos que hay otras necesidades en este mundo que nosotros también debemos estar atentos. Somos un cuerpo de místico de la familia de Cristo-un solo Dios, todas las hermanas y hermanos-y cuando una porción del se cuerpo lastima, el cuerpo entero se lastima. Oímos hablar una parte que lastimaba del cuerpo de Cristo de obispo Boyle. El obispo Boyle es conocido alrededor del mundo como el general superior de la Comunidad Religiosa de Pasionista, una posición que él sostuvo a partir de 1976-1988. Durante esos años, y antes y después ellos, él trabajó con las comunidades religiosas en todas las partes del mundo. En su corto tiempo con nosotros, llegó a ser

obvio que él tiene una comprensión única del cuerpo místico de Cristo. Fuimos bendecidos por su presencia y oír su historia. Ahora queremos encontrar la manera para trabajar con la diócesis de Mandeville que sería una ventaja para ellos y para nosotros, comenzaremos a trabajar en esto a medida que yo escribo este mensaje. Agradecemos al obispo Boyle, por honrarnos con su presencia y con su sentido verdadero de ser un misionero.

Honrando a Nuestra Madre Bendita Honrando a nuestra madre bendecida en otra, deseo llamar la atención a las dedicaciones especiales tan apropiada a nuestra madre bendita. Celebraremos las festividades del Santo del Rosario en octubre 7. Nuestra celebración diocesana anual en el honor de la Madre bendita sera octubre el 14 en 1:00 P.M. en la parroquia del San José y en Bowling Green espero ver a muchos de usted allí para esta celebración especial. Cuando digo que no son estos dos temas no son relacionados debemos recordar siempre que nuestra madre bendita es la madre de la iglesia y así nuestra madre. Si la iglesia está en Kentucky occidental o Mandeville, Jamaica, la madre bendice y ama a todos y, como buena madre, quisiera que nos cuidáramos los unos a los otros. Esto debe comenzar aquí en el país pero entonces este cuidado también debe extenderse a Mandeville, Jamaica. Bendiciones de Dios este con todos ustedes. Sincero en Cristo, Reverendo John McRaith Arzobispo de Owensboro, Kentucky



Brescia's Woman Program Presents New Programs for October

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Brescia's Contemporary Woman Program offered: "Calling Your Spirit Home: Remembering the Joy!" by Sharon Ford, October 1 and 2, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Lechner Center, 3rd floor. In these sessions we explore the human energy system and learn about the importance of calling our energy back from people, places and events that have hurt or angered us, causing blocks in our happiness and perhaps in our health.

"From Age-ing to Sage-ing," by Sister Marita Greenwell, Margaret Ann Huston, and Mary Sublett, eight sessions beginning October 3, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Science Building, Room 221. These classes help give one a more positive attitude toward aging helping us to choose to age into wisdom.

The "Dream Journaling Workshop," by

Sara McNulty, begins October 8, and runs for four sessions from 7:00-9:00 p.m., Science Building, Room 221. In these sessions the dreamer will learn the universal language of symbol and metaphor, and will become better able to interpret one's dreams.

"Women and Short Stories II" by Dr. Dolores Kiesler, runs for five sessions beginning October 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Science Building, Room. 221. This series of classes will focus on women's friendships as portrayed in women's short stories.

"Hatha Yoga" by Sue Gard Thayer will run for eight sessions, beginning October 16, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Campus Center, Faculty Lounge. For many years Hatha Yoga has been a scientific way to bring the body, mind and spirit into harmony.

For more information, call Sister Marita Greenwell at 1-270-686-4275.

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thank all who helped in any way to make our 31st Annual Picnic such a joyful day for everyone!

All proceeds from the Picnic go to the Ursuline Sisters' retirement fund.

May God bless each one of you for your great generosity.

Ron Henry, Blessed Mother Parish

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-Pastoral Instruction Of The Means Of Social Communications, #116, Jan. 29, 1971

Camp L.I.F.E. Makes Strangers Family

By Chrissy Stevenson

My Camp LIFE experience this year was definitely an unforgettable one. It was full of exciting activities, new friends, surprises, and time to allow your relationship with God to grow. Each part of camp was an excellent experience in itself.

I not only took the camp experience with me, but the many new friendships I made. You are accepted at camp for who you are as a person, not what you look like or where you live. You don't have to act like someone you're not, in order to fit in. I don't think you can leave camp and say you didn't make at least one new friend. I know I made a new friend out of each camper and team member.

The team is composed of college students and adults. Camp wouldn't be the same without them. I really learned a lot from each one. They are there to teach, listen, encourage and to be a friend. I was greeted from a team member by a big hug. Through that, I really felt welcomed there and was glad I was there.

Each person is put into a small group containing 6 or 7 campers, and 2 team members. With your group, you have group discussions, participate in daily activities, plan morning prayer and liturgy, and participate in the nightly socials as teams. I know the small group I was in became really good friends.

Everyone is given a prayer partner for the week. Throughout the week, you are to pray for that person, and you can leave them cards and/or notes somewhere to be found. You have to keep it a secret who you are, and on the last day, you reveal who you are to your partner and to the group, through a surprise activity.

The theme of the week was introduced as beliefs. I personally learned how to stand up for what I believe, and to speak my opinion. It was on the last day that it was made clear that we were actually learning about the different parts of the Creed. Each day we focused on another aspect: God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Church. It really opened my eyes to what I was saying and I

know what it means now, just not speaking the words.

Each day your small group is scheduled for specialized activities. These activities consist of archery, arts & crafts, volleyball, tennis, bocce, horseshoes, water polo and the ropes courses. The ropes courses are probably one of the camp favorites. It was very hard for me to pass the mid-ropes. It took a lot of encouragement from my small group. I just put my trust in God, that I wasn't going to fall, and finally made it through. It is such an awesome feeling making it through, but I'd really rather stay on solid ground.

Each day we had Mass, except for Thursday when we had reconciliation. Each group gets to plan liturgy and take part in the Mass held in the pines area between the cabins. That is definitely a highlight of the day, and an experience I won't forget.

Each evening, a social of some sort was planned. Marshmallow night was definitely different. I think I speak for everyone involved, when I say a marshmallow will never be looked at the same. One night a storyteller came. Each group got to act out a story, with a twisted version. For example, Cinderella was now Cinderfella. Square Dancing night was probably a favorite. The word "sache" was a new favorite word added to our vocabulary. Thursday Night we had a talent show. Each group performed a skit of some sort, displaying their group's talents. It was very interesting. A few got up and did some solo acts too.

Every night, we had a campfire, another one of my favorite parts. Watching everyone sitting around the campfire, singing and having a good time, listening to other peoples' stories, reflections on the day was an overwhelming experience. Everyone was open to sharing and each person was attentive and respected each other.

We ended each night with candle time. The candle is passed around a circle of people in your cabin. Each night there was a discussion topic you talked about, or you could



The adult leaders of Camp Life. Submitted photo

share something that was just on your mind if you felt like it. You got to hear everyone's opinions. It was a great way to get to know people in your cabin.

Camp LIFE was an awesome experience that had parts touching on the Spiritual, Social, and Physical levels. I was influenced by each aspect, and feel like I'm a better person because of it.

Spiritually, I am a stronger person in my faith, which I now understand better. I'm not afraid to stand up for what I believe in. My relationship with God has grown tremendously. I'm now a more open person.

Socially, I learned how to be more myself. It's so awesome to see how many new friendships I made. I'm a better person because of it, being more open and willing to listen to others. My eyes have been opened to look at things through God's eyes and to see the "big picture" now, looking through a new perspective of other people's points of view.

Physically, you will definitely get your exercise in. If you've been a couch potato all summer, you give your muscles a daily workout. From walking to the pavilion, to playing tennis, to climbing the rock wall, you will

have some type of work out no matter what.

The worst part of camp, for me, was the part where we departed for home. I know we were ready to go and get back to our normal schedules, but leaving all your new friends behind is hard to do. A year seems so long to wait and see them again. It's awesome to receive e-mail or mail from them though, at least some are staying in touch.

At Camp LIFE, Living It For Eternity, I learned how to live my faith, and I'm going to be living that for eternity. I'm glad I decided to go to camp. It is definitely an experience I will carry with me forever.



A HEALING & INFORMATION PROCESS: For People With Divorce and Marital Invalidity (Annulment) Questions

On Thursday October 18, 2001 at 6:30 pm the Family Life Office of the Diocese will sponsor an evening for those people who would like to learn more about the marital invalidity (annulment process).

Fr. Greg Trawick from the Tribunal Office for the Diocese of Owensboro will speak to those who want to know more about the marital invalidity (annulment process) the difference between divorce and annulments. There will be time for questions afterwards. This is open to anyone that may be going through this process.

For further information you may contact Betty Medley (270)683-1545 ext. 105, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301-2130 (270) 683-1545 FAX (270)683-6883 www.owensborodio.org

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One Starry Night

By Joyce Hodde



The idea for a nativity/creche set display began in 1993 in California by two collectors, Judy Crenshaw and Hugh Howell. The collectors realized that their combined collections could be used to benefit those less fortunate and designated this event to be used to benefit the homeless in their hometown. Since that first display they have donated thousands of dollars to be used to aid homeless persons. Because Jesus was homeless that first Christmas, this annual event came to be known as "No Room at the Inn."

Displayed are sets from very small to very large, made from every type of material, homemade, handmade, or professionally crafted; complete sets or partial, very inexpensive to expensive. The display continues to be held each year in December's first weekend with the number of displays and viewers growing each year.

This year the Owensboro Hospice Association will hold the first display of nativity sets on Saturday, Nov. 24, and Sunday, Nov. 25. It will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 4029 Frederica Street in Owensboro, Kentucky. The hours will be on Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday, 12 noon, to 5 PM. Our display will be called "One Starry Night."

Each Christmas families all over display their set in the home, adding a feeling of great warmth and holiness to the holiday season. If you loved your family's set and think it is beautiful, others will think it is beautiful also.

If you are interested in displaying your family's set or sets, please contact one of the following for additional information: Hospice Office, 270.926.7565; Joyce Hodde, 270.926-3889 or Bea Lennox, 270.684.1968. If no answer please leave your name and phone number and you will be contacted.



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Diocese

CAMP L.I.F.E.

Living It for ETERNITY

By Dusty DeLacey

AMEN! AMEN! WE DO BELIEVE! This phrase well sums up the theme of this year's Camp L.I.F.E. But as those who attended know, it wasn't just a scholastic camp about

our beliefs, it was a life-changing experience!

As for me, Dusty DeLacey, it was most certainly that. I came into Camp L.I.F.E. with the experience of the Christian Leadership Institute (CLI). One Bread, One Cup (a Liturgical leadership conference), and a few other "mountain top" retreat life experiences under my belt. I was expecting this to be just a mock-up of CLI which was great and I thought this would not be able to top it. I was right and wrong. It didn't top it as it wasn't the same kind of experience. It did top it as a continuation of it.

I remember the first thought I had about attending the Camp as I arrived. It was connected to the first thing I saw: "Ra-Ra's" hair. For those of you who don't understand, "Ra-Ra" is Rachel Longest, and she is one of the craziest and upbeat Catholics I know of. She had her hair all up in little rubber bands which gave her a look like she was going to sweep the ceiling with her head. Her hairstyle was interesting yet stylish.

But Camp L.I.F.E. was not all about fun and craziness, though this surely helped make it great, it was also, and mainly about GOD. Centrally focused on our relationship with Him and how we will spend Eternity with Him. This is what the initials L.I.F.E. stand for: Living It For Eternity. These experiences are life changing and life improving. The weekend was full of prayer, reflection, and personal revelation. My personal revelation was that the only way I could improve my life was to give it away.

My life for years has been plagued by depression and feeling of being unloved, even at times by God. And for all these years I didn't notice these feelings or that they were sucking the life and love out of my friends to fill up my own empty feelings. In reality this void was so big that only God, Himself, could fill it up. I finally discovered this at this camp.

On one of the first nights around the camp fire, I felt depressed. I was down on myself and feeling like no one loved me even though I had many friends around me comforting me and praying with me. Still my stubborn devil of depression would not be pacified. I tried to pray but it felt like there was this huge wall between God and me that I could not move and God would not move. I felt that God could not even hear my prayers, but I didn't give up. I wouldn't let this depression win this time. So I continued to pray fervently, with all of my heart, mind and soul. I finally broke through straight to God with His arms open wide in love. I find that He has been wanting to move that wall, but I had to figure out a life lesson before I could get through. That life lesson was love others with your all. I had been wanting love from my friends, living solely on that. I realized the meaning of that quote in the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, "To be loved, as to love." God comes and simply say, "I love you!" That simple phrase made me break down in tears. The God of all creation loves me more than I could ever love Him, and more than anyone could ever love me. Then, as God wiped away my tears and brought me to a calm, He told me to go out and tell the others what He just told me. I was to tell everyone of God's love for them. Many of them really needed to hear it, if not all of them.

So at the next camp fire, I asked to speak and said that it was urgent (being God's holy will). I told all of my depression and described it as I did above, and then I quit speaking. I wasn't speaking yet words were coming out of my mouth, God's words to His people through me. I was just listening to those words and praying on them. At the end I quoted a scripture passage: "Who will separate us from the Love of Christ? Will hardships or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? No! In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us! For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor depression, nor feeling so worthlessness, nor feelings of being



Dusty DeLacey is the second from right in the front row of this small group photo with Sr. Sharon Miller, GHMS, bottom right. Submitted photo

unloved, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus Lord! Nothing!"

All the words came out so easily that I was worried I didn't put enough thought into them and I wasted everyone's time. But I discovered I didn't have to put thought into them because God was doing that for me. At the end of the camp fire half of the people at camp came and gave me a hug. That's a lot of people! Most of them were crying. I was shocked beyond words. And I realized that I wasn't talking at all, it was all God. I tried to make everyone realize that. Many people came up to me with their problems and de-

pression issues, and I felt so honored for God to work through them through me. It is the greatest feeling one could ever have: to feel God, almighty creator of heaven and earth, working through this lowly figure.

Many people's heart were touched at that, and I didn't do that, nor could I ever. Only God can touch hearts; I was just an instrument. God worked all week, not just that night and not just through me. Camp L.I.F.E. is the the greatest experience of my entire life. We have seen God at work in us, and He is alive! And to that we can say; AMEN! AMEN! WE DOBELIEVE!

Camp of One

By Kenneth Burgess

When we first arrived
We didn't know what to expect
But as the days went on
We all loosened up
We have laughed
We have cried
Now we have formed this bond
A bond that makes us family
That only a special person could have made
Because of this person
The camp of many has become a Camp of One
From the time we wake
'Til the time we finish up with candles
We all know that there is someone there
I know we all don't think alike
But we all agree

That through the whole day
God is with us
But now the last day of camp has come
Now it's time for home
Some of us might be sad
Some of us happy
Some of us may be scared
But I want you to know
One important thing
Don't be sad or scared
It's a time of happiness
Because all of you will be comforted
Not by friends
Nor by family
But by one special person
God!

- July 6, 2001

Kenneth Burgess is a junior at Graves County High School and attends St. Jerome Church in Fancy Farm, Ky.

WISDOM

By Ginny Knight-Simon



Mary Isbill Vollman -
Immaculate Parish - Owensboro

I've been retired from GE/MPD for about 10 years and I have enjoyed it very much! I like to work in my flower garden and I like to exercise. I have always walked and went to exercises regularly on my own. I recently had a heart attack, and now I exercise on a structured basis at the Healthpark."

I have been married to my husband, Bob, for 48 years. We met at the old skating rink on 9th Street (Owensboro) when I was about 18 years old. The Army sent Bob to Korea and when he returned we got married. We have two sons; Mike and Mark. Mike is married and has one daughter. Mark has Downes Syndrome and is at home. Our children are our greatest blessing- they are both good kids. Mark is a blessing to us all. He has taught us all so much about love and the different ways God works in our lives. He has definitely taught us patience! Mark is very active and his activity has kept me active! We have met some very wonderful people through his activities. But since my heart attach I have slowed down some. I still visit my sister a lot at the nursing home. She likes for me to feed her, so I always go around meal time. I also help a disabled lady that used to baby sit for me. I take her to the doctor and little things like that. And, I pray. It seems like I pray all the time.

We have so many blessings...God has been very good to us.



*REVISED LIST***Diocese of Owensboro, Priest Assignments for 2001****PASTORS**

Clark, Rev. Ray: Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green, effective June 12, 2001.

Clemons, Rev. Delma: Pastor of St. Charles Parish, Bardwell; St. Denis Parish, Fancy Farm; and continuing as pastor of St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm, effective June 12, 2001.

Hayes, Rev. Gary: Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Cloverport, and Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Irvington, effective June 12, 2001.

Hayes, Rev. Marty: Pastor of St. Paul Parish, Leitchfield, and St. Elizabeth Parish, Clarkson, effective June 12, 2001.

Hughes, Rev. Pete: Pastor of St. Sebastian Parish, Calhoun, and continuing to assist as needed at Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro, effective June 12, 2001.

Jones, Rev. Tony: Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mayfield, effective June 12, 2001.

Kennedy, Rev. David: Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Oak Grove, effective June 12, 2001.

Kreutzer, Rev. Dan: Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Peonia; St. Augustine Parish, Grayson Springs; and St. Benedict Parish, Wax, effective June 12, 2001.

Luther, Rev. Ben: Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Central City, and St. Charles Parish, Livermore, effective June 12, 2001.

McCarty, Rev. Bruce: Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah, effective June 12, 2001.

Riney, Rev. Maury: Pastor of St. Augustine Parish, Reed, effective June 12, 2001. Continuing with hospital ministry.

Roby, Rev. Brian: Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Browns Valley, and continuing on the faculty of Owensboro Catholic High School, effective June 12, 2001.

Stevenson, Rev. Tony: Pastor of St. William Parish, Knottsville, and St. Lawrence Parish, St. Lawrence, effective June 12, 2001.

Williams, Rev. Mike: Pastor of St. Edward Parish, Fulton; Sacred Heart Parish, Hickman; and St. Jude Parish, Clinton, effective June 12, 2001.

ASSOCIATE PASTORS:

Buckman, Rev. Tom: Parochial Vicar to St. Charles Parish, Bardwell; St. Denis Parish, Fancy Farm; and St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm. Assignment to include Ministry to Hispanic Community in Mayfield. Effective June 12, 2001.

Garner, Rev. Andy: Parochial Vicar to Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson, effective June 12, 2001.

Howard, Rev. Randy: Parochial Vicar to St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville, and St. John the Baptist Parish, Fordsville, effective June 12, 2001.

Shonis, Rev. Tony: Parochial Vicar to St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, effective July 15, 2001.

OTHER:

Ausenbaugh, Rev. Andy: Leave of Absence.

Calhoun, Rev. Jerry: Vicar General for the Diocese of Owensboro, effective June 12, 2001. Continuing on as Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Madisonville.

Clark, Rev. Mike: Study at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., to obtain a degree in canon law.

Mills, Rev. Joe: Continuing as Chaplain of Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount, and continuing to work with the Tribunal of the Diocese of Owensboro, and other diocesan ministries, effective June 12, 2001.

O'Donnell, Rev. Joe: Administrator of St. Francis Borgia Parish, Sturgis, and St. Ambrose Parish, Henshaw, effective June 12, 2001.

Reynolds, Rev. Pat: Continuing as Pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Sorgho, and continuing to work with the Tribunal for the Diocese of Owensboro, effective June 12, 2001.

Tiell, Rev. Maurice: Administrator of St. William Parish, Marion, Kentucky, effective September 10, 2001.

Trawick, Rev. Greg: Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Owensboro, with responsibilities to direct the Tribunal, and continuing as Pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Joseph, June 12, 2001.

RETIRES:

Fischer, Rev. Charles: Permission to retire from active ministry, effective June 12, 2001.

Powers, Rev. Msgr. Bernard: Permission to retire from active ministry, effective June 12, 2001.

U.S. Bishops Express Sorrow Over Tragedy, Call for Prayer, Unity

WASHINGTON, D.C. September 11, 2001—The Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting here issued a statement on the apparent terrorist attacks in New York and Washington today. This is the text of the statement.

"This is a day of national tragedy. Though we do not yet know its full extent, we mourn those who have lost their lives and pray for their eternal rest and for the consolation of their families.

"We pray for the living victims that they may know that God is with them in their sufferings. We pray for those who are rescuing and ministering to the injured, that God may strengthen them in their heroic and often heartbreaking work. We pray for our national community that we will be of support to one another in the days ahead as we come to grips with the enormity of what has happened.

"We express our support for our President and other government leaders, both national and local, who bear the tremendous responsibility of dealing with the aftermath of these unbelievable events. They are in our prayers in a special way.

"If, as seems likely, this tragedy is the result of acts of terrorism, then we pray also for those whose hatred has become so great that they are willing to engage in crimes against our common humanity. May they realize, at last, that such violence creates not justice but greater injustice.

"On Friday and Saturday, we celebrate the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross and then honor our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows. These are particularly apt days for Catholics to reflect on the ways in which we are called to take up the cross and follow our Lord.

"We call upon all our fellow citizens to renew their trust in God and to turn away from the bitter fruits of the kind of hatred which is the source of this tragedy. Especially let us not engage in ethnic, religious, or national stereotyping for what may be the acts of a few irrational terrorists. As the Catholic Bishops of the United States, we unite in prayer to the Lord our God in the words of the Psalmist:

'In you, O Lord, I take refuge...

Incline your ear to me, and save me.

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety. (Psalm 71) "

Schedules for the Televised Mass from Our Lady of Lourdes Church

By **Mel Howard**

Gideon Productions of Owensboro produces a 60-minute video program for television every week showing the Saturday evening Mass and Catholic news and information. The program airs on WAZE (WB 19) from Evansville... (Owensboro Adelphia Cable channel 13, at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday.

This mass also normally airs on WPSD-TV channel 6 in Paducah at noon on Sunday. Due to what WPSD calls "network obligations," the WPSD station pre-empt the Catholic Mass and puts something else on at this time. WPSD-TV viewers must consult Paducah area TV schedules to find whether the Mass is scheduled for any given Sunday.

The Catholic Mass airs on the Bowling Green cable system on Wednesday at 3:00 P.M. and on Friday at 1:00 P.M.

Lastly, the TV Mass from Our Lady of Lourdes airs on the Whitesville cable local news channel on Sunday at noon.

Gideon Productions, operated by Fr. John Meredith and Cliff Russell, contracts with the Diocese of Owensboro to tape the Saturday evening Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and then edits a 60-minute program in time to get tapes out to the Evansville, Bowling Green, Paducah, and Whitesville outlets.

The TV Mass from Our Lady of Lourdes Church is the only program which the Diocese sponsors on television at this time.

Western Kentucky Counties of The Diocese of Owensboro

In the next several editions the Western Kentucky Catholic will feature several counties in the Diocese of Owensboro in Western Kentucky. The source for this series is the booklet, 120 KENTUCKY COUNTIES by author and researcher Robert A. Powell who has granted permission to the Diocese to use the information. Readers may contact Mr. Powell by writing him at 8822 Sheldon West Drive, Tampa, FL, 33626. Phone: 813.792.1486

1. ALLEN: 1815 (57th) Located in South Central Kentucky, Allen County is adjacent to Simpson, Warren, Barren and Monroe counties. The southern boundary forms a portion of the Kentucky - Tennessee state line. Allen covers an area of 364 square miles. Barren River attracted fur hunters and explorers before the 1700s, yet the area was not settled until the 1800s. Scottsville, the county seat, is situated near the center of the county; 23 miles from both Bowling Green and Glasgow, the county seats of Warren and Barren - the two counties from which land was taken to create Allen County in 1815.

The county was named for Col. John Allen who came to Kentucky in 1779. He practiced law and served in the Kentucky General Assembly. Allen was killed in 1813, while leading a regiment of Kentucky Riflemen in the Battle of the River Raisin. Port Oliver Dam was built across Barren River ten miles northeast of Scottsville. The dam forms a summer pool roughly 10,000 acres for both flood control and recreation as the Barren River Lake. Allen County has one Catholic Church, Christ the King Parish, located in Scottsville. Allen County is in the Bowling Green Deanery.

2. BALLARD: 1842 (93rd) The first settlement in Ballard County set up on Humphrey's Creek in 1817. The early pioneers explored this section, yet nearly half of Ballard remained unsettled through the 1800's. The county seat was at Blandville, and the only road was ten miles constructed of gravel. Until 1886, Ballard County included all of the land south to the Hickman border. When Carlisle County was formed, it reduced Ballard from 455 square miles to the present size of 259 square miles.

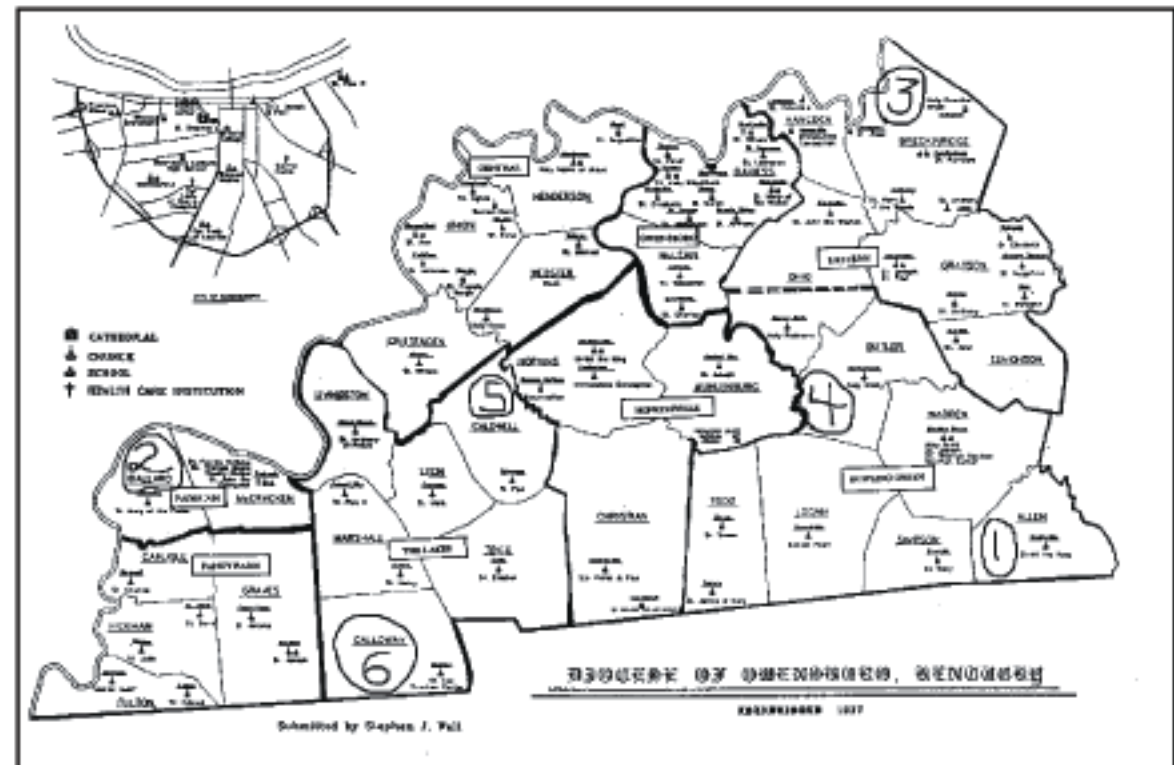
Formed from parts of Hickman and McCracken counties, it was named for Capt. Bland Ballard who served in George Rogers Clark's expeditions into the Great Northwest Territory (Illinois). He fought in several battles and served five terms in the Kentucky legislature.

The county seat of Wickliffe is located on the Mississippi River miles below the mouth of the Ohio. At Wickliffe is an ancient burial place once the home of the prehistoric Mound Builders. Approximately one-fourth of the county is still forested; the Ballard County Wildlife Management Area contains over 8,300 acres with several small lakes.

Ballard County has one Catholic parish, St. Mary of the Fields, in LaCenter. Ballard County is in the Paducah Deanery.

3. BRECKINRIDGE: 1799 (39th) Breckinridge is the 6th largest county in Kentucky. It contains 566 square miles and is bordered by the Ohio River and the counties of Meade, Hardin, Grayson, Ohio and Hancock. To form the county, a portion was taken from Hardin County 19 years after Capt. William Hardin erected his log fort on the site that became Hardinsburg the county seat. The county is named for John Breckinridge, a Lexington lawyer and contemporary of Henry Clay. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1802 and served as attorney general under President Jefferson.

Cloverport, just 12 miles northwest of Hardinsburg, was established as a town in 1828. It was the largest community in the county until 1960, when Hardinsburg edged ahead. In 1816, when Abe Lincoln's family



migrated to Indiana, they crossed the river at Cloverport on a raft with a team of oxen a cow and household goods. Four miles outside of Cloverport was a well-known health resort called Tar Springs, which had eleven kinds of mineral waters. It was the birthplace of Judge Wiley B. Rutledge, Justice the U.S. Supreme Court from 1943-1949. Coal oil was first produced here in 1851, then exported to England via New Orleans for gas manufacture. was used by Queen Victoria to light Buckingham Palace. Joseph Holt lived near Cloverport. He held the offices of Judge Advocate General, Postmaster W. General, and Commissioner of Patents during the Civil War. Breckinridge counties has five Catholic parishes, Holy Guardian Angels in Irvington; St. Rose of Lima in Cloverport; St. Anthony Parish in Axtel; St. Mary of the Woods in McQuady and St. Romuald Parish and Elementary School in Hardinsburg. Breckinridge County is in the Eastern Deanery.

4. BUTLER: 1810 (53rd) On the southeastern edge of the Western Kentucky Coalfield lies Butler County, bordered by Ohio, Grayson, Edmonson, Warren, Muhlenberg and Logan. The first settlement was in 1794 near Berry's Lick. Butler was carved from Logan and Ohio counties. It was named for Gen. Richard Butler, an Irish patriot of the Revolutionary War. He was also one of the commissioners with George Rogers Clark, named to make a treaty with the Shawnee and Delaware Indians in 1786. Butler was killed in battle at St. Clair's Defeat (1791)

Morgantown, the county seat, is located on the Green River, less than 30 miles northwest of Bowling Green. It was incorporated three years after the county was established. Morgantown first became a center for timber and harvesting with coal mining and farming later becoming an asset to their economy. Before coal, it was a well-known fruit-growing region. Butler County was the scene of several conflicts during the Civil War. The people south

of the Green River were primarily sympathetic to the Confederates, while the folk north of the river were pro Union. Butler County has one Catholic church, Holy Trinity in Morgantown. Butler County is in the Bowling Green Deanery.

5. CALDWELL: 1809 (51st) Nestled at the southwestern edge of the Western Kentucky Coalfield, Caldwell County is bordered by Lyon, Christian, Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden. It was fashioned from 357 square miles of Livingston County, and named in honor of Gen. John Caldwell a soldier, legislator and lieutenant governor. Caldwell served under George Rogers Clark in the 1786 Indian expeditions.

Princeton, the county seat, is located near the end of the Western Kentucky Parkway. Both Princeton, and the town of Fredonia are within miles of Barkley Lake.

Caldwell County was one of the rest stops for the Cherokee Indians in their forced migration from the Smoky Mountains to new lands west of the Mississippi River. Due to the hardships of this trip the journey was dubbed the "Trail of Tears." During this trek they lost almost one-third of population. Some of the graves are marked along U.S. 62

The Good News From Hancock County



The High School Youth of Immaculate Conception and St. Columba attended an overnight camping retreat at Mammoth Cave June 15th. The focus of the retreat was on comparing the journey of the Israelites to our journey today. Pictured below are front to back: Father Carl McCarthy, Jacob Wheatley, Denise Long, Brandon Johnson, Jaelyn Long, Carrie Ogle, Joseph Bolin, Sara McManaway, Nicole Long, Craig Roberts, Sarah Snyder, Nick Harley, Cassie Young, Monica Allen, and Michael Wheatley.



Middle School youth from St. Columba and Immaculate Conception Churches in Hancock County with their families and chaperones enjoyed a Sunday afternoon cookout and canoeing trip on the Blue River near Marengo Cave in southern Indiana on June 24, 2001.

All photos this page submitted by Denise Long.



At right, Father Carl McCarthy presented the Servant in Ministry Award to Janelle Mingus on July 8th during a special recognition at Immaculate Conception Parish in Hawesville. Janelle is the daughter of Gary and Mary Mingus. She is a 2001 graduate of Hancock County High School and is presently attending Transylvania University in Lexington.



Hancock County Catholics walk 12 hours, raise \$1,605 for Cancer Society

Members from Immaculate Conception and St. Columba formed A Relay for Life Team to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The members kept a teammate walking on the track for 12 hours and raised \$1,605.00 from sponsors. The Relay was theme-oriented with IC and SC's theme being "Aloha to Cancer" as depicted in the picture showing team members walking the track with grass skirts and leis. Shown here are team members: Brandon Johnson, Katie Murphy, Monica Allen, Todd Lasher, Shirley Hagman, Karen Lasher, Adrian Howard. Not Shown: Carrie Ogle, Trina Ogle, Amy Ogle, Nathan Johnson, Cassie Young, Denise Long, Pat Roberts and Joseph Bolin.

The Food Pantry is an ecumenical volunteer event formed by the Hancock County Ministerial Society to provide food to needy families in Hancock County. The food pantry is held every month in the basement of Immaculate Conception offices. Over 120 families are being helped through the Food Pantry. At right are Dan and Vic Hagman of Immaculate Conception working together to gather food for a family.



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as it passes westward through Kentucky.

Princeton was the starting point of the Black War (1906-08). Farmers of the dark tobacco belt revolted against low prices and guerilla warfare began. Uncooperative growers were burned out and driven from the by "Night Riders" with a KKK style of operation and tactics.

Caldwell county is home of one Catholic parish, St. Paul in Princeton. Caldwell county is in the Lakes Deanery.

6. CALLOWAY: 1822 (72nd) Calloway County is located on the Tennessee border and was formed from a section of Hickman County just four after the Purchase area became a part of the United States. It is bordered by Graves and Marshall counties and is separated from Trigg County by Kentucky Lake, formerly the Tennessee River. Its southern border is Tennessee. Calloway covers 381 square miles of rich river-bottom farm and the county was named for Col. Richard Calloway, one of Daniel Boone's companions, the victim of an Indian raid near Boonesborough in 1780.

The first settlement of the area was at Wadesboro in 1818, which be the county seat (1822-1842). The county seat was moved to Murray in The courthouse in Wadesboro, a log structure 20 feet square, was th public building erected in the Jackson Purchase. It was moved to the campus of Murray State University, for use as a private residence. The major crop is popcorn. Approximately 12 million pounds are produced annually, providing 10 percent of the nation's popcorn.

The first demonstration of the wireless radio, was performed in Murray in 1892 by Nathan B. Stubblefield, a Kentucky farmer and electrical genius. He applied for a patent in 1907, but at his death in 1928, Stubblefield had still not been accorded proper credit for his discovery.

Calloway County has St. Leo's Parish in Murray along with the Murray State University Newman Center. Calloway County is in the Lakes Deanery.

Is Modern Culture a Failure or Unfinished Project?

While globalization's prominent characteristics "point to a more interconnected and interdependent world, they are also sharpening and widening the chasm between those included in this new world order and those excluded from it, Precious Blood Fr. Robert Schreiter, a theologian at Chicago Theological Union, said in an address this summer to the Dominican order's general chapter in Providence, R.I. He said: "The majority of the world's population finds itself on the excluded side of the divide. As a church...a sense of justice demands that this divide be addressed and indeed denounced in the name of the dignity and well-being of humankind."

The "fundamental paradox about globalization" is "that even as the world seems to be becoming more uniform, it deepens its diversity," said Schreiter. What does this have to do with preaching? Schreiter responded: "At the grassroots level, the gospel must speak to concrete and immediate realities. One of the tasks of agents of the Gospel is to help people articulate local identity in light of their faith and to relate that identity to the larger realities." Schreiter suggested that this involves not only taking into account the situation at the local level, but also criticizing and resisting it if necessary. "Put another way, a task of our ministry is to create the social spaces where people can find themselves and one another, and take hold of their own lives," he said.

Depending on the part of the world in question, today's globalization helps to introduce either a modern era or a postmodern era, Schreiter said. "Definitions of globalization often equate (it) with the modernization process," he noted. But he said, in societies which have not yet experienced it, globalization leads to modernization, while "in societies already modernized," globalization leads to the postmodern. Schreiter said it is important to recognize how "the premodern, the modern and the postmodern" coexist in so-

Is your Christianity in the 'active' or 'passive' voice?

By Father Dick Rice, SJ

Have you ever noticed that when people find something difficult to talk about, they frequently speak either in the passive voice or in the second person?

So they will be telling of their summer, and they will say, "the move was difficult for me" or "when ever you move, you have to do an inventory of your whole life."

With the ear of spiritual director, I always guess those are the in-between moments and places one is struggling to integrate into one's walk in the spirit of Jesus.

I have been reflecting for the past weeks on the significance and power of baptism. Today, as I conclude these reflections, I would like to consider that we come forth from the waters of baptism, invited by the Spirit to always live in the active voice.

I suspect many of us learned to write as adults with the assistance of Strunk and White's invaluable guidebook "The Elements of Style." The 10th commandment of their rules of usage and principles of composition is "use the Active voice."

We baptized Christians believe that we are choosing every moment how to think, how to feel and how to act.

The reasons for this commandment are many: "The active voice is usually more direct and vigorous than the passive." It is also more definite and forceful. Finally, "brevity is a by-product of vigor." In other words, when a

ciety and in the church itself today—a coexistence that is not always harmonious.

The current postmodern era in many parts of the world "is a response to the shortcomings or the limits of the modern" era of recent decades said Fr. Schreiter - shortcomings related, for example, to promises of progress, human equality and inclusion. However, he explained, different people respond differently to these shortcomings.

Some view modernity as a failure, while for others modernity "represents an unfinished project." For still others, "the limitations of modernity do not mean its negation but rather that we must draw the logical consequences of these limitations and live in the territory toward which those limitations point."

Schreiter summarized:

"Postmodernity...assumes the modern, but tries to move behind it, ahead with it or beyond it in selected ways."

For the church, the age group "now in leadership was nurtured on the church's move from the premodern to the modern," said Schreiter. He continued: "in the retrospect of 35 years, it could be said that the principal purpose of the Second Vatican Council was to bring the church into the modern world, as the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World expresses it so eloquently...Those who came of age during the period of the council or in the decade immediately thereafter are likely" to conceive of these times in the church "as a



sentence is stronger, it is usually shorter.

Those adjectives—direct, vigorous, definite, forceful—make more spirited living as well as spirited writing. We baptized Christians believe that we are choosing every moment how to think, how to feel and how to act.

Yes, but many things in life we do not choose. We are victims of a hit-and-run driver, or we have cancer or Parkinson's. Much in our lives we did not choose. Yet we always have the choice of how to respond in thought and action to even those events.

Kirby Puckett gives thanks that his glaucoma invites him to more deeply appreciate life. My friend, Marion, rejoices that the "dark grace" of her diabetes has invited her to be much more careful about her eating and exercise habits. Victor Frankl taught all of us that one can grow deeply by one's attitude, even in a concentration camp.

God's greatest gift in response is to actively enlist our freedom in God's will. Thanks to our baptism, we find that gift not only possible but even desirable. Of such living and giving is human holiness.

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Emily Pearl receives Certified Catechist Award

Emily Pearl received her Basic Certification on May 16 from the Diocese. Emily attended the course at St. Mary Magdalene in Sorgho this past school year. She is a sophomore at Apollo High School in Owensboro.

Emily taught 4th graders 1st year and will be teaching the 3rd graders this year at Precious Blood. She is the daughter of Joe and Teena Pearl. She was presented her certification from Fr. Brad Whistle, pastor of Precious Blood. Congratulations, Emily!!!! Precious Blood Photo.



Emily Pearl with Fr. Brad Whistle

transition from the premodern to the modern situation. At this juncture in time, they may wish to press that transition to its logical conclusion...or, disillusioned by its promises, recreate some premodern option. Much of the leadership struggle in the church today is between these two options."

Finding "ourselves in...a situation where the premodern, the modern and the postmodern are likely to exist together...will call for a different strategy than simply

struggle between the modern and the postmodern," said Schreiter. He added that to "engage and lead the young, ...one must be able to navigate the postmodern waters in all their complexity."

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Mandeville, Jamaica, Bishop Visits Owensboro Diocese

By Mel Howard

Bishop Paul Boyle, C.P. visited Western Kentucky Catholics from August 25-27 to introduce us to the Catholic Community of Mandeville, Jamaica, where he is the Ordinary. About 70 people attended his talk at the Catholic Pastoral Center on Saturday morning, August 25. He spoke at the weekend masses at St. Stephen Cathedral. Later on Monday Bishop Boyle addressed the presbyterate in the Pastoral Center and then addressed a group at St. Thomas More Church, Paducah.

At the Pastoral Center in Owensboro on Saturday, August 25, Bishop Boyle spoke for about 30 minutes about the Mandeville, Jamaica diocese and its people, and then opened the floor to questions. He said that of the 2.7 million people in Jamaica, 98% are descended from African slaves. 2% are descended from Indian and Chinese indentured servants. Mandeville is one of three Catholic dioceses in Jamaica which is a third mountains, a third marshland, and a third tillable land. 1.4% (about 8,000 people) of the 570,000 people in the Mandeville Diocesan area are Catholic.

People walk where they go; only a few cars and busses provide public transportation, and there is none on Sunday. These vehicles only travel back and forth on one road, so people have to wait a long time for a taxi or bus, up to 3 hours. On Sundays the people dress up for school and church; only the rich dress down on Sunday, Bishop Boyle said. Bishop Boyle said the main complaint he hears from the people after Mass on a Sunday is that he did not talk long enough. Because of the great distances and lack of transportation when the people do gather, they worship at Mass and then socialize and share the day with each other. "If I talk less than 45 minutes at Mass," the Bishop said, "the people feel cheated!"

The Mandeville Diocese is served by 26 resident priests; three priests are away studying. Only one is over the age of 50, and none are native Jamaicans. Forty Sisters and 15 lay volunteer ministers also serve the people of the Mandeville diocese.

Jamaica is the second poorest country in the Western hemisphere. Bishop Boyle gave some examples of Sunday collection in his diocese: \$30 a month, \$150 a month, \$12 a month; the Cathedral parish gives \$350 a month. "No parish is self-sufficient in our diocese," Bishop Boyle said.

The people of the Mandeville area have many needs, Bishop Boyle said, and the Catholic Church there serves many people who are not Catholic every day. 67% have no toilet facilities; they use the woods which causes health problems in the country. There is no running water; people have to spend hours a day walking to get water from wells and bring it back home. Bishop Boyle said that the main need of the people, including Catholics, is education. In the ten years since the Mandeville Diocese started, Bishop Boyle has helped the people to build 16 schools, most of them starting in shacks or deserted community centers. Most children do not attend public schools because every year about 20,000 children take the test for the 12,000 seats in the government schools. Most stop going to school after the sixth grade. English is the primary language of the people of Jamaica.

The Catholic schools in Mandeville provide each child a daily lunch of mainly rice and milk. There is an educational job training center for basic skills. One parish school operates a butcher shop which teaches young men and women how to process meats for stores and restaurants. The diocese also supports cottage industries. One example Bishop Boyle spoke about was a little business in which women crochet scouring pads made from nylon netting of different colors. These are shipped to a friend of the diocese in Boston, Mass. who buys them for resale. Each woman in the little business earns 30 cents per pad she makes.

Four clinics provide health care for the people of the Mandeville diocese, many of whom are not Catholic. One U.S. doctor from Pennsylvania has been there for six years; she and several volunteer nurses see about 50 patients a day some days. Bishop Boyle was excited that the diocese had recently obtained a lease on a huge house for a 20-bed clinic.

The diocese helps to build 26 houses per month with donated funds. They build a 12' x 20' building for about \$250; the owner must first get rights to build on the land and put up the first \$50; most are not Catholics. The Church, Kiwanis International, Rotary Clubs, Lions

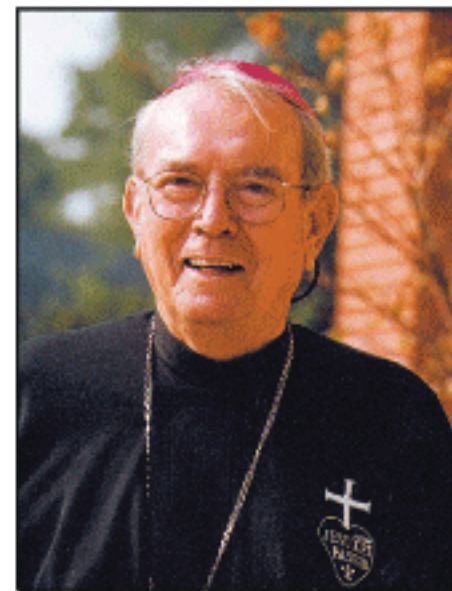
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An audience of about 70 people came out on a bright Saturday morning August 25 to hear Bishop Paul Boyle, C.P. speak at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro about his people in the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, a country which is the second poorest in the western hemisphere. Owensboro Diocesan leaders and advisers are presently discerning how the Diocese of Owensboro can best help the people of the Mandeville Diocese. Staff Photo



Greg Elder, formerly of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro, now attending the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky., responded to a question from Bishop Paul Boyle, C.P., about conditions in the Mandeville, Jamaica, diocese August 25 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro. Bishop Boyle was in our diocese to inform Western Ken-



Bishop Paul Boyle, C.P., enjoyed visiting after Mass with people at St. Stephen Cathedral August 26. Here he shared his Irish sense of humor. Lois Rutigliano photo.

tucky Catholics about the people, their ways of life, their struggles with poverty, and their intense gift of Faith which sustains them. Greg worked as a missionary among the people of Mandeville recently. Lois Rutigliano Photo

Your SOURCE, LLC, Connects Western Kentucky Catholics With Health, Music, Wellness, Gifts, and Spiritual Resources

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Your SOURCE, LLC, is the new Catholic connection in western Kentucky for inspirational books, gifts and music. Located at 1030 East 18th Street in Owensboro (corner of Breckenridge St., 23 1N), Your SOURCE will be opening in the month of October, auspicious timing since October is dedicated to the Rosary. The store will place an emphasis on materials with unique appeal to Catholic customers. Your SOURCE will also broaden its range in an inclusive and ecumenical way by including resources for wellness, family issues, heal-

ing, recovery, and personal and spiritual growth.

More than just a bookstore, Your SOURCE aspires to be a place where people seek

information, enrichment and guidance. The Sophia Center is a room set aside for special events like storytelling, journal-writing workshops, book discussions, etc. Whisper's Corner is designed to make children feel welcome and to ease the shopping experience for parents.

Owner Marcy FitzPatrick Allman, who served as Director of the Family Life Office for the Diocese from 1983-93, looks forward to building on her experience as a resource person in this new capacity. Claudia Ramisch brings her many years of work in religious education and liturgical ministry, as well as her years at The Cornerstone, which closed in June. Kay Timbrook also worked there for a brief time before its closing, and contributes her knowledge gleaned from many years in retail business.

The vision for Your SOURCE is described here: "We are committed to establishing a personal atmosphere in an increasingly impersonal world, and an environment which encourages a healthy lifestyle at a time when the speed and complexity of life intensifies levels of stress. As health concerns and costs escalate, more people are seeking materials to help them attend to disease prevention and wellness of body, mind and spirit. We will strive to offer resource services and

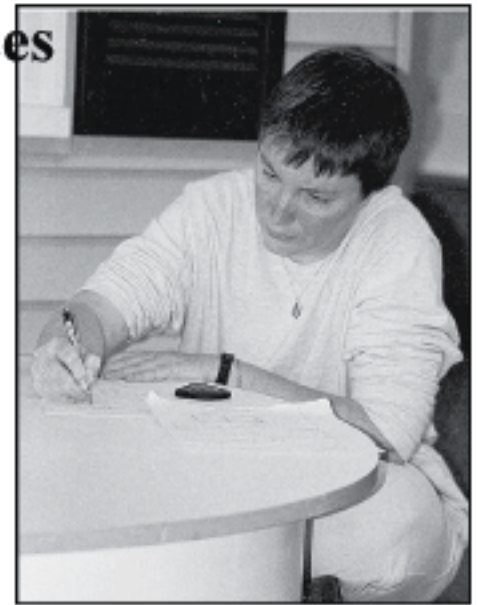
Editor's Note: Marcy Allman sees the opening and progress of Your SOURCE, LLC, as a journey of faith for her and for her associates. She said, "The reference to October as the month of the Rosary was not incidental. On the feast of the Assumption, I had a heart-to-heart conversation with our Holy Mother Mary. Among other things I asked her to help find us (the Your SOURCE store) a home. That was the day I went to see 1030 E. 18th Street for the first time! I like the idea of opening in one of 'her months' as a way of acknowledging her guidance."

Knottsville Says Goodbye To Sr. Mary Raymonde

Sr. Mary Raymonde Carrat, AD, was recognized by the Knottsville community August 12, 2001, for her 24 years of service to the families of Eastern Daviess County whose loved ones have lived and worked in the Bishop Soenneker Home next to St. William Church in Knottsville.

Bishop John McRaith will celebrate with the Knottsville community on October 6, 2001 at Noon as they honor Sr. Mary Raymonde who will be leaving October 19, 2001 for Brest, France, where she will take on new responsibilities as Superior of the Motherhouse of the Lamb of God Sisters.

Our November issue will show more pictures and information about Sr. Mary Raymonde and the Lamb of God Sisters.



Claudia Ramisch jotted a note as work progressed on Your SOURCE in Owensboro. Lois Rutigliano photo

products to a broad range of people who seek guidance and help to explore deeper meaning in their lives, who strive to strengthen their relationship with God, and who desire gifts for family and friends which reflect these values." In the words of a favorite gathering hymn, Your SOURCE will be a place where "All are welcome."



Sr. Mary Raymonde, right, at August 12 reception. Jackie Cecil Photo



Kay Timbrook, hard at work painting a wall at Your SOURCE in Owensboro. Lois Rutigliano photo



Marcy Allman, owner of Your SOURCE, carefully watching details of preparing the building for opening of business in October. Lois Rutigliano photo

THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO OFFICE OF HISPANIC MINISTRY

presents
a "PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,
PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS",
JANUARY 2-6, 2002.

Spiritual directors: Fr. Ken Mikulecik and Fr. Richard Meredith.
The cost for lodging, air fare, and 2 meals per day is only \$997.00. The Flamingos Plaza Hotel of Mexico City provides first class accommodations. This Pilgrimage will include Morning and Evening Prayer, Daily Mass, and Reconciliation. We will also visit the Mother House of our Sisters from Mexico that are currently living in Paducah. Don't miss this opportunity to experience faith and culture.

The deadline is September 6, 2001 and limit of 40 people. Contact Gwen Taylor at 270.926.7694 for reservations/information.



Journey of Faith Dying for Love



By Rev. John Buckel, St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, In., jjbuckel@juno.com

Death is the ultimate question. Even Jesus asked, "why?" when it was his turn to die (Mark 15:34). The divine response to this "ultimate question" invites Christians to view their death in the light of Christ's death. The crucifixion of Jesus lies at the heart of Christian teaching.

We are so accustomed to viewing the cross as a sacred object and referring to the day that he died as "Good Friday" that we often forget the tremendous amount of suffering and humiliation that accompanied this most terrifying form of capital punishment.

The crucifixion of a condemned person was a slow and painful process. Once an individual was firmly bound to a cross (with nails or rope), a cramping of the muscles took place. Lack of movement also resulted in a severe decrease of the flow of blood in the lungs. Air could therefore enter the lungs but could only be expelled with a tremendous amount of effort. One had to push one's self upon one's feet, which obviously resulted in terrific pain as the feet were usually nailed to the cross, in order to expel the air. With the passing of time, one had less and less strength to lift oneself up and thus experienced even greater difficulty in breathing. One who was crucified eventually suffocated.

Jesus must have also experienced a great deal of emotional trauma. Even before he was arrested, Jesus had a good idea of the

suffering that was in store for him (Matt 26:38: "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death."). Moreover, he foretold that his closest companions would desert him, Judas would betray him and Peter would deny that the two had ever met (Mark 14:17-31).

Jesus may also have felt abandoned by God ("My God, my God, why have you forsaken me"). Nevertheless, according to St. Luke, Jesus' last words on the cross were those of trust ("Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

The focus of the New Testament is not on the intense suffering and anguish that Jesus experienced but rather on the great love that God has shown for humanity by sending his only begotten son into the world to die for us (John 3:16). What value we must have in the eyes of God that his beloved son underwent such tragedy!

The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates that suffering and death do not have the final word. God's all-encompassing love changes everything. The crucifixion of Jesus is now understood in terms of redemption instead of tragedy. Because of the resurrection, we no longer look upon the cross as an instrument of torture but rather as a sign of divine love.

The gift of liberation from sin and death should always be treasured as a precious gift. Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the followers of Jesus view their own death differently than non-Christians. Death is not thought of as a "dead-end" but rather as the gateway to eternal life and unending joy. Death may be the ultimate question but Christ is the ultimate answer.

Studying Reverence at Holy Name

Wednesday, August 1, found the faculty and staff of Holy Name School in Henderson on retreat at Mount Saint Joseph.

The school year theme of "Reverence" was the topic of the day-long retreat.

The faculty and staff looked for reverence in places, and prayer life at the Retreat Center at Mt. St. Joseph. The retreat ended with

a Eucharistic celebration with Fr. Andy Garner being the celebrant. Holy Name Photos.



Top right: Teachers and staff of Holy Name seek reverence wherever their steps may lead them. Top left: L-R: Amy Hagan, Mallissa Crafton, Tracey McGowan and Lori Farmer on retreat at Mt. St. Joseph. Middle: Hmm...reverence...that means seeing everything as a gift from God. L-R: Beth Crafton, Phyllis Brown, Danny Jacobs, Lynda Wathen. Bottom photo: Daryl Hagan, Principal, explains that reverence brings joy in his prayer life.



St. Joseph Parishioners Complete Financial Accountability Class

Submitted by Heather Overby

Members of St. Joseph Parish in Mayfield recently completed Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. F.P.U. is a 13-week biblically based accountability class that teaches and trains people to manage their resources in a Godly manner.

It helps the average family reduce their debt by \$5,300 and save \$2,700. Participants shown graduating are First Row-Leatrice Willett, Jeff Overby, Heather Overby, Jan Szychowski; Second Row: Jana Thompson, Brenda Willett, Rhonda Russelburg, Brent Ballard, Brad McAlpin, Lois Bell, Susie Greene, Richard Greene; Third Row: Lori Ballard, Jane Adams, and Jim Szychowski. Not pictured: Toni Behrens, Sandra Behrens, Ryan Ballard, Jan Kincer and William Russelburg.



Free Concert

The Sojourners will present a FREE CONCERT to promote Christian Unity.

The Program will feature Gregorian Chant Selections by the Benedictine Monks of St. Meinrad, Indiana, as well as musical renditions by the Kentucky State University Choir.

Also featured will be Sheila Adams, storyteller, songwriter, singer, musician, actress who will present humorous and inspiring stories and songs.

The Program will be held, Sunday, October 21, 2001 at 7:00 PM in Cannon Hall at the River Park Center in Owensboro.

FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

St. Paul Catholic School Students in Leitchfield Share Events

Story & photos submitted by Joan Butterworth

Whew what a day! Top photo shows students from St. Paul Catholic School in Leitchfield who took a trip to Washington D.C. on Saturday, June 2. The students flew in for a one-day tour of the city. They saw the White House, the Capitol Building, and the Old Post Office Pavilion. They toured the Smithsonian Institute Museums, the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Monument,



the Lincoln Memorial, Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, Korean Memorial, The Vietnam Wall and Memorial.

They also took a walking tour of the Arlington Cemetery where they viewed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy Gravesite. The students enjoyed a ride on the Metro Subway under the Potomac River. The students enjoyed the trip and would like to thank Mrs. Holly Milliner and Mr. Ted Vandercamp for making it possible.

Middle photo. The teachers previously attended a workshop in Owensboro at Mt. St. Joseph about Kentucky Agriculture in the



classroom. They incorporated a lot of what they learned into several teaching units. The Agriculture in the Classroom Department was pleased with their report and chose St. Paul Catholic School as the "School of the Year." Reyetta Boone from Kentucky Department of Agriculture in Frankfort visited the school and presented the Award for the School to Sr. Anne Michelle Mudd.

Bottom photo: On May 22, 2001 trooper Norris conducted the graduation ceremony for the Dare Class. The students presented a skit to show what they learned in class. The students also presented the Police Department with several bags of stuffed animals to help comfort children that have been involved in difficult situations. Featured with Trooper Norris is Margaret DePoyster, Whitney Cundiff, Amanda Thomas, Casey Meredith, Jared Smith and Jacob Hodges.



1Lakes Deanery Council Meeting
2Paducah Deanery Council Meeting
2" Becoming a Leader With Soul" conference, Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
3RCIA, Owensboro/Daviess Co./McLean Co. Deanery, 7:00 p.m. (Place, TBA)
4Hopkinsville Deanery Council Meeting
6TEC 140—St. Ann's, Morganfield; **25th Anniversary of Western Kentucky TEC** in the Diocese
6 The Annual Diocesan Social Concerns Committee Meeting is open to anyone interested in our Church's mission on justice. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro. Using the *Leader's Guide to Sharing Catholic Social Teaching* published by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, the committee plans to examine the ART (Act, Reflect & Transform) method to empower parishioners to answer our call to justice. Questions, call Rita Brothers - 270-683-1545
9Diocesan Committee for Total Catholic Education Meeting; 6:00 p.m. - Christ the King Parish Hall, Madisonville

11Meditation Retreat, Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

12Council of Religious Meeting - CPC - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

17RCIA, Eastern Deanery, 7:00 p.m. (Place, TBA)

18Diocesan Vocations Committee Meeting; 1:00 p.m.; Catholic Pastoral Center, Owensboro

22-25**Diocesan Priests Retreat**, Mount Saint Joseph Conference & Retreat Center. Presenter: Rev. Msgr. James McNamara

26(**Clergy**) Topic: "The Revised *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*"; Presenter: Rev. Ed Foley; Site: Catholic Pastoral Center

26-28Catholic Engaged Encounter, Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

26Right to Life Banquet, the Executive Inn, Owensboro, Social Gathering 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Keynote Speaker: John P Foppe. Questions, call Bob Hood - 685-4922.

27Diocesan Liturgical Ministry Day; Site: Brescia

27-28Kentucky League for Educational Alternatives (KLEA) collection weekend

28**WORLD YOUTH DAY** observed internationally

29PMC/Youth Ministry Coordinator's Gathering; 9:30 - 12:00; Catholic Pastoral Center, Owensboro

30RCIA, Bowling Green Deanery, 7:00 p.m. (Place, TBA)

30PMC/Youth Ministry Coordinator's Gathering; 9:30 - 12:00 St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Mayfield

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4-7Mid-South Catholic Leadership Conference, Lake Barkley State Resort Park

8Meditation Retreat, Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00

13 Council of Lay Ecclesial Ministry General Meeting and Program, Catholic Pastoral Center 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Fee: \$15.00 members, \$20.00 non-members - includes lunch)

15Diocesan Vocations Committee Meeting; 1:00 p.m.; Catholic Pastoral Center, Owensboro

16-18Catholic Marriage Encounter, Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

17 **ONCE MORE WITH LOVE** (Second Marriage Program) Catholic Pastoral Center 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

19Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting

20(**Clergy**) **November Presbyteral Day**; Topic: "*Beginning of Life Pastoral Issues*"; Speaker: Rev. Dennis Brodeur; Site: Catholic Pastoral Center

26Owensboro Deanery Council Meeting

27Bowling Green Deanery Council Meeting

28Fancy Farm Deanery Council Meeting

29Central Deanery Council Meeting

30-12/2 Marian Retreat, Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Registration 5:00 p.m.

Not-So-Minor Characters of the Bible



Art: Michael McGovern

Joseph of Arimathea

By Cackie Upchurch

Toward the end of all four Gospels, one person is explicitly named in relation to the burial of Jesus: Joseph of Arimathea. To this man fell the Jewish duty of burial, a necessity of Jewish law, but an act that opened him to ritual impurity. Who was Joseph? And how is his role described in each Gospel account?

Mark 15:42-46 The first Gospel written calls Joseph "a distinguished member of the council" (presumably the Sanhedrin) who was awaiting the kingdom of God. Mark, famous for describing discipleship as carrying the cross, notes Joseph's courage in asking Pilate for the body of the one crucified. Joseph buries Jesus in a tomb hewn from rock.

Matthew 27:57-60 Noting that Joseph was a "rich man," Matthew identifies him as a disciple of Jesus. In this account, Joseph uses his own tomb for Jesus, emphasizing his generosity.

Luke 23:50-54 Here Joseph is identified as "virtuous and righteous," and though a member of the council, he apparently did not go along with their plans about Jesus. In this account, Joseph buries Jesus in a rock-hewn tomb that is unused by anyone else.

John 19:38-42 The final gospel writer notes that Joseph was "secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews," and that he was accompanied by Nicodemus when burying Jesus in a new tomb. Recall that Nicodemus had earlier come to Jesus under cover of darkness, perhaps also fearful (John 3:1-21).

It appears that Joseph was a known and respected Jewish leader whose secret devotion to Jesus was made public at the cross and tomb. His care of Jesus' body foreshadows the care every disciple of Jesus must have for the body of Christ. Each act we perform witnesses to the reality of the resurrection, just as surely as his rolling the stone over the entrance to the tomb.

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Leadership Program Set for October 2



Graham

Ziba Graham, Jr., John T. Jurkiewicz, and Sister Amelia Stenger will be the presenters for "Becoming a Leader With Soul," a workshop on October 2 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.



Jurkiewicz

Graham, a leadership consultant and mental health counselor, is a member of St. Simon Parish in Washington, Ind., and is active in many activities in the Diocese of Evansville. Jurkiewicz, president/CEO of HR Dimension, Inc., is a member of Immaculate Parish, Owensboro. Sister Amelia is Director of Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center and a member of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.



Stenger

The workshop will take place 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on October 2. Registration is \$115. Business groups are welcome. For further information, call the Center at (270) 229-0200.

A Day for Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, October 27, 2001

Brescia University

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

featuring



Rev. Edward Foley



Elaine Rendler

Many local people will share their experience and expertise: Bishop John McRaith, Dee Dee Baur, Brother Ken Grondin, Sr. Mary Henning, Sr. Lorraine Lauter, Rev. Larry McBride, and Melinda Prunty

Sponsored by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky.

Schedule

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| 8:30 a.m. | Registration, Campus Center |
| 9:15 a.m. | Welcome, Brescia Chapel |
| 9:30 a.m. | Keynote Address I: Rev. Ed Foley, "Eucharist as Mystagogy: The Body Gathers" |
| | Break |
| 10:15 a.m. | Morning Interest Sessions: Rev. Ed Foley, "Celebrating The Triduum"; Sr. Lorraine Lauter, "Worship Environment for Advent"; Elaine Rendler, "Liturgy for the Catechist, Part 1"; Melinda Prunty and Bro. Ken Grondin, "Youth in Liturgical Ministry" |
| 10:30 a.m. | Break |
| | Morning Interest Sessions: Bp. John McRaith, Fr. Larry McBride, Fr. Ed Foley, "Panel Discussion on Liturgy"; Sr. Mary Henning, "Basic Vocal Technique"; Mrs. Dee Dee Baur, "Celebrating Children's Liturgy of the Word"; Elaine Rendler, "Liturgy for the Eucharist, Part II"; Sr. Lorraine Lauter, "Worship Environment for Lent." |
| 11:45 a.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Break |
| | Keynote Address II: Rev. Ed Foley, "Eucharist as Mystagogy: Go In Peace" |
| 2:15 p.m. | Break |
| 2:30 p.m. | Keynote Address II: Rev. Ed Foley, "Eucharist as Mystagogy: Go In Peace" |
| 3:15 p.m. | Closing |

To obtain a registration brochure, contact Martha Hagan, Office of Worship, Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301. 1-270-683-1545.

Wax School Reunion

Calling all people who went to Wax School in Grayson County. Our 2001 Reunion will be in the basement of St. Benedict Church in Wax, Ky. on October 21, 2001. The pot luck lunch will start at 12:00 noon.

Everyone welcome.

-Betty Miller, Leitchfield, Ky.

Discernment....

Finding God's will for your life

Editor's Note: People frequently ask out of not knowing "What good are Parish Councils?" and "What do Parish Councils do?" Well, Parish Councils are engaged in study and prayer for the common good as well as offering guidance to a parish. Here's proof.

This article was a presentation given by Jack Allard at a Pastoral Council (PC) meeting at St. Columba Church in Lewisport, Ky. At each PC meeting in one of our parishes, there is time for education and reflection among the members. They use the diocesan Guidelines and Policies for Parish Pastoral Councils to organize the pattern of educational topics: members take turns delivering the reflections. At this meeting, it was Jack's turn to offer a thought or two. This article is what he said.

By Jack Allard

LEWISPORT, Ky. - There have been, through the centuries, Fathers of the Church and Saints who have given to the Church a holy insight as to prayer, study, and the discernment of God's will. A good place for us to begin is taking upon ourselves this reflection of No. 4 of the Prologue to the Rule of St. Benedict. "First of all every time you be a good work, you must pray to Him most earnestly to bring it to perfection."

When we discern something, an action has taken place. Discernment does not take place in a vacuum. We who are body, soul, mind, and heart will use our senses and our intellects to make judgments. To discern implies a certain acuity of judgment or insight. Whatever we do will be the result of the totality of our humanness and the working of The Holy Spirit.

Scripture reminds us, "Who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?" Or again, "How incomprehensible His judgments. How unsearchable His ways." It is our earnest desire to be able to say with conviction and clarity, this is God's will. Far too often, we will be plagued by uncertainty. It is then that we must plead and beg The Holy Spirit to come to our aid, that we may see and discern God's will. There must be a way to discern the will of God. We believe that God has always loved us. Even if all things pass away, the love of God endures. This we know to be true. Thus His love, His grace, His will, will be made known to those who seek, ask, and knock.

There are three kinds of love. There is a type of love called EROS which is mostly self-centered. There is FILIA love which moves beyond self to include others.

Thirdly there is AGAPE love. The best example of this would be God's love for us. This third type we are all called to emulate.

The solution to our problem of discernment lies in prayer. Some of the disciples said, "Where is He going? What is He doing?" The others answered, "He is going off to pray." Jesus, the Son of God, the second person of the most Holy Trinity went off to pray. Jesus prayed. It wasn't just now and then or when He had a special favor to ask of God, the Father. For Jesus, prayer was His life.

How much do I pray? Why do I pray? When do I pray? No. 5 on Page 9 says that we should engage in prayer. What is praying? We are speaking here of discerning God's will. Is it possible that the usual quick, hum-drum, catch-you-later kind of praying that we do will make known to us what God wants us to do?

Prayer has an intimate connection with life and experience. Prayer is not an option. All prayer, even that which is made with an effort, is a gift which must be sought. Such is our life that it must be taken as a whole. Sometimes life seems to move smoothly, at other times by fits and starts, to say nothing of sometimes being dead in the water. The whole life of prayer will never move in a smooth straight line. So we must have faith, courage, and perseverance.

We are mind, heart, soul, and body, so our prayer will reflect this. When we pray, it must be heart to heart, a heart filled with simplicity and humility. There are as many different kinds of prayer as there are people. Will God make known to us His holy will if we do not pray with purity of heart and soul and the help of the Holy Spirit? This help, this formation of prayer, by the Holy Spirit involves the entire theology of grace. This concept is something the Council may wish to pursue in the future.

There is no way we can keep from praying. We will pray either to a Supreme Being we call God or we will pray to fame, power, wealth, sex, or some other idol. Over and over St. Luke shows Jesus at prayer. All three Synoptic Gospels have Jesus telling us to watch and pray. St. Paul says, "You must never stop praying." To discern the will of God we must do as Jesus said, "Keep on praying and never lose heart."

We should understand and be on guard that in today's culture many Catholics will say that work is prayer. That could be taken to mean that work is as good as to pray any

WISDOM *By Ginny Knight Simon*

**Wilma Westerfield Howard -
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Owensboro**



My husband, Roy, and I are both from Whitesville, we have been married for 45 years, we have six children - three boys and 3 girls in that order - and we have 17 grandchildren and one great grand child.

I worked at Owensboro Catholic High School in the lunchroom in the 80's. I also worked at the Mount in the gift shop for awhile. Now I'm home full time. I've never found it hard to find something to do. I like to read spiritual books, and work in my flower garden. I also baby sit for my two youngest grandchildren quite a bit. I minister to sick through the parish by taking communion to the homes of people who are homebound. I enjoy a weekly Bible study group at the parish. There are usually 10 to 12 of us who meet on Wednesday mornings. I also help take care of my brother who is terminally ill. My next project is making a photo album for each of my children. That could take some time, because that means six albums!

Being a Senior citizen, well, it has its advantages and disadvantages like everything else. I do enjoy attending the annual Day of Wisdom at the Pastoral Center.

My Catholic faith is my rock. Being married for 45 years and raising 6 children, I have leaned pretty heavily on it. I really feel sorry for people that don't have faith. I mean where do they turn? Sometimes I will go to the Carmel Home and sit in the quiet chapel, and when I leave I feel recharged.

I feel like I try to give back to God by attending daily mass, volunteering to the sick and the faith example we both have set for our children. One of the biggest blessings to us was getting all the children through school before the place where Roy worked closed down. We had it rough for a couple of years, but with faith and trust in God we got through it. I feel very blessed and I am thankful to God.

day, even in a life in which one seldom prays at all. It is far more true to say that prayer is work rather than to say work is prayer. Even Jesus who worked constantly to relieve the suffering of His people felt the necessity of prayer. If the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity found it so, what does that say to us?

St. John of Damascus says that "prayer is the ascent of the mind to God." True prayer is the effect of grace. True prayer is a form of grace itself. If our prayer is grace filled, God will make known to us what is good for our salvation, what is His holy will. One of the great Desert Father authorities tells us,

"Prayer is a conversation of the mind with God." At the time, St. John of Damascus and Evagrius were writing, mind to them meant the human spirit. The early spiritual writers of the Eastern Church tell us that we must learn to pray with the mind in the heart.

Prayer is personal. Prayer is listening. Prayer is grace. Jesus is the fullness of grace. Jesus has said, "The Father and I are one." If we pray with humility and complete conviction God will not disappoint. With the help of Jesus all things are possible, even fruitful prayers by people like us. From St. John's gospel we read, "From Jesus we have received wave upon wave of grace."

A HEALING & INFORMATION PROCESS: For People With Divorce and Marital Invalidity (Annulment) Questions

On Thursday October 18, 2001 at 6:30 pm the Family Life Office of the Diocese will sponsor an evening for those people who would like to learn more about the marital invalidity (annulment process).

Fr. Greg Trawick from the Tribunal Office for the Diocese of Owensboro will speak to those who want to know more about the marital invalidity (annulment process) the difference between divorce and annulments. There will be time for questions afterwards. This is open to anyone that may be going through this process. For further information you may contact Betty Medley (270)683-1545 ext. 105, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301-2130 o (270)683-1545 o FAX (270)683-6883 o www.owensborodio.org

Mandeville, Jamaica, Bishop Visits Owensboro Diocese *(Continued from page 12)*

Clubs help the people to get their \$50 share.

One person asked Bishop Boyle on Saturday at the Pastoral Center, "If a group of us came to your diocese to help, what would be the best help we could give?" Bishop Boyle said, "Build houses. Repair houses. Shore up walls. Build chicken coops. Help work with the Mission of Charity indigent home." Another person asked what are long-term needs of the people in the Mandeville, Jamaica area which people from Western Kentucky could address. Bishop Boyle said, "Whatever the person can do: teaching, nursing, maintenance, auto mechanic, plumbing. We have 15 volunteers in Mandeville now. We have housing for them. They come to us on an individual basis."

When asked about the idea of people of Western Kentucky parishes twinning with Mandeville parishes, Bishop Boyle said, "I would rather prefer twinning be done as one diocese with another diocese; the Chancery Office can see more urgent local needs than a local parish can. We have to put our money, resources, and help from other countries where it is most urgently needed first. A check for \$1,000 will help to build about 5 homes in Mandeville. It takes about \$30 a month to pay for one student's education in our schools."

Bishop McRaith asked, "What is the greatest hope for the people of Mandeville?" Bishop Boyle responded, "Education and government planning, but education is the only real hope of the people of Mandeville. The government puts no obstacles in the church's way in Mandeville."

Some urgent needs for the Church in Mandeville are schools and rectories. There are not rectories for all priests, and many live 1 1/2 hours from their parish. "I can put up a school in Mandeville for about \$55,000 U.S. About that same amount will build a two-bedroom, two-office building for a priest to live in and to use for bringing in people for counseling and religious education in a parish. Bishop Boyle also noted that "the priests of the diocese do not get mass intentions and stipends from the people because of the poverty. Sending mass intentions to the priests of the Mandeville Diocese through the Chancery Office would be a great work for the Church."

A third need would be educational materials with lots of pictures that show people in various career settings and lifeskills activities. Bishop Boyle said, "We need things like educational charts of fruits, vegetables, animals, tools, the English alphabet, you know, charts like they have in schools here in the U.S. We need pencils and note pads, the things teachers use for students to use for learning in a classroom. Native people can teach for six years without a teaching certificate, but most just go on teaching once they learn how and do not earn a teaching certificate. The people here can't read, but they can memorize and



Bishop Paul Boyle, C.P. posed with the Passionist Nuns at St. Joseph Monastery, Whitesville, on Monday, August 27.

Sunday's For The Family

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 7, 2001, Luke 17:5-10; Theme: Faithful Service Is Our Duty

Family Life: Life in any family, home or community provides numerous opportunities for service to one another: school lunches, car pools, child care, house care, finances, elder care, and dinner on the table are only a few! At the end of the day, when all these things are done, and there is still more to do, we can only say, however, "We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty." Today is a good day to ask ourselves whether we are more inclined to say to one another - literally and figuratively "Come and sit down at our table." or "Prepare my supper."

Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 14, 2001, Luke 17:11-19; Theme: Gratitude

Family Life: "Say 'please.'" "Say 'thank you.'" Every parent, aunt or uncle, Grandma or Grandpa has coached the youngest of the family in learning the social graces at the earliest stages of language development. "Thank you" is much more than a social grace. It is an expression of interdependence, of trust, of willingness to need and to receive from another. How and to whom do we say ~ do we *be* ~ "Thank you"?

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2001, Luke 18:1-8; Theme: Perseverance

Family Life: "How many times have I told you...?" Isn't this often the cry of frustration from the parent whose child is acting as if he or she has never been told at all? The "terrible twos," pre-adolescence, teen years, early adulthood, and all the years in between can tax a parent's patience, testing it to the limit. Sometimes the limit is broken, and parents become exasperated, insensitive, and literally give up, ignoring the needs and pleas of the family. What causes us to give up? To whom or to what do we turn to regain the courage to persevere in healthy parenting and family life.. "whether convenient or inconvenient...correcting, reproving, appealing--constantly teaching and never losing patience?" (2 Timothy 4,2)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 28, 2001, Luke 18:9-14; Theme: Humility

Family Life: A favorite playground past time of children is bragging. "My dad's bigger than your dad..." "My mom is nicer than your mom." ... "My sister's smarter than your sister." Classroom rituals often included "Show and Tell" which often enough turns into "Lie and Brag". It is not only children who use comparisons and putting other people down as an attempt to make themselves feel better. Comparisons are rarely useful, most often odious, and always diffuse the simple, humble and beautiful truth about ourselves and others. And comparisons ~ even subtle ones within the family are detestable and divisive. All of us are one in our brokenness and in our beauty.

they learn their prayers and lessons from repetition."

The people of Mandeville whom the Bishop, priests, Sisters, and volunteers serve are a "suffering people, but very cheerful," Bishop Boyle said. Practically anything which a missionary group or volunteer can offer them is greatly appreciated, and the people express their gratitude however they can, he said. The masses in Mandeville are filled with music and clapping. "Twenty of my people make more noise than 1,200 of you do," Bishop Boyle once told a Catholic parish in Ireland where he was preaching a mission. One out of ten children go to church on Sunday in Mandeville; about 39% of the Catholic population in Mandeville make it to Mass on Sunday, the bishop said. "Education here is not primarily for evangelization," Bishop Boyle said. "About 80 to 90 adults convert to Catholicism there every year."

Youth groups from Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes in Owensboro have travelled to Mandeville, as reported in earlier editions of The Western Kentucky Catholic, and it is in part due to the experiences and enthusiasm of these youth that the consulting bodies of the Diocese of Owensboro are now discerning how to twin with the Diocese of Mandeville, Bishop John McRaith said. The Deanery Councils, the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Priests' Council have discussed twinning with the Mandeville Diocese, and the people seem to like the idea of it, Bishop McRaith said.

"It seems providential," Bishop McRaith said, "that we have become friends of Bishop Boyle and with his Diocese of Mandeville. We will be working on ways to assist this Church of Mandeville and I am confident in doing so they will bring many of their gifts to assist the Diocese of Owensboro."

Diocese

Carrico's Ramblings

Visit to Mary's Monte Cassino Chapel in Southern Indiana. You'll Be Glad!

By G. E. (Jerry) Carrico



G.E. (Jerry) Carrico

Perhaps many of you already know about Mary's Monte Cassino Chapel in southern Indiana and may have visited it. Her Chapel is located on a wooded hill some two mile

from the Benedictine Archabbey of Saint Meinrad in southern Indiana near Dale. Mary's Chapel is a spiritual treat. You will always remember your visit. This chapel was

built out of native sandstone blocks one hundred thirty years ago and dedicated to Mary the Mother of God. In a true sense, the chapel stands as Mary's Monte Cassino, her hill and her Indiana home. Not only the chapel but the very grounds effuse Mary's presence. That's why we think of it as Mary's hill.

In my early days as a student at nearby St. Meinrad College, as it was then known, I often prayed in this prestigious chapel, always asking Mary to help me with my Latin, Greek, Algebra, Geometry and other school subjects. From my early childhood I was always devoted to Mary, a devotion that stemmed from my mother's love for her. Even in grade school I often visited and prayed at Mary's altar in our 180-year-old Saint Lawrence church. When kneeling at her altar praying, her bluish statue always seemed alive with her presence. Eventoday, some 70 years later, her statue at St. Lawrence is a thing of beauty.

Fortified with a lot of faith I still give Mary full credit for asking her Son to perform a miracle that cured my left leg of osteomyelitis 70 odd years ago. At the time of the siege, several local doctors told us that amputation was the only answer. Well, Mary had a different idea. At the time I daily prayed Mary's Memorare, a prayer that almost dares her not to be mindful of a worthwhile petition. I am thankful that the Memorare Prayer got Mary's attention. Seventy or so years later I'm still walking on that same leg.

Mary's Monte Cassino Chapel has been widely known and patronized throughout these 130 years, by the church and unchurched and many tourists, especially during the months of May and October known as "Mary's Month." Priests from the Benedictine Archabbey of Saint Meinrad celebrated holy mass at the chapel every Saturday during these special months. Pilgrims from all around the area gather to recite Mary's favorite prayer, the rosary. During the rosary service one of the Benedictine priests gives a homily at an outside podium, calling special attention to Mary's honor as the Mother of God.

Mary's chapel is open to the public at all times. In these turbulent times, many visitors not only come to pray but to also drink in the beauty of the grounds and the chapel itself. It is a rural atmosphere of peace and quiet...especially inside the chapel. This can be attributed to the paintings picturing Mary as the Mother of God. All of the paintings seemingly make her presence real and alive. The many flickering votive lights add color to it all.

Actually praying to Mary in the chapel displays a definite atmosphere of peace per-

sonified. This kind of peace is very satisfying since it tends to dispel, or at least lighten, the burdens of our sometimes heavy hearts...a setting of lasting peace, one that will stay with us even after we arrive home.

Truly this chapel is Mary's home, her earthly home, her home away from Heaven. If you have a devotion to Mary...and who doesn't?...I urge you to visit or re-visit Mary's Monte Cassino chapel. Actually her Indiana home is only a hop and a skip from Owensboro and Daviess County, a real joyride away from home on a Sunday afternoon...or any day. When visiting Mary, you can be sure she will ask her Son to reward you with many bountiful blessings and graces.



Ursuline Way of Life Weekend October 26-28, 2001

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph invite you to discover who Saint Angela Merici was as a pilgrim woman and to explore your own life journey in a context of faith. Hear the many names of God used by Saint Angela in her relationship with God, and learn your own ways of naming God, and what these might say about your relationship with God.

This weekend is for any woman who is considering a vocation as a sister, or who would like to know more about religious life as an Ursuline Sister.

When? Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, October 26-28
Where? Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse
Who? Single Catholic women, age 18-30
Cost? You will be our guest

Contact Sister Pam Mueller, OSU, (270)-229-4103, ext. 448, or e-mail <vocations@maplemount.org>.

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph
 8001 Cummings Road
 Maple Mount, Kentucky 42356

Monte Cassino Pilgrimages Schedule

Saint Meinrad Archabbey's pilgrimages to honor our Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine have been scheduled for the Sundays in October 2001.

The pilgrimages begin with an opening hymn and a short sermon, followed by a rosary procession. The one-hour service ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn. Speakers and topics for the pilgrimages are:

- **October 7-Fr.** Rupert Ostdick, OSB "Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary"
- **October 14-Fr.** Peter Yock, OSB "Mary, Queen of the Saints"
- **October 21-Fr.** Justin DuVall, OSB "Mary, at the Heart of the Church"
- **October 28-Archabbot Lambert Reilly, OSB** "Numquam Nimis de Maria" (Never Too Much About Mary)

Services begin at 2:00 p.m. CDT, except on October 28, when they will begin at 2:00 p.m. EST. The public is invited. The Monte Cassino Shrine is located one mile east of the Archabbey on State Highway 62.

Carmel Home's Annual Christmas Bazaar

2501 Old Hartford Rd., Owensboro, Ky.
 Saturday, October 29, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Barbecue chicken, raffle, silent auction, home-made baked goods, crafts, attic sale, religious articles, instant bingo, and more.
 Open to the Public

Happy Anniversary

Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro

Herman & Ernestine Barr, 51 years
Bernard & Dorothy Clark, 65 years
Ernie & Lour Davis, 41 years
George & Claire DeLacey, 60 years
Phillip & Lora Demarest, 56 years
JC & Mildred Higdon, 47 years
Robert & Eula Taylor, 41 years
Leo & Angela Thompson, 55 years
Jack & Lilly Wilson, 54 years

Holy Name, Henderson

Tony & Margaret Strawn, 25 years
Rudy & Agnes Gibson, 50 years
Franklin & Alice Atkinson, 51 years
Leslie & Sarah Jennings, 57 years
Robert & Alberta Konsler, 53 years
Hudson & Dorothy Payne, Jr. 55 years
Ray & Evelyn Shoemaker, 54 years
William & Virginia Thomas, 55 years

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

Clyde & Rosemari Mitchell, 25 years

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Earl & Mary Ann Averite, 55 years
William & Melinda Baribeau, 60 years
Damien & Janet Karpinski, 25 years
Jake & Polly Leibfreid, 51 years
Camille & Margaret Picciano, 58 years
Francis & Wilma Roos, 53 years
Steve & Mary Jane Swigonski, 50 years
Stanley & Mary Zale, 58 years

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Monty & Noel Quinn, 25 years
Robert & Faye Gray, 40 years

Immaculate, Owensboro

Roy & Pauline Gardner, 57 years
George & Jennie Howard, 55 years
Billy & Anna Marian King, 51 years
Lester & Helen Schaick, 52 years
Byron & Lucy Rhoades, 25 years
William & Janice Morton, 40 years
Jean & Mark Howard, 53 years

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Douglas & Benola Dant, 51 years

St. Ann, Morganfield

Mr & Mrs Edmond Salyers, 50 years
Mr & Mrs Paul Monsour, 25 years

St. Anthony's Axtel

John & Shirley Coffey, 50 years
Wayne & Victoria Fentress, 25 years

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Mr & Mrs Denny Hughes, 25 years
Mr & Mrs Charles Wink, 61 years

St. Anthony Padua, Grand Rivers

James & Dorothy Thompson, 50 years

St. Frances De Sales, Paducah

Edward & Melva Padgett, 55 years
Siro & Marcella Pandolfi, 53 years
James & Alice Richard, 56 years
Paul & Catherine Floyd, 40 years
George & Barbara Green, 25 years
Judy & Frederick Leatherman, 25 years
W.J. & Norma Word 50 years

St. Joseph, Central City

Victor & Rose Rogier, 54 years

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Patricia & Willis Dudgeon, 25 years
Barbara & Ray Pierce, 25 years
Alice & Charles Bruce, 40 years
Nellie & Edward Stevenson, 40 years
Doris & John Davis, 51 years
Shirley & John Egan, 52 years
Catherine & Ishmael Grant, 53 years
Audrey & Damon Clemons, 54 years
Midred & Owen White, 54 years
Nellie & Ness Alvey, 52 years
Martha & R.E. Hughes, 55 years
Delphine & Harold Brown, 56 years

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Joseph & June Elliott, 54 years
J. Steele & Mildred Robbins, 59 years

St. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Mr & Mrs Richard Holland, 51 years

St. Jude Parish, Clinton

L.A. (Bud) & La Verne Schwartz, 58 years

St. Leo, Murray

Mr & Mrs. Alex Paluch, 55 years
Mr & Mrs Robert Rowan, 54 years
Mr & Mrs Bruno Zubko, 57 years

St. Mark, Eddyville

Early & Dina Kempf

St. Martin, Rome

Mr & Mrs Norbert McCarty, 53 years
Mr & Mrs Tommy Fulkerson, 25 years

St. Mary, LaCenter

Ginger & Gene Sullivan, 25 years

St. Mary of the Woods, Franklin

Brenda & Wallace Shankle, 25 years
Joan & Paul Holt, 40 years
Jim & Marian Shaughnessey, 40 years
Shirley & Billy Don Marshall, 50 years
Fran & Floyd Roderfeld, 50 years

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

David & Mary Ann Howard, 54 years
William Larry & Jean Ann Mills, 25 years
Harold & Barbara Morris, 40 years
Val & Bernadine Payne, 40 years

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Vernon & Alois Burkhead, 52 years

St. Paul, Princeton

George & Carmen Richardville, 50 years
Herman & Beth Berton, 40 years
Bill & Teresa Wurts, 25 years
Richard & Crista Strong, 25 years

St. Peter, Waverly

Mr & Mrs Eugene Collins, 50 years
Mr & Mrs J.B. Hagan, 53 years
Mr & Mrs Anthony Wolfe, 57 years

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Mr & Mrs William Hall, 25 years
Mr & Mrs Irl Roberts 25 years
Mr Mrs Donald Langhi, 40 years
Mr & Mrs Bill Whittinghill, 53 years

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Mr & Mrs Charles Abel, 25 years

Diocese

Life Issues Forum

PLAYING DEFENSE

By Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life

If there's one thing the pro-abortion forces in this nation do not know how to do well, it's to play defense. They are so used to taking the first steps, framing the issues, and putting pro-life people and organizations on the defensive, that they hardly know what to do when the tables are turned.

Priests for Life has been turning those tables with full page ads in papers like the Wall Street Journal and USA Today. A recent series of these ads called on the abortion industry to account for the deaths and injuries of women in so-called "safe and legal" abortion clinics nationwide.

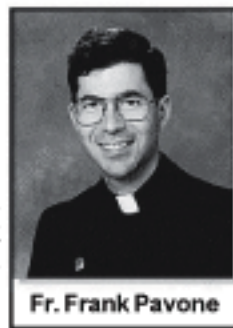
Consider what happens when an abortionist is killed. Not only is the presumption immediately and irresponsibly made that a "pro-life" person did this, but the abortion industry calls on the entire leadership of the pro-life movement to denounce this violence, separate themselves from it, and do everything possible to prevent it. Certainly we do denounce such violence, no matter who carries it out. But the dilemma that is created for us is that every time we denounce acts of violence at abortion facilities, we call attention to the fact that there has been violence at abortion facilities — and that's what the pro-abortion groups want the public to know.

Through our ads, we put the abortion industry in a similar dilemma. We know, through court cases, news stories, testimonies of former abortionists, and from the victims and their families, that women are abused, maimed, and killed in legal abortion clinics nationwide. Through the ads, we bring these facts out into the open. We take the initiative to expose this hidden tragedy.

What, then, are the pro-abortion forces to do? If they say anything, they have to distance themselves from the problem. "Oh, that doesn't happen in our clinic," many of them will say. "Our doctors have higher standards. We take more precautions than others; our facilities are safe and clean and regulated. No patient has died in our facilities." Their very attempt to defend themselves calls attention to the fact that these tragedies have happened in at least some abortion clinics.

Their other option, of course, is that they can ignore the whole matter. But how, then, do they — claiming to champion women's rights and health — explain their silence in the face of women being abused, injured and killed?

Our ads have only just begun, and are carefully documented in every detail. We offer a partial list of the names of women killed in abortion clinics as well as additional information about documented cases. (See our website at www.priestsforlife.org/brochures/maternaldeaths.html). Contact Priests for Life at PO Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314; Tel: 888-PFL-3448, 718-980-4400; Fax: 718-980-6515; email: mail@priestsforlife.org; web: www.priestsforlife.org



Fr. Frank Pavone

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Mr & Mrs Robert Pagan, 25 years
Mr & Mrs Gene Bickwermert, 54 years
Mr & Mrs Roy Lindsey, 52 years
Mr & Mrs Richard Greenwell, 53 years
St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
Leroy & Deanna Henning, 25 years
Merl & Marty Kannapel, 55 years
Charles & Louise Roach, 53 years
St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport
James & Mary Jo Carter, 51 years
Richard & Dorothy Carter, 52 years
Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Clyde & Rosemari Mitchell, 25 years
St. Sebastian, Calhoun
Mr & Mrs Jeff Fulkerson, 25 years
Mr & Mrs Jerry Hayden, 25 years
Mr & Mrs Robert Tanner, 25 years
Mr & Mrs Ralph Ward, 40 years

Mr & Mrs Alvin Bickett, 50 years
Mr & Mrs. Bill Rightmyer, 50 years
St. Charles, Livermore
Mr & Mrs James Mitchell, 25 years
Mr & Mrs Gideon Wenger, 25 years
St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
George & Kitty Dieterle, 64 years
Wayne & Mary Gordon, 60 years
Bill & Becky O'Bryan, 25 years
Harry & Betty Sapp, 54 years
Gene & Helen Williams, 25 years
St. Stephen, Cadiz
Clifton and Jane Washer, 53 years
Betty & Charles Head, 52 years
Lolita & Richard Krusinski, 52 years
St. Thomas More, Paducah
Mr & Mrs Stephen Walker, 25 years
Gus & Leola Kim, 62 years

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First Presbyterian Church Hosts Multicultural Festival

By Lois Rutigliano

OWENSBORO, Ky. - God's children of the world came together once again for the third annual Multicultural Festival celebration on the front lawn of the First Presbyterian Church, on Saturday, August 25, 2001.

The festival was officially opened with a prayer on the front steps of the church by the pastor, Dr. Thomas Cheatham. Following the prayer, Pat Taylor, a member of St. Stephen Cathedral, sang "America the Beautiful," then the people's parade began with a procession around the front of the church, led by a big red dragon and a Bag Pipe Band.

On Stage One in the showmobile, one could enjoy listening to Chinese singing and dancing, African-American Gospel singing from the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Youth Choir, or watch a Martial arts and Yoga demonstration, and an Ethnic Fashion show.

Between two and three o'clock in the afternoon many people from different cultures and faiths attended a multicultural worship service, celebrated by Dr. Cheatham. Hymns were sung in several different languages and the first scripture reading was read in Chinese and the second in English. At the end of the service all said the Lord's Prayer together, each in his or her own language. It was an awe inspiring moment like one might imagine, when by a miracle of God, the



Suli Lewis, left, and Lilly Barr model clothes of a Panamanian bride (Lilly) and a housewife's everyday dress (Sally). Lois Rutigliano photo.

tongues of fire appeared on the community of those who believed that Jesus was the Lord and Christ and enabled the Christians to communicate their message to people of all languages and cultures.

At Stage Two, on the front steps of the church were Barry Lanham and the Footstompin' Express Cloggers, a Latino band, Indian Sari Wrapping, and other dancers from many lands, including Irish, Indian, and German, to name a few. The amazing thing was that they could all dance to the same tune.

Many people took part in the 2001 Multi-Cultural Scavenger Hunt visiting the various booths to find a Japanese coin, a book mark about France, a stamp from Cyprus and as many as fourteen other items from the different booths representing different countries and their culture.

The dining area section was very popular, with wafting aromas from varied delicious cuisines, including Greek, Italian, Chinese, Native American and of course the good ole American hot dog grilled by church volunteers and served with chips. Rev. John Vaughan, pastor at St. Stephen Cathedral, who lived and studied in Rome, Italy, for a number of years enjoyed sampling the Italian goodies.

A couple of times the sun disappeared behind the clouds and the threat of rain seemed eminent, but the light of God prevailed as adults and children continued to walk about in their native dress during the



People from countries across the globe attended the Multi-cultural Festival at First Presbyterian church in Owensboro on August 25. Lois Rutigliano photo



Girls dressed in the clothing of tribes of the American Indian danced on stage August 25 at the Multicultural Festival. Such dances in American Indian tradition have specific messages and meaning and the young learned these rites of passage early in life. Lois Rutigliano photo.



Lilly Warren dressed in an American Indian mother's garb and cooked dinner the old traditional American way. Lois Rutigliano photo



Rev. John Vaughan, pastor at St. Stephen Cathedral, who lived and studied in Rome, Italy, for a number of years enjoyed sampling the Italian foods with Lisa Newcom at the Italian booth. Lois Rutigliano photo.

festival, which "celebrates diversity and reaching beyond ourselves."

Director of Youth Ministry

The Saint Albert the Great Catholic Community in Louisville, Kentucky is actively seeking a Director of Youth Ministry in order carry forward the goals defined by the Youth Ministry Commission, which was activated in Spring 2001. We have prepared a packet of materials to be sent to interested candidates. Call (502)425- 3940 or contact Linda Fitzgerald, Chair of Search Committee at fitz.fam@home.com

"CELEBRATE LIFE"
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Registration Fee Required.

Memorial of Names

Prayer will be held at the Memorial of Names in Resurrection Cemetery, off Highway 54 near Philpot, KY, on Respect Life Sunday, October 7th, at 5:00 pm. The service commends to God all human lives ended before birth, either through miscarriage, abortion, or by being killed in laboratories. All names inscribed on the memorial will be read aloud as part of the service. Fr. Richard Meredith will officiate. In case of rain the service will be held in the cemetery chapel followed by a visit to the memorial.

Tri-Parish Catholic Community Catechists Preparing for Religious Education Year

At right, Fr. Dan Kreutzer led a discussion of John Westerhoff's engaging book, "Will Our Children Have Faith?" on Sep 9, 2001. The discussion centered around the many challenges of our faith and the importance of leading by example. Pictured from L to R, Donna Perkins, Shelia Clemons, James Clemons, Ann Voorhies, Fr. Dan Kreutzer, Renee Defevers, Jody Ziegler, & Erv Moore." Picture and text submitted via e-mail by Coreen Moore.

WISDOM *By Ginny Knight Simon*

**Stephanie Ann Warner -
Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro**

I don't care that people know my age, I'm proud of it. I'm 97...I think I might be the oldest member of Blessed Mother Parish. I am enjoying my life. I love to play bridge, travel and I still drive and do my own cooking. I have been living here, Park Place, for about 5 years. My house was too big with no one there but myself. I really like it here, I have my own apartment and I can come and go as I please. But, there is always someone at the nurse's station if someone should need care in an emergency. We have an activities director on staff and we have bunco, bingo, exercises and other things that are available to us.

I am from the New Jersey area and my late husband, Chester Gans Warner, was transferred here while working as an engineer for Westinghouse, many years ago. We had one daughter Elizabeth Ann. I fit right in when we moved here. I joined the Junior Women's club and the Bridge Club. I volunteered about 24 years at Mercy Hospital.

I have had many blessings in my life, but I think the greatest is my health. I'm in very good health. I have never smoked and only have an occasional glass of wine. I am very thankful to God for my long life and good health.



Five Day Pilgrimage to Guadalupe

October 29-November 2, 2001, \$1,138 from Louisville
Spiritual Directors are Fr. Tony Stevenson, Fr. Eric Riley, and Fr. Ben Luther
Tour visits Mexico City, St. Michaels in Ocotlan, Tlaxcala, Guadalupe.
For information, contact Fr. Tony at 270-281-4802; Fr. Eric at 270-683-8444; or
Fr. Ben at 270-754-1164.

10 Day Pilgrimage with Fr. Bruce Fogle

October 22nd-October 31, 2001
Going to: Fatima, Santiago DeCompostela (Burial place of St. James),
Loyola (birthplace of St. Ignatius), Lourdes, and Paris.
Cost from Chicago \$1,659.00
(add on cost from Louisville and Nashville).
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Sept. 9, 2001 Mount St. Joseph Picnic Scenes

The pictures tell the story of the 2001 Mount St. Joseph Ursulines' Picnic

AGRANDPARENTS' DAY PRAYER

Submitted by Betty Medley from the Family Life Office

Loving God, you have given us the wondrous gift of grandmothers & grandfathers. Your gracious love is reflected in their love and care for us. We thank you, Lord, for the toys that grandpas fix and the stories they read to us. We thank you, Lord, for the ways that our grandparents spoil us, for the celebration they never forget, and for all the snuggles they give. We thank you for giving us grandparents to share their wisdom, to listen to us, to be there loving us.

We thank you, Lord. Amen.



From left, Ray and Bonnie McElroy, grandparents; Mom, Cindy Wilkerson; aunt Kristina Hoagland in yellow shirt; children in strollers: Savannah Rae Wilkerson, and brother, Paul Logan Wilkerson. Staff Photo



José Luis Landero draws out the names of the winners, with a little help from Sister Diane Marie Payne. Sr. Ruth Gehres photo



Cleanup of the picnic area took many hands and all of Monday. Picking up chairs, from left: Sister Eva Boone, Mount Maintenance Supervisor Dave Eby, Sister Rita Scott, Sister Barbara Jean Head, Sister Suzanne Sims. Sr. Ruth Gehres Photo



82-year-old Lawrence Quinn of Blessed Mother Parish has been attending the annual picnic for years. He said he likes the funnel cakes almost as well as the barbecue. Pat S. Smith photo



Sr. Mary Irene Cecil's face shows the welcoming appreciation which the MSJ Ursulines continually show visitors to their annual picnic and motherhouse. Lois Rutigliano photo



Earl and Carolyn Howard of Whitesville were some of many who ferried people from parking lots to the picnic grounds. Lois Rutigliano photo



Smiling Faces tell the story. Lois Rutigliano photos

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At left, Jessica Greenwell serving ice cream at the St. Stephen Youth Group stand. Staff Photo



Below: Sunday, Sept 9 was also Grandparents' Day. Here's the whole clan, three generations from Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam, out for a family outing. Left to right (seated) is Al Kinney; wife Jean behind him, their son, Steve is next. Steve's in-laws are Beverly and Phil Bosley. Seated on the right is Mary Bosley Kinney, wife of Steve, and Mom to Chandler (enjoying the ice cream) Pat S. Smith Photo



Msgr. Bernard Powers and Sr. Suzanne Sims, OSU, enjoying conversation. Staff Photo



Above, Fr. Phil Riney greets the brothers Calhoun, Sherrell and Fr. Jerry. At left Larry O'Bryan working at a dinner table for St. Lawrence Parish while wearing a Brescia University hat. Staff Photo



Sr. Walter Louise Lush, OSU. Staff Photo



In photo at right, Dennis Jacobs of Berea, Ky. waves goodbye as his family leaves the picnic for home. Staff Photo



Jennifer Allen and Mary Freshwater show a cake they won at the MSJ Picnic. Lois Rutigliano Photo



Robert Kirby, Rene Doehrer and Rachael Kirby, all from Chicago, come each year to the MSJ picnic. Lois Rutigliano photo

Between The Rivers, Inc. Hosts Celebration of St. Stephen Renovation

Ed. Note: Following the lead of the policy of Between The Rivers, Inc. (BTR) that restoration of the St. Stephen Church be done as the original builders worked, the story of the August 19, 2001, celebration is printed here in the original texts of the speakers for the event. We also print here the photographs taken by Shara Parish, a member of the BTR group.



Ray Parish welcoming the crowd August 19 to St. Stephen Church in LBL. Ray Foust photo for Paducah Sun

Welcome by Ray Parish

Good Morning. On behalf of Between The Rivers, Inc., I would like to welcome everyone to St. Stephen. We hope you enjoy the service this morning. The service celebrates the preservation/restoration of this little church. We are honored that so many joined us for this occasion.

I would like to start out this morning by acknowledging some of those who have joined us.

Some of our elected officials who have been very supportive of this project are here in the crowd this morning. We are pleased that you are here.

We also welcome Mr. Bill Lisowsky, the area supervisor of Land Between The Lakes - our organization entered into an agreement with the forest service which allowed for the preservation/restoration of St. Stephen.



Fr. Stan Puryear speaking to the crowd at Old St. Stephen Church just east of Eddyville Ferry Road in the Lyon County portion of Land Between The Lakes. Shara Parish photo

is a gentle breeze blowing through the hills there, I am reminded of the voice of God as it came to Isaiah, a gentle whisper calling peacefully, offering comfort and strength."

Father Stan, we are glad that you are here with us today.

Monsignor Hancock is pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Grand Rivers and he is certainly not a stranger here at St. Stephen. In the fall of 1998, Monsignor Hancock conducted a service here. The church looked a little different then than it does today. Father Hancock has been very supportive of this project, and we are honored that he will be a part of the service here this morning.

"Yes, someone once did live here."

- Jennifer Holland Baker in "Spring."

Also in the crowd are some of the descendants of the local Catholic community who built this place of worship in 1900. I know that

several grand children of the Emberger family who helped establish St. Stephen are here with us this morning. Joining us are Mrs. Mary Ann Thompson and her husband Shelby, Ms. Marion Pastor and her husband Bill, Ms. Carol Recktenewald and her husband Tom, Ms. Cathy McCaughey and her husband John, and Ms. Monica Smith along with her husband Jim. There are also several great-great-grandchildren here with us. Some of the Emberger family are buried in the cemetery behind us.

We are greatly honored this morning to have with us Father Carl Glahn, Father Stan Puryear, Monsignor George Hancock, and Most Reverend John McRaith.

Father Glahn is a past pastor of the St. Stephen church in Cadiz. I have been told that Father Glahn started the Catholic church in Cadiz and that at his request, the St. Stephen church in Cadiz was named after this church. We are delighted that Father Glahn has come down from Owensboro to be with us today.

Father Stan, who is now pastor of a church in Stanley, Ky., has roots in this area and I understand that St. Stephen has always been a special place for him. I would like to read a part of what Father Stan wrote earlier this year about this place: "I have a special place in my heart for that old church. My father was born in the area now called Land Between the Lakes, just a few miles from where St. Stephen's stands. As I was growing up, I spent many days walking around the area while squirrel hunting or just hiking through the woods when I began discerning whether to enter the seminary, I walked to St. Stephen's to pray. It became a sort of place of pilgrimage for me over time. Even now, in the midst of priesthood, I go there to renew my spirit. There are a couple of pine trees just in front of the church, and when there

We are also extremely privileged and honored to welcome to St. Stephen the Most Reverend John McRaith, the bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro which includes the western portion of Kentucky. I know that the bishop has been keeping up with this project for some time, and we are very pleased that he will be celebrating mass here this morning. Thank you Bishop McRaith for coming.

Between the Rivers, Inc. is a non-profit organization, dedicated to preserving the culture and history of the Between The Rivers area. In the fall of 1997, members of our group initiated an effort to locate and clean all of the cemeteries within the land between the lakes. This was a big undertaking since there are some 250 cemeteries in the area. While many of the cemeteries were being well maintained, many more were grown up and hardly recognizable as cemeteries. Some had been lost and had to be found, and some still have not been found. Locating, cleaning, and maintaining these cemeteries is an on-going project of our group and one that we are very proud of. As a part of that project, we have now placed permanent markers at over 1500 hundred grave sites which were not permanently marked before.

At first, and for sometime thereafter, it was the cleaning of the cemetery here at St. Stephen which kept us coming back to this place. With every visit to the cemetery, we talked about preserving the church - we knew that if something wasn't done soon, the church was going to fall down. A large portion of the church here at the entrance had already rotted away and most of the front wall section was just hanging from a joist above the door. In fact, during one of our earlier visits to the cemetery, we nailed some boards onto the front wall to give it some additional support.

In the spring of last year, our group decided to go forward with a project to save the church and shortly thereafter, we were able to work out an agreement with the Forest Service which would allow for the preservation/restoration of St. Stephen. While our primary objective was to save the church, we felt strongly that the church should be restored as nearly as possible to its original construction. We were also convinced that our work should be driven

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by a sense of community spirit which had no doubt resulted in the building of this church and the many other churches which were once scattered throughout the Between The Rivers area. From many of our own past experiences, we knew that the area churches were built (and some rebuilt) by people volunteering their labor and with funding coming from donations. We believed that St. Stephen should be preserved and restored in the same manner - and that's how it was done.

On July 8, of last year (2000), some twenty-five of us gathered here at St. Stephen to begin work on the church. Before starting that morning, we all held hands and formed a prayer circle here in this same area which we are now standing. While still holding hands in that circle, I recall Della saying that we had dreamed of this project and that she was excited. Indeed, this had been a dream for many of us, and we were eager to get started that morning.

I recall Shara saying that this church should be a symbol of all the churches that had once stood in the Between The Rivers area. This is something that we do feel strongly about. For those of you who may not know, there were once forty to fifty churches of different denominations in the Between The Rivers area. With the exception of two or three which may have been moved, those churches were either torn down, pushed down with dozers and buried, or burned during the creation of the Land Between the Lakes recreation area. St. Stephen was the only church that remained.

During that same morning in the prayer circle, I said 'Let's be safe and have a good time with this project.' A little over a year later, I can say that we were safe (except for some splinters, blisters, wasp stings, and mashed thumbs). I can also say we have had a great time doing this project. Something over 3,800 man-hours have gone into this project, and I think almost everyone involved will agree that this has truly been a labor of love.

During the course of this project, some fifty people volunteered their skills and labors to see St. Stephen preserved and restored. While the volunteers were a somewhat diverse group of individuals, they all shared a strong common interest in seeing this church saved. Many in the group were ei-

ther former residents of Between The Rivers, or husbands, wives, or children of former residents. Some of the volunteers were not from the area originally, but they were as dedicated as anyone about saving this church. Phil Wagner, who is a member of St. Anthony's in Grand Rivers, was not from the area originally, but he became aware of the project and offered to assist. We are thankful that he made the offer. Phil ended up building the church's altar from a photograph that we had of the old altar, and when we found out how much it was going to cost to have the doors built for the church, Phil stepped in and volunteered to build the doors. Father Hancock helped him with that project. That's the kind of project this has been - people volunteering their time, and often donating money to make sure this project was completed. I know

that all of us who have been involved with this project are proud of this little church. We hope you are as well."

Welcome by Msgr. George Hancock

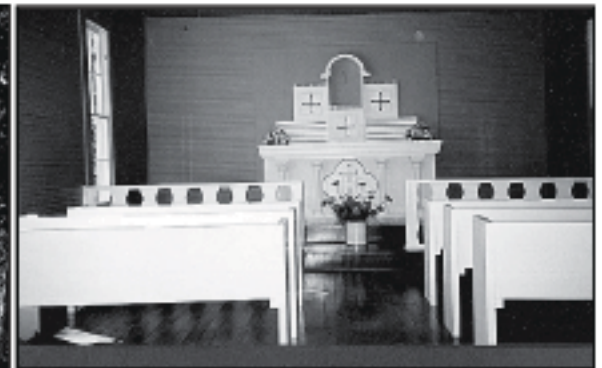
Ed. Note: Monsignor George Hancock, who frequently traveled to the LBL area to offer mass in an outdoor amphitheater which eventually became St. Anthony of Padua Church in Grand Rivers where he is now pastor, also welcomed the people to St. Stephen Church:

"We are honored today with the presence of Bishop John J. McRaith, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Owensboro, which takes in 32 Counties in Western Kentucky. Bishop McRaith wrote Ray Parish to tell him that he would like to offer Mass at St. Stephen when the restoration of the Church was complete. Bishop, we are happy to have you with us today. This is the first time in 59 years that a service is being held at this church.

"To set the tone for this occasion, I would like to quote a little poem called "Spring"



Between the Rivers volunteers work on the facade of the old St. Stephen Church in this July, 2000 photo. Paducah Sun file photo



Phil Wagner, St. Anthony Parish, Grand Rivers, built the altar and the doors for the renovated St. Stephen Church in LBL. Shara Parish photo

written by Jennifer Holland Baker. You find it on the backside of the Spring, 2000 issue of "Between the Rivers."

"Gone are the churches, the homes and the schools,
The porch swings, cisterns, gardens and mules.
The briars and thickets grow tighter each year.
Driving through, you would think, 'No one lives here.'

But faithfully each March, in wind, rain or snow,
The daffodils burst forth with their bright yellow glow.

Planted decades ago by gentle, roughened hands,
They stand here alone in this no-man's land.
So they bloom for a short time, year after year,
Reminding us that, "Yes someone once did live here."

Our gathering here today around this little church of St. Stephen brings home to us forcefully "Yes, someone once did live here." And they all had their churches of worship.

In September, 1998, in the ceremony held here I said that the histories of these little churches of various dominations which have existed in this land between the rivers are interesting and fascinating.

The local church was important for the people of these rural communities. The church symbolized God's presence in the midst of the community. It was to the church that they went on Sunday morning and on Wednesday evening, when they could get there. They gathered for fellowship, Sunday School, Bible Study and for worship. This is important. What happens at Church where God's word is preached and listened to has a bearing on the week that follows. Or at least it should have. Joyful events like baptism, dedications, weddings and revivals are a focal point of celebration. The work of those of you who have worked at finding and cleaning cemeteries throughout LBL is a tribute to your respect and love for the mortal remains of those who once lived in these parts.

We are gathered here today with the bishop in this space where one little church, restored as it once might have been, stands as a reminder of what once was in these parts. It makes us so much aware "Yes, someone once did live here."

At right, the old St. Stephen Church in LBL as renovations began in the summer of 2000. At left, Fr. Stan Puryear, left, Bp. John McRaith, Fr. Carl Glahn, and Msgr. George Hancock celebrated the first Catholic Mass in 59 years on August 19, 2001, at the site of the old St. Stephen Church in LBL. Shara Parish photo



Sr. Martha Keller "Celebrating" Silver Jubilee

By Pat S. Smith

Sr. Martha Keller, OSU is "celebrating" her Silver Jubilee this year. I say "celebrating" because although the actual date was July 2, 2001, Ursuline Sisters love to celebrate, according to Sr. Martha. "Religious communities determine when they start the count. We Ursulines start counting when we enter the novitiate. I became a novice in 1976 and I intend to celebrate right up to December 31!" she exclaimed.

Her celebrating has included all those who have supported her in her response to God's call to be Ursuline. This includes first of all her family, siblings, all 7 sisters and 5 brothers who have chosen the vocation of marriage. She is also celebrating with her extended family to whom she has ministered and to those who have ministered to her. She has served in many places within the Owensboro diocese, including Immaculate Conception, Hawesville, St. Columba, Lewisport, St. Pius X, Owensboro, St. Mary's High School, Paducah, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro, St. Romuald, Hardinsburg, St. Sebastian, Calhoun, St. Charles, Livermore, and St. Anthony, Browns Valley. "It is all those with whom I have attempted to minister who have supported me in my efforts, accepted my limitations have called me to be faithful to God's call in my life...I am celebrating with them, too." And most importantly, she adds, "I am grateful to my Sisters in my community at Mount Saint Joseph who have formed me, challenged me, supported me, and who love me as I am. Their own faithfulness helps me to remain faithful!"

Many special celebrations were held, including one at St. Sebastian's where a special liturgy and reception were held for her jubilee on June 17. "I was very touched by their thoughtfulness," she said. The diocesan Jubilee celebration was on February 18 at the Cathedral in Owensboro and included a liturgy with Bishop McRaith as president, with a reception following. "One of the intentions is that those with whom the jubilarian had ministered as priest, sister or brother might come and celebrate. However, this is always a big disappointment, not well attended by the laity; even my own family missed it," she explained.

On July 14 some of Sr. Martha's own



Pat S. Smith, left, greeted Sr. Martha Keller, OSU, at the MSJ picnic Sept. 9. Sr. Martha is celebrating her Silver Anniversary as an Ursuline Sister this year. Staff Photo

sisters with whom she had lived or were neighbors threw a party for her at the Catholic Pastoral Center. "I was grateful that 9 of my 12 siblings and their families were present. One of my sisters had just had knee replacement surgery and two brothers could not attend. Mom and Dad were present in spirit, celebrating in Heaven with us," she added.

July 15 was Jubilee Day at the Mount. "We had a beautiful celebration which included time to come together as total community for prayer, fun and good food! I was once again moved by the celebration and support from my community." Sr. Martha said there was a sad part of the day for her, however, as "five former classmates were not present. They had chosen at various times within the past 25 years to leave, feeling God's call to another vocation. It makes me ask, 'WHY ME?' I pray for daily grace of perseverance." But, she added, "Being a Mount Saint Joseph is a wonderful life!" Congratulations on your 25th, Sr. Martha, and we wish for you many, many more anniversaries and much happiness!

Serra has first woman president

Claire Howard of Bethlehem, Pa., has been elected president of the Chicago-based USA Council of Serra International, the Catholic organization dedicated to promoting and affirming vocations to the priesthood and religious life. She becomes the first woman president in the 62-year history of Serra, heading a council that makes up more than half the total membership of the organization. Serra International has councils in 35 countries. *-from the Davenport Messenger, Sept. 16, 2001*

TAKING TIME

Submitted by Betty Medley, Family Life Office

We are struck by the incredible busyness of family life that can take its toll on loving relationships. Daily we observe families overwhelmed by the demands of work, business travel, household tasks, getting to and from school, keeping doctor's appointments, civic responsibilities, and volunteering.

To thrive, love requires attention, communications, and time. Spending time together builds intimacy, increases understanding and creates memories between husband and wife, parents and child, brothers and sisters, grandparents and younger family members. It is hard to imagine how a family can live faithfully, be life giving, and grow in mutuality without deliberately choosing to spend time together.

So, each of us needs to ask: to what am I giving my precious time? What are my priorities? Do television, sports, making money, shopping, getting ahead on the job, volunteering in the church or community swallow up time that could be better spent with those I love?

We challenge you to examine the priorities you have for your family. Compare them with how you actually spend your time. See what individual pursuits could be given up or replaced with family activities. We urge you to take time to be together:

- + making shared meals a priority,
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- + taking part in retreats and family education programs,
- + watching television together and discussing the values being promoted on the program can be time well spent as a family.

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11th DIOCESAN MARIAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

This Congress will be celebrated at the Diocesan Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church & Model of All Christians, located at St. Joseph's Church, 434 Church Street, Bowling Green, on Sunday, October 14, from 2:00 to 5:00pm. For information, contact: Fr. Ben Luther, 1-270-754-1164 or Jean Fulkerson, 842-5168.

The theme for this year's Congress is "A Marian Peace Plan for the Security of America," featuring as principal speaker Sister Rita Marie of the Sister Servants of the Eternal Word, Birmingham, AL.

In view of the terrorist attack on America, this Congress will be a timely opportunity for you to attend and pray for our nation and for justice and peace. The following will be featured at the Congress:

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Going to Prison For Ministry

By Fr. John S. Rausch

When Sr. Marge Eilerman entered the Atwood Federal Prison Camp near Lexington, Ky, she was greeted by a group of Catholic women bearing gifts of soap, toothbrush and comb. Sentenced to fourteen months for civil disobedience in 1998, Sr. Marge would need those health supplies till she got her account at the commissary. The women, part of the 200 plus population at the minimum security prison, appeared eager to befriend her. Most inmates were sentenced for non-violent offenses, mainly drug related or check fraud. Sr. Marge considered herself a political prisoner serving time for her Christian beliefs.

When I interviewed Sr. Marge with less than a month of her probation left, she seemed calm, centered and collected in spirit. "I never knew deeper peace than going through this," she said. "The peace came from having no doubt that what I did was correct."

In 1997 with a group of fellow religious Sr. Marge removed some letters and altered the sign at Fort Benning, Georgia, to read: "School of the Americas, School of Assassins." The demonstration intended to raise awareness about the U.S. Army's role in training foreign military officers responsible for the deaths of priests, Sisters and community workers in Latin America. "I saw it as telling the truth,"



Fr. John Rausch

she remarks. The action sent her to prison, but at the same time offered her a new kind of ministry.

Sr. Marge recognized that the entire prison system tears down a person's self-respect. It reinforces daily that all inmates are bad people. Women become numbers. They wear ill-fitted male clothing. Privacy evaporates like a summer puddle.

"My new ministry flowed from our Catholic social teachings," she said. "You are a dignified child of God, and no one can take that from you. Over and over again I talked to the women about their goodness and our oneness in the Spirit."

Today prisons bulge with dysfunctional people who seldom hear the acceptance of God's love. Nationally, more than a third of America's two million inmates have mental problems, more than half have learning disabilities, more than two-thirds suffer from substance addiction or problem drinking. A great number of people with personal and developmental challenges are locked away in America, not treated.

Currently women comprise about 6 percent of the people in jails and prisons, but their numbers are growing disproportionately. The overwhelming majority of the 120,000 incarcerated women are under 45 years old and suffer especially the loss of their children. They fret over the news of a sick child. Frequently the chaplain remains out of reach and the resulting worry deepens to depression.

Rita Heinz Promotes Life-giving Choices to Women Facing Crisis Pregnancies

By Lisa Gardner

Retired from the Kentucky Cabinet for Family and Children, Rita Heinz was hired as Program Director for Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Owensboro in December, 2000.

Interviewing Ms. Heinz I was amazed to learn that she had worked for 27 years in this field. Rita comes with experience in the area of child abuse, adoption and juvenile services. She spent 15 years in administration work for Family and Children Services and ran a group home for girls, "The Owensboro Treatment Center" for two years before joining the staff at the Catholic Pastoral Center.

As Program Director, Rita will be working alongside other CPC staff members in the expansion of Catholic Charities to meet the needs of people of Western Kentucky and the Owensboro Diocese. Her knowledge will help coordinate these efforts in working with



Rita Heinz

the offices of Family Life and Social Concerns. She brings experience and expertise in the area of family services. Ms. Heinz attended Brescia University, has a Bachelor's Degree in social work, and a Master's Degree in child development and family living both from the Uni-

versity of Kentucky.

Rita's first accomplishment was the establishment of a Catholic-based adoption program. "Many people ask me why Catholics should become involved in adoption services," said Rita. "Our purpose for the Catholic Charities Adoption Programs is to

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Sr. Marge could read the bad news in the eyes of an inmate, and with a smile or gentle touch connect in spirit. Occasionally people asked for prayers.

"I found a respect from the majority of women by word and action recognizing that I was a minister of God," she said. "I gave them a space where they could be good because they basically wanted to be good. I felt privileged being there to say that the Christian community has not abandoned you."

Through her baptism Sr. Marge heard a plea to walk with the people of Latin America

and spent a year serving her sentence for civil disobedience. Once inside prison walls she heard another call to walk with dispirited sisters and used her time to listen compassionately.

As we finish the interview, her eyes twinkle and she smiles: "Without a doubt this is the best thing I've ever done."

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promote life-giving choices to women who find themselves faced with crisis pregnancies," explained Rita.

She also works with couples seeking adoption through Catholic Charities. "Being a private agency we are able to be very selective in the couples we approve for adoption," explained Rita. There are some strict criteria which a couple must meet to be eligible for our program. Couples seeking adoption must also participate in classes as outlined by Kentucky statutes. Topics covered included: child development; talking to children about adoption, dealing with infertility, open adoption, transracial adoption and the legal aspect of adoption. Speakers are brought in to testify to their personal experiences with adoption-adoptive parents, adopted children and women who have placed a child for adoption.

Catholic Charities is also developing a program to provide affordable counseling

services to individuals, couples, or families in need. The goal is to establish several sites throughout the diocese. Working alongside other diocesan offices, Catholic Charities will be a valuable asset in meeting the need of those hurting who would have no where else to turn.

"It is exciting to be involved in the grass roots of Catholic Charities in this diocese," said Rita. "When I retired from the State I didn't really plan on working again, but I truly love this job. The staff at the Catholic Pastoral Center have been very supportive and helpful in getting Catholic charities off the ground. I feel very fortunate to be working in this atmosphere. There is something special and spirit-filled in working."

Rita and her husband, Mark, have one son, Dru, who attends Owensboro Catholic High. They are members of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Owensboro.

*Anti-Abortion Campaign Under Way In U.S.***“Shake the Nation” Focuses on Supreme Court Nominees**

WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPT. 4, 2001 (Zenit.org).—A coalition of pro-life groups is kicking off a campaign to encourage President George W. Bush and the Senate to fill the next Supreme Court vacancy with an abortion opponent.

The campaign began today with television advertising in Washington and is expected to spread to other cities this autumn. As part of the effort, the coalition plans to encourage thousands of abortion foes to mail baby rattles to their senators, the New York Times reported.

Kristin Hansen, media director of the Family Research Council, said at a press confer-

ence: “Through the Shake the Nation campaign, millions of Americans will send a clear message to Washington, D.C.—the culture of life must be protected by the Congress, by the president, and by the courts.”

The campaign comes amid the first signs of stress in the relationship between Bush and the pro-life movement, an important component of the president’s political base.

Bush’s decision last month to allow federal financing for limited stem cell research was supported, or at least condoned, by some social conservatives who might have been expected to oppose it. Those in favor included the National Right to Life Commit-

tee, the Rev. Jerry Falwell and James Dobson, president of Focus on the Family. But it was criticized by others, including Vatican Radio, Catholic bishops and evangelical organizations.

The organizer of the Shake the Nation campaign, Janet L. Folger, said she hoped it would give Bush “a lot more confidence and the members of the Senate a lot more courage.” She added: “I can tell you this. There can never be another David Souter.”

Folger was referring to the Supreme Court justice appointed by Bush’s father in 1990. Souter’s views on abortion were largely unknown then, and he has disheartened pro-

lifers by voting in support of abortion, the Times noted.

Three Supreme Court justices are over age 70, and many observers expect at least one retirement within the next few years.

At the moment, Bush would have to nominate someone capable of winning confirmation from a Senate where Democrats hold a 50-to-49 advantage. Folger and her allies hope to ensure that Bush does not compromise his anti-abortion principles in pursuit of an easy confirmation.

See <http://www.shakethenation.org> for more information.

Dick Murphy Hired as Diocesan Program Developer in Catholic Charities, Social Concerns

By Lisa Gardner

OWENSBORO, Ky. — On July 16, 2001, Catholic Charities of Owensboro hired Richard (Dick) Murphy in the capacity of Program Development and Social Concerns. He joins Rita Heinz already involved in the administrative offices of Adoption and Counseling Programs.

Murphy’s experience involves working in a number of capacities for the Cabinet of Families and Children with the State of Kentucky for 27 years. He spent 14 years working in Daviess and Hancock counties as an on-going service unit of 10-15 people that dealt in child and adult protection services issues. He holds a Bachelors Degree in economics from the University of Kentucky and a Masters Degree in Business from Murray State University.

Murphy is currently involved with establishing 5 year goals for Catholic Charities and Social Concerns; he is also on the Boards of Catholic Charities and Diocesan Deaneries Committees. Expanding the adoption and counseling programs are goals he will pursue: the hope is that these offices can go forward to better coordinate efforts of various groups and in defending pro-life issues.

Working on restorative justice in areas of mentoring those convicted of drug and alcohol offenses, prison ministry, working with the direct needs of the poor, and efforts to help coordinate ministries to reach out



Dick Murphy Joins diocesan staff as new Program Developer for Catholic Charities and Social Concerns Offices. Staff Photo



Dick Murphy, at left, in a meeting with the Prison Ministry Committee—a subcommittee of the diocesan Social Concerns Office. Here, setting dates and planning the agenda for the workshops for outreach, in early September, were Sharrie Cinnamond, Sr. Chris Beckett, GHMS, Rita Brothers, Brother Tim Smythe, Fr. Levri Fidelis; standing at back were Paul Stevens and Sr Martha Schuler, GHMS.

to Black and Hispanics Catholics also are part of Catholic Charities goals.

Working with the Diocesan Deaneries will enable Murphy to pursue the possibility of the development of free primary health clinics in each deanery and basic support for food, clothes and shelter for those in need. Assistance will be offered through Parish Social Concerns Committees to assist with these goals and objectives including the establishment of these committees.

Dick and his wife, Donna, have been married for 24 years and have three children: Stephen, 18, Kathleen, 10, and Sarah, 2. The family are members of St. Stephen Cathedral Parish in Owensboro and have been active in many parish and volunteer activities, including, Koinonia, Renew, Parish Council, CCD programs,

Glenmary Home Missions, and many more. Donna also works for the Diocesan Tribunal Office as auditor and case promoter part-time through her home.

Dick Murphy faces the many challenges of servicing the needs of the people from Western Kentucky and he understands this undertaking is not something he alone can accomplish. Helping others becomes second nature to him. He quickly affirms the role that each of us has in serving those who are hurting and in need and easily gives credit to the many people of our Diocese who reach out to others. “It has been most inspiring to see many people and groups involved in meeting the needs of others,” said Murphy. “Many are involved in proactive efforts to meet needs and address issues of justice. It is important that these heroes of our faith can be spotlighted and recognized in the future.”

A loving farewell for a great priest-- Fr. Charles Fischer

By Jeannie Grant

CLARKSON, Ky. - On June 13, 1989 an elderly gray-haired priest moved into rural Grayson County to call it his new home. There was lots of work to be done and most of the community felt we were without a leader.

We felt we had been sent an old fuddy-duddy priest who was all burned out and merely putting in his time until retirement. Boy, were we ever wrong! We had Fr. Charles Fischer and his stamina was amazing. He could run circles around most of us.

In the years to come there were many projects that kept his years here from being quiet and restful. St. Elizabeth Church was in total shambles and the weather outside was the weather inside. Fr. Fischer has laughed many times about hearing confessions while holding an umbrella over his head to stay dry. With his help and support we now have a beautiful church to worship in. He also faced the possibility of the only Catholic school in Grayson County closing. With many hours of prayer, hard work and planning, the school remains open today.

In his twelve years here there were many Baptisms, weddings, RCIA classes and funerals. I must add so many of the funerals fell on his day off. He didn't seem to mind. He was here to serve God's people and this he did with great exuberance.

He took a very personal, spiritual interest in visiting the sick and taking them the Holy Eucharist. He didn't have a pastoral associate to do this and took this act of mercy very seriously. Above all else Fr. Fischer was a great listener, non-judgmental and a great encourager. He made all people, young and old alike feel and know unconditional love. He accepted everyone. One of his favorite sayings I will always remember and have used myself is this: "I will not expect perfec-



Breaking ground on June 10, 2001, for the new parish hall at St. Elizabeth Church in Clarkson, Ky. are from left, Charles Stinson, Fr. Charles Fischer, and Kerry White. Submitted photo



Jeanne Grant presented a gift on June 10, 2001, to Fr. Charles Fischer from the St. Elizabeth, Clarkson, parish. Submitted photo

tion of you until I'm perfect myself, so you are safe."

Fr. Fischer leaves a legacy in Grayson County that will be here for years to come. He leaves a better place to be: a more spiritual, loving, parish family and community with more faith-filled people. We eagerly await his welcome visits to the community he called home until June of 2001.

On Fr. Fischer's last Sunday (June 10), the parish family of St. Elizabeth showed their love and appreciation with a potluck dinner. They also gave him a gift of cash for a trip to Hawaii. Still--He had one last act of service for his people. The congregation moved outside where Fr. Fischer led a groundbreaking for a new parish hall and blessed the site.

Fr. Fischer, the parish family of St. Elizabeth in Clarkson, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the 12 wonderful years you gave for us and believe this much--it will definitely take longer than 12 years to forget you, your unconditional love and your great sense of humor. You are welcome back anytime and we'd love to have you. May God bless you with good health, many friends and plenty of great times in your retirement years.

Fr. Fischer--We love you at St. Elizabeth!

Melinda Prunty to Direct Youth Ministry Office

By Lisa Gardner

The WKC reintroduces Melinda Prunty, who accepted the full-time position as Director of the Offices of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Owensboro in June. Melinda who has been co-director of Youth Ministry since 1996 replaced Fr. Henry Weider who previously held this position for six years.

"I basically eased my way into this job when working with Fr. Henry," said Ms. Prunty. For the past five years, Melinda has worked mainly from her Greenville office home, coming into Owensboro each Thursday to attend staff meetings and make the necessary contacts. Her assistant, Mary Hearth, works full-time in the Office of Youth Ministry and as Melinda put it: "Is my right hand who keeps things in order."

Mary has been at the Catholic Pastoral Center for nine years and has worked directly with Melinda these last five years. "I love Melinda's energy and her commitment to the youth of our diocese," said Mary. She is truly committed to our youth and we are lucky to have her here. "I only wish I had her energy," laughs Mary.

Melinda holds Bachelor's Degree in Health & Science from the University of Kentucky and is currently working on her certification in Youth Ministry Studies which is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. She continues these studies through the Office of Continuing Education at St. Meinrad School of Theology.

"My greatest goal as Director of Youth Ministry is planning projects that will connect parents, adults and our youth," said Melinda. Finding balance and connection between all ages and raising the level of awareness for programs that will help in the spiritual development in our young



Melinda Prunty, left, and Mary Hearth staff the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office. Lisa G. Photo

people is what is very important to me. I hope to find creative ideas and solutions in working with all in Youth Ministry. I am looking for resources on how to reach out to Black and Hispanic Youths, too."

Melinda and her husband, Eddie, live in Greenville and have three daughters. The family are members of St. Joseph Parish in Central City.

Anyone interested in working in the area of Youth Ministry can call either Melinda or Mary at 270.683.1545, ext. 106.

Melinda's Greenville Office number is: 270.338.6635, or you may e-mail her at: prutnym@cpc.brescia.edu. www.owensborodio.org.

Women Play Vital Role in Serra

Of the six new members recently inducted into the Owensboro Serra Club, three are women bringing the total to eleven. Women were first invited to join the Owensboro club in 1988 after Serra International voted to include women in their membership. Now, there are women in clubs all over the world playing a vital role in promoting and affirming vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

According to a recent article in the *Davenport Messenger*, a woman was elected president of the Chicago-based USA Council of Serra International, making her the first woman president in the 62-year history of Serra. She leads a council that makes up more than half the total membership of the organization. Serra International has councils in 35 countries. Of the eleven women in the Owensboro club, four are currently serving on the Board which directs all of the club's activities.

Living the Sacraments: The Catholic Woman's Role

Walking in Daddy's Shoes

By Pat S. Smith

There's a little 3-year-old red-haired boy who stole my heart the first time I ever saw him. His name is Lucas, Luke for short, and he's my grandson. Luke lives way down south in Oxford, MS so I only get the pleasure of holding and hugging him occasionally. Luke's parents married and he was born two years later. Alas, the news came in December last year, that the marriage was not working...and it didn't. The divorce was final in January with both parents sharing custody.

Luke's Mom is my daughter, but she becomes "upset" with me sometimes when I give too much advice. This happened with the divorce because I tried very hard to talk both of them out of it... tried to get them to see a counselor, to reconsider, and most of all to try to understand the hurt this dissolution of home and family would cause Luke. This advice was not well received by my daughter and so the photo I have here is the last one she has sent me.

The photo really intrigued me, especially under the circumstances. Little Luke looks so tiny walking in Daddy's shoes, size 11D. It is so obvious that he loves his Daddy so much and wants to be "just like him." Fortunately, Luke and his Daddy have stayed very close, although his Mom still is "not speaking to Grandmoo" (Luke's nickname for me) at the present. Well, that's one gift I guess God saw fit to give me a long time ago... the ability to bear the pain of silence and work through it. Someone told me a long time ago, "Never miss an opportunity to make someone happy, even if it means leaving her alone to do it." So I am leaving my daughter alone until the time comes when she is ready to welcome me back into her life.

On a brighter note, Luke's Daddy is not angry with me and I guess that's because he is learning the hard way that I was right about how painful divorce is on the children. So, thankfully, when I am in Oxford, he brings baby Luke over to see me. Baby Luke has had a lot of pain; this is easy to tell from the way he clings to his Daddy and has developed a bit of shyness around his big brother, my son Tony and me. But he loves his Daddy so much and every time I look at this photo, I am reminded that he will not grow up with his Daddy around all the time. And I have recently learned that Baby Luke will have a step-daddy come next summer which means that the new couple may decide to move even farther away, maybe even to the Gulf Coast.

Heart-felt pain, the worst of the pains that humans experience, develops quickly and sticks around a long, long time. If I feel this pain so deeply, I know little Luke's heart must really be breaking. But there is a time



Pat S. Smith writes from Bowling Green, Ky.



Luke in Daddy's shoes.

to grieve and a time to let go. And so we must. I just hope Luke will continue to walk in his Daddy's shoes and that Daddy will continue to be a loving, "puttin'-you-first, boy" type of guy.

Writing this column I thought of Daddies in general. Mine was wonderful, a big, undereducated, hard-working man who raised 6 children and educated us all through high school and college. He also buried his oldest son, my brother, who died around Christmas back in the 1940s before I was born. My Daddy owned and operated a service station, gassing up cars, changing tires and laboring 12 to 13 hours a day to provide for his big family. We were not "scared" of our Daddy, but you could be

sure, we respected him.

In the Bible, we call God, Abba. Translated this word means "Daddy" and is more a term-of-endeavorment sort of word than a title of respect. We want to see our God, Abba, as a Daddy-type father to whom we can go with any worry, any burden or problem. And this is my hope for Luke who longs so to walk in Daddy's shoes, to be like him, just because he looks up to him and loves him so much.

I regret the divorce and broken home in which Luke will grow up. I hope his stepfather will be loving and kind and I hope he will treat him like he is his own child. But as a Catholic woman who struggles so hard to live the sacraments, to help others when they cannot help themselves, my greatest hope is

for Luke and his Daddy's relationship. I hope that no matter how many miles may separate them, or how much pain his parents' relationship has caused him, that Luke and Daddy will always love each other and stay close. I pray that as Luke continues to grow up, he will always call upon not only his Daddy, but his Abba, Father, too. For it has been my experience that there is no one like a Daddy and no one greater than Abba, Father. And I pray that everyone experiencing the pain of this broken relationship, including myself, will, through God's grace and the sacraments, find healing. And I pray that all who are experiencing the pain of broken relationships RIGHT NOW will find comfort in knowing that they are not alone and that their Daddy, their Abba, Father is there.

Charlotte Hedges joins Tribunal Staff

By Lisa Gardner

Charlotte Hedges joined the Tribunal Offices for the Diocese of Owensboro as administrative assistant this July. Charlotte's background career was secretarial and administrative work in the insurance industry before coming to the Catholic Pastoral Center.

"Currently, I am learning the process of the filing systems, case files, and questionnaires," said Charlotte. "I always thought this would be a great place to work in, but never thought the opportunity would present itself."

Charlotte plans to attend a two week workshop at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. next summer. This workshop is attended by respected staff members throughout the United States and helps provide additional professional tools for the ministry provided by the Tribunal Office.

When asked what her biggest challenge had been to date in the Tribunal office, Charlotte grinned and said, "Probably the phone call from Fr. Joe."

All of the Tribunal staff were attending a meeting in Louisville and left Charlotte to take care of things. Before returning to Owensboro Fr. Joe Mills, with the backing of the rest of the Tribunal staff, called Charlotte. Fr. Joe disguised his voice and started asking all kinds of questions about what he needed to do in order to have a case processed through the Tribunal, who he needed to talk to, etc. Charlotte, patiently answered his challenging questions. Finally, Fr. Joe handed the phone to another Tribunal staff member, and a roar of laughter came over the phone. They all had a good laugh. Upon their return Fr. Joe said Charlotte did an excellent job in handling the call.

Charlotte added that everyone at the Catholic Pastoral Center has been so warm and so welcoming.

Charlotte and her husband are members of St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro. They have one son, Ben, who attends Bishop Cotton School.



Charlotte Hedges

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St. Vincent de Paul Society Celebrates 25 Years

By Pat S. Smith

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - On September 27, the St. Vincent de Paul Society celebrated 25 years of service to the needy in Bowling Green. The large white building, which houses literally tons of used clothing, also has a small office complete with telephone and computer. Located just to the right of St. Joseph Interparochial School, the garages behind the house offer good used appliances and other items as well as a temporary storage area for the stacks and stacks of free bread which will be delivered six days a week.

Although the Society also helps the needy to pay utility bills and offers other monetary sources of relief, the bread they supply is perhaps their largest and most well known service, feeding the hungry all over town. "We have seven routes where we deliver bread every day except Sunday," President Joe Quintana (Holy Spirit Parish) explained. The bread, which is donated a large local food chain at no cost, is delivered to housing projects, trailer parks and other areas where the need is greatest. Those in need of food and have transportation are able to come into the store to pick up their bread on Wednesdays and Saturdays. "We usually see a little over 100 people on those two days," Quintana

added.

Walking through the makeshift warehouse, one can see that there are several more bakery products other than just loaf bread, which the people can receive. These include long loaves of Italian bread, breakfast products such as cinnamon rolls and honey buns and also special desserts like cakes and pies.

The food chain, who wishes to remain anonymous, has been donating these bakery products for well over 10 years and the St. Vincent de Paul Society is very grateful for the help. However, many other agencies and even personal individuals help keep the warehouses well stocked. "The U.S. Post Office has a food drive once a year and they help us out by donating a lot of what they receive directly here," Quintana said.

Kentucky Harvest, a non-profit food bank in Elizabethtown, is also another supplier where the Society can go to purchase food at discounted prices, when extra needs arise. Quintana also related that during huge disasters like the recent ones in Peru, Dominican Republic, Haiti and San Salvador individuals rally round the Society and come through with large donations. He said that during the recent disaster a Latin physician from Louisville sent a UPS truck filled with



Tons of food for the needy. President Joe Quintana holds a loaf of bread that will soon be delivered. With him are Mary Osterman, Holy Spirit parishioner and cashier at St. Joseph School, and Francis Tully, Route Manager, also of Holy Spirit. Pat S. Smith photo

clothing and other items.

All of the work done by the St. Vincent de Paul Society is volunteer and the Bowling Green chapter has many willing to donate

their time and talent. Congratulations to President Quintana and all the many, many tireless workers for their 25 years of service in feeding, clothing and helping the less fortunate in this area.

WKU Bulgarian Student Paints Angels

By Pat S. Smith

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - When Fr. Benjamin Luther established "The Marian Shrine Adoration Chapel of Mary, Mother of the Church and Model of All Christians" in 1986, it was his intention to see it through to completion. But it would be over 15 years later before a young Bulgarian student at Western Ky University, Miss Neli Ouzounova, completed his dream.

Neli, 25, and a Greek Orthodox Christian, graduated from WKU in May this year with a BA in Fine Arts and Painting. Her paintings in the Shrine would bring to completion a dream that Fr. Ben had many years ago... to see angels flying on the ceiling making their ways towards the tabernacle.

"Fr. Ben also wanted a painting of St. Nicholas on one wall," Neli, also an iconographer, explained, "because he is an Eastern saint and seeing him depicted there might make the people more comfortable." She added that Fr. Luther also wanted the angels to be of the "Renaissance" type as those painted on the ceiling of the St. Joseph Church are of that type.



Above, angels on the ceiling. Each angel painted by Miss Ouzounova has an individual face, because "all people look dif-



ferent, so each angel must look different." Miss Ouzounova posed above with Fr. Ray Clark, on the left, and Fr. Manuel Rivas, pastors at St. Joseph. In the center is the icon of St. Nicholas which the artist painted directly onto the wall. Pat S. Smith photo

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Lange New Principal at St. Joseph's School

By Pat S. Smith

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. There's a new principal at St. Joseph's Interparochial School in Bowling Green this year, but not a new face! Mrs. Jan Lange has taught at St. Joe's for 14 years, 11 as the third grade teacher and 3 as a fifth grade teacher. Mrs. Lange also worked 8 1/2 years in the Simpson County School system where she taught Special Education.

Raised Catholic from birth, Mrs. Lange attended St. Joe's as a student in grades 1-8. She attended Bowling Green High School and Western Kentucky University, receiving a B.S. degree in elementary education in 1978 and a Masters degree in Exceptional Child Education in 1986. "When I was in college, I was most interested in teaching special education. More specifically, I was interested in teaching children with learning disabilities, but have always enjoyed teaching reading and math the most.

A Search Committee was formed last spring when Mrs. JoAnne Powell, a tireless and diligent principal since 1982, announced her retirement come Fall 2001. Mrs. Lange said she was encouraged to apply for the position by some very close friends in the education field. During her interview she told the Search Committee that she never would of thought of herself as a principal of any school but St. Joe's. The search was narrowed to three candidates, and Mrs. Lange was asked to accept the position as St. Joe's new principal in mid-March, near the end of spring break. And accept she did!

Along with her acceptance came goals which she hopes to attain. Since enrollment had been down at the school in the past couple of years, one of Mrs. Lange first goals is to help increase enrollment. She says that she believes the key to increasing enrollment is to get the word out to Bowling Green's Catholic community and to increase communication between the school and parishes. "The tradition of Catholic education at St. Joe is deep-rooted, well-established and stronger than ever. We just have to do a better job of communicating with our Catholic community," she explained.

Other goals include:

- Ensure the Catholic identity of St. Joseph School;
- Address recommendations of the Middle School Concept Committee which was organized after the needs assessment;
- Improve communication between administration and staff with parent and the school board;
- Work toward formulating policies and procedures when identifying students with special needs or providing educational alternatives to students who are already identified as having special needs, and
- Have a working knowledge of the school curriculum as it is used in classrooms, be aware of teaching styles of the faculty, and supervise and evaluate each teacher.

Mrs. Lange already has begun some new and interesting activities at St. Joe's. She begins each school day with morning announcements in which she reads a story about the Saint of the day or a little Bible story.

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So Neli began her task in the 15 x 36 foot shrine that is located in the courtyard of the 110-year-old church by scanning through a book of iconography by Bulgarian masters. This was just to get an idea on how to get started because Neli had decided to make each of the 30+ angels' faces her own creation ... and each angel would have its own unique face. "Looking at a picture of a face would kill the vibrancy, spontaneous expression I could create. Each angel is individual, although not perfect, she explained. "And I did not really feel the faces should be perfect, just that they, like angels themselves, should be good," she added.

After this interview, Neli was leaving WKU for Johnson City, TN, where she will pursue her Masters degree at East Tennessee State University. During her time spent in the States, she hopes to obtain more knowledge on how art is viewed here, having never lived in a fully developed nation before. (Other countries where she has lived include Sudan, Pakistan, Egypt, Yemen, Iran and her home, Bulgaria).

Although Neli did not attend any particular church while in



Newly appointed Principal, Mrs. Jan Lange. Staff Photo

She also asks the school to pray for the prayer requests which have been given to her by students, parents and teachers. This has been very well received by the students and teachers. "I grew up in both St. Joseph Parish and then Holy Spirit after it opened (1970). While a member of Holy Spirit I was very active as a lector, Eucharistic Minister and a member of the liturgy committee." It is her strong Catholic "roots" and Catholic education that "helps me to maintain the strong Catholic identity we have at our school," she said.

After teaching so many years, however, would she miss that role? "Oh, I do miss teaching!" she exclaimed. But she has been spending a lot of time visiting classrooms and doing observations, which seems to help. She has also started a new and innovative "perk" for her faculty and staff. "On their birthdays, I send them out to lunch for an hour and I 'sub' in their classes. This has been great because I get to do some teaching...but more important, I am really getting to know the children," she explained.

Mrs. Lange is married to Andy who is the assistant director of the Kentucky Rural Water Association. The Langes have two children, Katie, who is in Pharmacy school at The University of South Carolina and Jacob, a senior at Bowling Green High. Both Katie and Jacob attended St. Joe's.

As retirement closed an era for one Western Kentucky Catholic educator, Mrs. "Joey" Powell, a new era dawned in the education career for another, Mrs. Jan Lange. A huge "Thank You" to Mrs. Powell, and welcome, Mrs. Lange, in your new position. We'll be helping out as St. Joseph's reaches those lofty goals!

Mrs. Lange invites all those interested to visit St. Joe's website at <http://stjoebg.catholicweb.com>.

Lay Ministry Programs Form As Well As Inform, CARA Finds

U.S. Catholic lay ministry formation programs form their students spiritually while preparing them for ministry intellectually and pastorally, according to a national survey of directors of those programs. "On average respondents estimate that approximately one-third of a candidate's time is devoted to spiritual formation activities," said the report published by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate. It said the program directors most often cited prayer as one of the most important elements in their candidates' spiritual formation, with theological reflection also high on the list. Other elements frequently cited as most important were experience of a sense of community, retreats and development of a healthy sense of self.

Currently there are more than 300 professional Catholic lay ministry formation programs in the United States with a combined enrollment of more than 35,000 - about ten times the number of seminarians in post-college studies and 13 times the number of men in deacon formation programs.

Source: *America*, Sept. 10, 2001.



Bowling Green, she stated that she is a Christian and that is what counts. Not feeling the need to be in a church per se to worship, she stated, "I talk to God everyday. He is the one who gives me my energy for everyday life... and He is the one who guides us to live better lives."

Perhaps her daily prayers helped Neli to see the faces of the angels she so diligently painted on the ceiling of the Marian Shrine, and one thing for sure, the people of Bowling Green will enjoy her "energy" for many years to come.

Goodbye to Bowling Green and on to other great artistic works. Miss Ouzounova leaves the Marian Shrine after a long day of painting. Pat S. Smith photo

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Getting down and dirty... for a good cause



Photo and caption submitted by Lori Meredith

Approximately 40 parents (mostly dads!) showed up very early on a very hot, humid Saturday morning to make the playground more functional at St. Mary Elementary School in Paducah.

The massive project was headed by the PTO. Dirt was dug out, rock was hauled in and spread with shovels, plastic was laid, and finally shredded tire was placed under all of the play areas of the playground.

There were plenty of hot, tired, but very satisfied parents at the end of the day!

Baptist Convert Now Teaches Catholic Doctrine

AURORA, KY—On the fifth of August, Mr. Chip Hammond visited St. Henry's Catholic Church in Aurora. There by invitation from their pastor, Fr. Richard Cash, he lectured to the crowd of fifty-three on sharing the Good News. His lecture, entitled "Evangelization, Witnessing and Sponsoring," was attended by parishioners of both St. Henry and St. Stephen in Cadiz, of which Fr. Cash is also pastor.

Mr. Hammond is a catechist originally from Owensboro who now works for Holy Rosary Parish in Memphis, Tennessee. He converted to Catholicism from the Baptist faith during his college years with the encouragement of a Catholic woman—now Mrs. Hammond. He currently speaks to RCIA teams and catechists throughout the nation. The lecture was a three-part presentation divided under the headings: Telling the Good News, Giving Witness to Christ; and Pasturing Conversion: Sponsors, Godparents, RCIA Team. Each section was followed with a discussion in which all participants joined in dialectic and then a time of prayer. The day was concluded with a holy hour and Vespers.

Mr. Chip Hammond, a Baptist convert, addresses a class at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Aurora, Ky. Photo and article text submitted by St. Henry Catholic Church.



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Ursuline Sisters Partner with Mercy Health Partners

Story and photos submitted by Denise Webster, Office of Public Relations/ Ursuline Sisters

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville signed a partnership agreement with Mercy Health Partners, Kentucky/Indiana Region (MHP) on August 15 at Marian Home, the sisters' nursing facility on the Ursuline Campus, 3105 Lexington Road. Present for the signing were Doug Borders, senior vice president of Catholic Healthcare Partners and president and CEO of Mercy Health Partners; Sister Sarah Stauble, president of the Ursuline Sisters; Sister Assumpta Devine, OSU, administrator of Marian Home; and Sister Marjorie Rudemiller, RSM, president of the Cincinnati regional community of the Mercy Sisters.

Beginning with fiscal year 2001-2002, MHP will enter into a two-year agreement with the sisters to advise, counsel, and make recommendations regarding the 24-year-old facility. They will assist with issues of personnel, educational opportunities, nursing practices, finances and revenue enhancement, and goal planning. The Ursuline Sisters will remain in control of governance issues for Marian Home. The agreement is the result of a two-year study by the sisters to secure the future of Marian Home in light of rapid healthcare changes and severe nursing shortages.



Glenmary Novice, Candidate Begin Formation

CINCINNATI--Novice Juan Feliciano-Caceres, a native of Puerto Rico, has been accepted into Glenmary's novitiate and will spend the next six months working with Father Brian LaBurt in Claxton, Ga. He spent the past year as a Glenmary candidate in Elkton, KY.

Feliciano-Caceres began his novitiate earlier this summer making a 30 day retreat with novice director Ft. Tom Charters. The retreat was a confirmation of his vocation. "God is talking and I'm listening," he said.

Before joining Glenmary, Feliciano-Caceres worked in a variety of service-oriented positions, including as a social worker for Morris County (N.J.) Organization for Hispanic Affairs. He is looking forward to his work in claxton where his Spanish abilities will be put to good use.

The experiences of missionary working in Glenmary service areas—Appalachia, the South and Southwest—mirror the statistics of the 2000 census: the Spanish-speaking population has surged in rural areas of the United States in the past 10 years and Glenmary is finding ways to minister to that community.

Also fluent in Spanish, Brotherhood candidate Dave Henley, a native of Columbus, Ohio, has also begun formation in Glenmary's candidacy program in Hartford, Ky.

Henley has a long history with Glenmary; beginning in 1989 when he came to the Glenmary Farm in Vanceburg, Ky., as a volunteer. He returned to the Farm as manager in the mid-1990s. He also attended Ohio State University, Santa Fe Community College and worked as a professional juggler, magician and unicyclist.

Service-oriented volunteer positions have always been a part of his life. He has just completed two years working with the Volunteer Missionary Movement in Chicago where he worked in a transitional shelter for homeless men.

"Glenmary is exceptionally pleased to have two such fine young men pursuing full membership in the Glenmary community," said Father Jerry Dorn, president of Glenmary. "They each bring unique gifts and a commitment to serve those in spiritual and material need in the home missions. We are most blessed."

Glenmary Home Missioners is a society of Catholic priests and brothers who, along with coworkers, staff over 60 missions in the South, Southwest and Appalachia. Glenmary's Web site is: www.glenmary.org

Moving Toward A Culture of Life

By Cathleen A. Cleaver

In the nearly 30 years since *Roe v. Wade*, the Church has educated people about the sanctity of life and the reality of abortion, provided care for pregnant women and their children, served those shattered by abortion, worked to adopt public policies that support and nurture life, and pounded the heavens with prayer.

It's easy to overlook how much has been accomplished when something like the Supreme Court's *Stenberg v. Carhart* decision comes along, upholding the killing of a partially-delivered child. But disappointment should not blind us to the very real progress which has been made.

State legislatures are becoming increasingly pro-life. Forty-three pro-life measures were adopted in 2000, far more than the twenty-seven state laws enacted to protect access to abortion. In the last six years, 262 pro-life measures have been implemented across the country.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America's 127 affiliates "serve" women in 875 clinics nationwide at an average price of over \$300 per abortion. Despite the financial rewards, an increasing number of doctors will not perform abortions or even train for them, and there has been a steady decline in the number of abortion providers since 1976. For many years the number of abortions performed in this country hovered around 1.5 million annually, peaking at 1.6 million in 1990. In 1997, the latest year for which there are figures, the number was 1,328 million, representing a 17.4% decrease since 1990. The annual number of abortions is still appalling but the fact that 300,000 fewer children will lose their lives each year is something to celebrate.

As recently as ten years ago, abortion advocates were still claiming that unborn



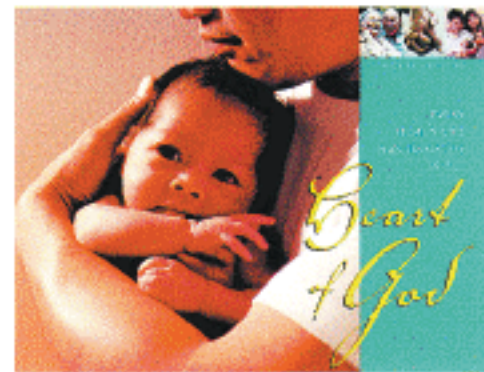
Advocates of embryonic stem cell research say it's okay to destroy "left over" embryos in IVF clinics because "they'll be discarded anyway." Meet Luke and Mark Borden, former "frozen embryos" adopted by a childless couple. Respect Life Sunday is October 7, 2001. Respect Life Program Photo.

children are not really human beings, or if human then not really yet alive. Although

of people identified themselves as "pro-life" while 56% described themselves as "pro-choice." In October 2000, people who identified themselves as "pro-life" had climbed to 45%, while those who described themselves as "pro-choice" dropped to 47%. This is noteworthy given that none of America's influential institutions have left the "pro-choice" camp-academia and the media being two prominent examples.

And while Americans are now almost evenly split in the way they identify themselves, over two-thirds give pro-life answers to specific questions about support for a ban on late-term abortion or partial-birth abortion, parental consent laws, informed consent laws with waiting periods, and even mandatory spousal consent (which the Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional). Also, surveys show that more young people are becoming pro-life.

The shift in public affinity for the pro-life cause is so great that pro-choice groups are working hard to stop the defections from their ranks. They are spending large sums of money to win people back to a "pro-choice" position through advertising campaigns about the American "value" of choice.



When we treat other human beings as objects we can control and destroy, we put ourselves at grave risk. Photo by Matthew Borkoski for the USCCB 2001 Respect Life Program.

NARAL alone spent \$7.5 million last year. The pro-life movement, meanwhile, without the benefit of the glitzy PR firms and the enormous budgets of the pro-abortion groups, quietly goes about the business of reaching out to serve the needs of disadvantaged pregnant women and their children. More than 3,000 crisis pregnancy centers have been established around the country to provide a range of services to mothers, including clothing, baby supplies, medical care, and even a place to stay if necessary.

Through the healing ministry of Project Rachel, about 140 diocesan offices offer one-on-one spiritual and psychological care to those who are suffering from an abortion experience to help them find healing for their deep spiritual wounds, and live again

in the sure hope of God's forgiveness and of reunion one day with their child. A Project Rachel Outreach Campaign launched by the Bishops' Pro-Life Secretariat last year was so successful that, in just three months, the number of people referred for Project Rachel counseling in the Archdiocese of Washington alone was twenty times greater than in an equivalent period before the outreach.

When will we see the "culture of life"? Not soon enough. But there is evidence we are moving in the right direction. We must never slacken our efforts, for it is in striving that we become our truest selves.

Ms. Cleaver is director of information and planning, USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.

Respect Life Sunday is October 7, 2001.

advocates of abortion still refuse to publicly admit that drug-induced abortions end a developing human life, today generally speaking there is no longer serious dispute about the humanity of the child or the fatal reality of abortion.

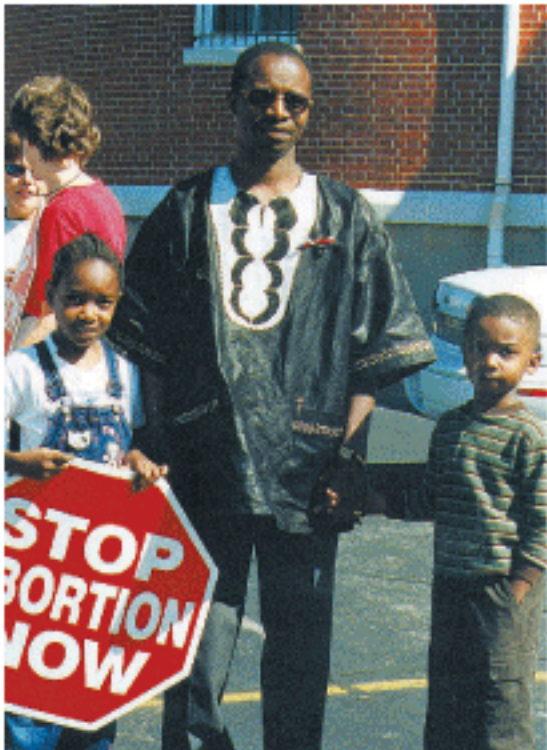
Over the last five years, more people have begun to identify themselves as pro-life. A September 1995 Gallup poll found that 33%



Ruth Hagan defended life at the Sept. 15 Walk for life in Owensboro. Lois Rutigliano photo

Memorial of Names

Prayer will be held at the Memorial of Names in Resurrection Cemetery, off Highway 54 near Philpot, KY, on Respect Life Sunday, October 7th, at 5:00 pm. The service commends to God all human lives ended before birth, either through miscarriage, abortion, or by being killed in laboratories. All names inscribed on the memorial will be read aloud as part of the service. Fr. Richard Meredith will officiate. In case of rain the service will be held in the cemetery chapel followed by a visit to the memorial



Mike Roby of Whitesville and John Howard of Owensboro took a water break behind St. Stephen Cathedral Saturday Sept. 15 during the Walk for Life. Lois Rutigliano photo

Garswa Matally, pastor of Wing Avenue Baptist Church in Owensboro, brought his children, Dancto, left, and Tojyea, to the Walk For Life. Lois Rutigliano photo

Walk For Life Brings Focus On Killing of Innocents

By Mel Howard

OWENSBORO, Ky. - A few hundred people walked through a park and city streets here on Saturday Sept. 15, 2001, to ask the American public to work to stop legalized abortion now in the USA because abortion kills children.

This all too common Walk For Life occurs annually in America since the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion, a fateful decision which has resulted in the killing of nearly 4,400 American children every day.

This is very much like what happened in New York City and in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001: over 4,000 Americans died in one day.

The Walk for Life asked Americans to stop the terroristic killing of unborn and pre-born American children, even as millions of Americans took to their churches to pray to God with Masses of supplication and prayer services to beg God's help to end terrorism on this earth. While Americans in churches placed our nation as "One under God," the few who marched for life September 15 pricked our consciences, asking all of us to put our backs into the fight to end terrorism and the killing of American Innocents.



Fr. Brian Roby, with Rosary in hand, hugged this young man as they talked during the Walk For Life near St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro Sept. 15. The presence of a priest, a man of prayer, at such events conveys a powerful message of the Church's eagerness to be present to all people. Lois Rutigliano photo.

At right, OCHS student Joey Schell, left, with Theresa Blandford, Melissa Bivins, and Cole Lanham held the U.S. flag during the Walk For Life Sept. 15. Lois Rutigliano photo

St. Ann Seniors Celebrate Summer



MORGANFIELD, Ky. - Rose and Tommy Danhauer hosted a picnic for St. Ann senior citizens at their cabin on Barkley Lake in July. After a nice lunch and games, the group was treated to a ride down Barkley Lake in the Danhauers' pontoon boat. The day was topped off with cold watermelon. Those attending were Rose and Tommy Danhauer, Jean Hancock, Ruth Griggs, Pansy and Bob French, Ann and LeRoy French, Jeroldene and Junior Sheffer, Lou Lovell, Emogene and George Kurtz, Mary and Marion Crowdus, Ruby Cambron, Toodie Hite, Rose Riggs, Mildred Manning, Helen Dean Thomas, Dorris Cheatham, Ruth Cavius and Jane Brown. Submitted by Ruth Griggs. Ed. Note: Thanks for your good work, Ruth.



Light One Candle

At Work for the Master Builder

By Msgr. Jim Lisante,
Director, The
Christophers



Msgr. Jim Lisante

"How ya doin? How's the job?"

For a growing group of people today the answer is: "I've been laid off." The numbers are not huge yet, and, hopefully, the economy will soon turn around. But that still leaves thousands of people who, a year ago, thought they had steady jobs in growing industries now searching for work to support themselves and their families.

Anyone of a certain age knows we've been down this road before, yet it's still a shock when signing bonuses gives way to pink slips. More than that, many people's identities are so tightly bound to what they do for a living that, for better or worse, they see themselves in terms of their job titles, perhaps more than any other aspect of their lives. Let me say flat out that as a priest I really do not know what it's like to be out of work and, considering the vocation shortage, I am never likely to experience it. So if you're thinking, "Easy for you to say!" I can't argue. Still, I have seen again and again through members of my parish the painful sense of loss as well as the host of financial problems that unemployment causes.

Last month, the U.S. Catholic Bishops issued a Labor Day statement offering a reminder about the dignity of people who are far more important than things, including jobs. The document goes on to say, "In Genesis, we come to understand that human beings, created in God's image, share in the tasks of the Creator through their work. . . . Work is for the person, not the person for work."

The fact is each and every person has an individual God-given mission in life. This mission certainly includes work, but it goes well beyond that. Whether you are pulling down a six-figure salary or reading the want ads, the task of changing the world for the better in some unique way is still yours and yours alone. You will never fulfill your role in the workplace alone, but in your home and your community as well. Easy for me to say? Yes. It also happens to be the truth.

Twenty-one years ago in El Salvador, Archbishop Oscar Romero was martyred because he stood up for the economic and political rights of his people. A man who took his own mission and that of others very seriously, he had this to say about the real meaning of work: "It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; it is beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is the Lord's work.

"We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very, very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

"We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the Master Builder and the worker. We are workers, but not master builders . . . ministers, not messiahs.

"We are prophets of a future that is not our own."

Whatever challenges we face – sickness, family strife, financial setbacks – God still asks us to serve His people, even if we can't always understand the how and why of it all. We are the Master Builder's workers.

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, *THE CHANGING WORKPLACE*, write to The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017

Parish Ministers Gather for Reflection Day

By Patty Blair

On August 21, 2001, about 30 Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministers met at Mount St. Joseph for a day of relaxation and spiritual reflection. Sr. Lorraine Lauter led the participants in a day devoted to the goodness of God's creation.

The parish ministers also enjoyed singing, making music and art work. An added attraction was a visit to Sr. Lorraine's "straw" house. The youth ministers enjoyed a day of peace after a very busy summer of camps and retreats.

The DRE's were glad for a day together before the beginning of the new year of Religious Education, RCIA, etc.

As you go through the year, please remember to pray for your parish catechetical and youth ministers and give them a word of encouragement from time to time.

Patty Blair directs the diocesan Office of Religious Education in the Catholic Pastoral Center.

Middle photo: Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministers gathered for a day of spiritual reflection at Mount St. Joseph Center August 21, 2001. Director of "The Spirituality of Creation" retreat was Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU. Photos submitted by Sr. Martha Keller, OSU.



Sr. Lorraine reads a reflection.



Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministers make music to the Lord.

Anna-Simeon Retreat to be Offered at Mount Saint Joseph Center



"Growing in Wisdom, Age, and Grace" is the subtitle of the first Anna-Simeon Retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on November 15-16.

This retreat will provide an opportunity for spiritual renewal that focuses on the giftedness of aging and one's growth in faith through wisdom and grace. Presenters Ginny Knight Simon, Patty Blair, and Sister Pat Froning will help the retreatants to recognize the blessings of growing older, to gain a better understanding of Vatican II, to renew faith and practice, and to rejoice in the gift of faith.

Cost of the retreat is \$75 for residents and \$40 for commuters. For more information, call the Center at 270-229-0200.

Local Religious Leaders Participate in LWCR Assembly in Baltimore

"Changing Faces Changing Hearts," was the theme of the combined assembly of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), whose members spent five days in August confronting issues of cultural diversity.

Attending from the Diocese of Owensboro were Sisters Rose Marita O'Bryan and Suzanne Sims, Superior and Assistant Superior of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, and Sister Christine Beckett, President of the Glenmary Sisters. More than 1,000 leaders of U.S. Catholic religious congregations participated in the assembly, held in Baltimore, Md., August 23-27.

Eliminating racism, building inclusive community, and creating intercultural communication were among the major focuses of the assembly. Keynote speaker Rev. Eric Law, in a reference to the Tower of Babel, reminded participants that "when we are up in the tower, we think we are God and know what God knows. But, in order to understand others, we must come down from the tower and meet on level ground." Rev. Law is an Episcopal priest and author of *Building Inclusive Communities*.

Theologian and Franciscan sister Meg Guider spoke of the crucial impact of what religious congregations do now. "Our ancestors are with us with decisions they made eight generations ago," she said. "Decisions we make today as leaders will affect our congregations 200 years from now."

Speaking of her experience at the assembly, Sister Rose Marita said that "I became more convinced than ever of the importance of taking time to dialogue with persons of diverse cultural backgrounds, and I came to know more clearly that the project of creating a culture of peace is ongoing and never-

ending. It requires a commitment, renewed daily, to listening with the heart."

CMSM adopted a resolution supporting efforts to end violence in the Middle East, while LCWR passed a resolution calling for a halt to the militarization of space. LCWR also endorsed the Declaration of the International Union of Superiors General of Women (UISG) from their May 2000 meeting in Rome. The declaration called for the end of the sexual abuse and trafficking of women and children, the cancellation of the international debt, and the end of the sale of armaments to help create "a culture of peace." LCWR and CMSM each holds an annual assembly. Every three years the two conferences meet for a joint gathering, with separate business gatherings for each. At the LCWR meeting, Sister Kathleen Pruitt of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace assumed the LCWR presidency. Conventual Franciscan Canice Connors assumed the presidency of CMSM at that organization's gathering.

The Leadership conference of Women Religious has approximately 1,000 members who are the elected leaders of their religious orders, representing 75,000 Catholic sisters in the United States. The Conference develops leadership, promotes collaboration within church and society, and serves as a voice for systemic change.

The Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) serves the leadership of the Catholic orders and congregations of the 20,000 vowed religious priests and brothers of the United States, 10 percent of whom are foreign missionaries. CMSM provides a voice for these communities in the U.S. church and society, and collaborates with the U.S. bishops and other key groups that serve church and society.

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

OCTOBER 2001

- 1 **BOOK SHARING: *We Were the Mulvaney's*—Part I**
- 2 **BECOMING A LEADER WITH SOUL**
- 6-7 **Al-Anon**
- 7 Retirement Dinner for Msgr. Bernard Powers
- 8 Directed Retreatant
- 9 Owensboro City Schools
- 11 **MEDITATION DAY: AUTUMN CALLS THE GEESE**
- 11-14 **Men's Cursillo**
- 13 **PROJECT EMPOWER**
- 15 **BOOK SHARING: *We Were the Mulvaney's*—Parts II, III, IV**
- 18-21 **Women's Cursillo**
- 19-20 **Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in Classroom Workshop**
- 22-25 **Priests Retreat, Diocese of Owensboro**
- 25 **CENTER ADVISORY BOARD**
- 26-28 **Catholic Engaged Encounter**
- 28-2 **DIRECTED RETREATANT**

NOVEMBER 2001

- 2-3 **Teen Leadership Conference**
- 5 **BOOK SHARING: *Everything Belongs*, Part I**
- 5-6 **Beacon Central/Natural Healers**
- 7-9 **RBS/Designs Workshop**
- 8 **MEDITATION DAY: THE MYSTERY OF LIFE AND DEATH**
- 8 **Fifth Grade, St. Ann School, Morganfield**
- 9-10 **Soul Therapy**
- 10 **Ministry Formation Program, Brescia University**
- 9-11 **Marriage Tribunal, Diocese of Owensboro**
- 15 **Jesu Caritas**
- 15 **Tradewater/Green River Watershed Watch**
- 15-16 **ANNA-SIMEON RETREAT**
- 16-18 **Marriage Encounter**
- 17 **PROJECT EMPOWER**
- 19 **BOOK SHARING: *Everything Belongs*, Part II**
- 29 **Owensboro-Daviess County Chamber of Commerce**
- 30-2 **MARIAN RETREAT WITH MSGR. BERNARD POWERS**



Programs sponsored by the Center are in capital letters. For information about scheduling a program or event for your organization, contact Kathy McCarty, Director of Facilities, (270) 229-0200, ext. 413.

DECEMBER 2002

- 2 **Brescia University Choir and Hand Bell Choir**
- 3 **BOOK SHARING: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, Part I**
- 6 **Door of Hope Christmas Party**
- 7 **KAPS Christmas Party**
- 13 **MEDITATION DAY: ADVENT ADVENTURES**
- 15 **PROJECT EMPOWER**
- 17 **BOOK SHARING: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, Part II**
- 20 **Jesu Caritas**

JANUARY 2002

- 4 **FIRST FRIDAY RETREAT DAY**
- 10 **QUIET DAY OF REFLECTION**
- 11-18 **Saint Meinrad Seminarian Retreat**
- 18-20 **Retrouvaille**
- 19 **PROJECT EMPOWER**
- 20-25 **DIRECTED RETREAT**
- 31 **CENTER ADVISORY BOARD**

FEBRUARY 2002

- 1 **FIRST FRIDAY RETREAT DAY**
- 1-3 **Catholic Engaged Encounter**
- 1-3 **Youth Retreat: St. Joseph, Central City**
- 8-10 **Marriage Encounter**
- 14 **MEDITATION DAY**
- 15-17 **Beginning Experience**
- 16 **PROJECT EMPOWER**
- 21 **Jesu Caritas**
- 22-24 **Charismatic Conference**
- 23 **Ministry Formation Program, Brescia University**
- 24 **RCIA, Precious Blood Parish**

Good News From OCHS

"Go out to all the world and tell the Good News" (Mark 16:15). The apostle Mark instructs us to share good news. Owensboro Catholic High has great news!

Our 2000-2001 graduating class has significantly increased their ACT scores over past years. With 88% of this graduating class taking the ACT, our students scored higher than students in the state and nation in every academic area!

Catholic High students consistently outscore state ACT averages in every category. This is noteworthy since in the past at least 80% of our students take the ACT compared to approximately 60% of students at other schools. This is a high percentage of students, which means we have students of all levels taking this college entrance exam. The average score of all levels of students taking the exam at OCHS should cause a lower average ACT score due to the difference in ability. This score is then compared to other schools that have a smaller percentage of their students taking the ACT, which makes the fact that our scores are higher even more phenomenal!

What does this mean for our students? Our students are being challenged in all academic areas at Owensboro Catholic High School, despite any individual academic strengths or weaknesses. Not only do our Honors students get the very best education, but these scores prove that our College Preparatory and Regular students are achieving at high levels academically also. The fact that our students are scoring at such a high level also means our faculty are doing an excellent job of teaching content and challenging our students in the classroom.

ACT scores are very important to our students, as Owensboro Catholic High School's goal is post-secondary education for each and every one of our students. Admission to most of the universities and almost any post-secondary school in the midwestern region of the United States depends not only on GPA and course selection but also on ACT scores. The ACT is the state college entrance exam of choice.

A heartfelt thanks to all of our faculty who work so hard to prepare our students for college and a big congratulations to students on a job well done! Keep up the great work!!!
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The 2001-2002 Administration and faculty at Owensboro Catholic High School gathered for a group photo before their school in-service day at St. Anthony Church, Browns Valley in August. Their names are: Adams, Tracy; Barnoud, Laurence; Bittel, Ruth; Blanford, David; Blue, Donna; Busse, Jennifer; Canarecci, Katie; Corley, Neil; Crowe, Kathryn; Ebelhar, Kathy; Edge, John; Embry, Bruce; Flaherty, Ann; Fritz, Jeff; Futrell, Ann; Hauser, Edward; Hauser, Katie; Hicks, Judy; Howard, Bev; Howard, Jennifer; Huff, Eric; Ivey, Jim; Jones, Sandra; Kaelin, Patty; Kessler, David; Lambert, Amy; Lawson, Mike; Lowe, Scott; Lockett, Martha; McFarland, Mary H; Medley, Mary Ann; Noel, Anne; Orr, Mike; Orth, Sherry; Osborne, Kurt; Pace, Marilyn; Payne, Angel; Payne, Paul; Perry, Joan; Randolph, George; Reeves, Mike; Roby, Fr. Brian; Rocco, Steve; Stanley, Tosha; Staples, Harold; Taylor, Jackie; Thompson, Al; Tipmore, Barbara; Wahnsiedler, Angel; Westerfield, Jennifer; Zoglmann, Susan. Staff Photo.

Newly elected officers of parent-teacher group

Over the summer, a meeting of interested parents nominated individuals for officers in the new parent-teacher group at Owensboro Catholic High School. Elected in a tie as Co-Presidents, May Gipe and Tom Payne. Vice-president, Phil Haire. Secretary, Karen Jarboe. And Treasurer, George Wathen.



May Gipe



Tom Payne



Phil Haire



Karen Jarboe



George Wathen

Once More With Love

October 6, 2001 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Catholic Pastoral Center,
Owensboro, Ky.

A Marriage Preparation Program for couples preparing for marriage after one or both persons have experienced a divorce or death of a former spouse.

Call Betty Medley at 1-270-683-1545 to find out more about this workshop.

Planning For The Next Five Years, 2001-2002 Catholic School Leaders Meet In Pastoral Center

Pictured here are from front left, Larry Bishop, Christ the King School, Madisonville; Janet Gill, St. Ann, Morganfield; Ron Ryan, Bp. Cotton Elementary, Owensboro; Harold Staples, Owensboro Catholic High School; second row, Pam Hart, St. Romuald School, Hardinsburg; Gina Shade, St. Joseph Elementary, Mayfield; Rosann Whiting, St. Mary High School, Paducah; Gene Ferrell, Mary Carrico Memorial School, Knottsville; third row: Patricia Johnson, Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville; Jan Lange, St. Joseph, Mayfield; Marina Burchett, St. Mary Elementary, Paducah; Sr. Susan Mary Mudd, OSU, Director, Owensboro Catholic Schools; Bill Hagan, Holy Angels Elementary, Sorgho; top row: Jim Duffy, Owensboro Catholic Middle School; Tracy Conkwright, St. Angela Merici Elementary, Owensboro; P.J. Hayden, Catherine Spalding Elementary, Owensboro; Joe O'Bryan, Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools. Not present for this photo were Margie Belcher, St. John Elementary, Paducah; Mike Clark, St. Mary Elementary and Trinity High School, Whitesville; and Sr. Anne Michelle Mudd, OSU, St. Paul School, Leitchfield. Staff Photo

OC students helping other students

When the homes of first B. J. Craig and then Jennifer Green were destroyed by fires this past summer, their classmates were among the first to come to their aid.

The home of B. J. Craig, a sophomore, was the first to be burned, and today, according to B. J., it is on its way to being rebuilt - by B. J. and his dad on Highway 405 in eastern Daviess County. Classmate, and class vice-president, Kevin Havelda, took it upon himself to show support for the Craig family by asking Fr. Eric Riley, one of the priests at

Blessed Mother Church, Kevin's home parish, if a special collection could be taken up in B. J.'s name. Later a check for more than \$400, the result of one collection, was presented to the Craig family.

Jennifer Green's home on Curdsville-Delaware Road in western Daviess County was completely destroyed by fire a few days later. Hardly a week had passed until four of her classmates, Carlton Woodall, Alicia Cecil, Lisa Jarboe and Crystal Greenwell



Top,
Carlton
Woodall,
Crystal
Greenwell
and
Jennifer
Green, (left
to right).
Bottom,
Kevin
Havelda
and B. J.
Craig.



began to plan a "Replacement Shower." They made phone calls to every member of the class of 2002 and invited them to a surprise shower on Friday evening at Steak and Shake. About 50 students and friends came, and more sent gifts and cash donations, all of which totaled nearly \$550.

Such support adds another aspect to the concept of being a part of the Catholic High family.



All diocesan offices are working on creating new Five-Year Plans to submit to the Diocesan Pastoral Council in November, 2001. Here Catholic Schools Superintendent Joe O'Bryan, standing at back, observes statements being made by a small group of Catholic educators Sept. 7 at a principals meeting in Owensboro. From left are Sr. Susan Mudd, OSU, Director of Owensboro Catholic Schools, Jim Duffy, Principal of Owensboro Catholic Middle School, Rosann Whiting, Principal of St. Mary High School in Paducah, and Janet Gill, Principal of St. Ann Elementary in Morganfield. Staff Photo

Owensboro Serra Club Inducts New Members

The Serra Club of Owensboro recently inducted six new members as shown in the picture with Fr. Joe Mills, the Chaplain. They are from left to right, Ernie Taliaferro and spouse, Shirley Taliaferro, Fr. Mills, Marti Castlen, Francis Watrous, Cammy Frey and Charlie Castlen.

They have already become active members, serving on the Board, which directs all of the club's activities, and on the program committee. Serra needs many more members to promote and affirm vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Did you know that there is a Serran at mass daily to pray for vocations? Did you know that Serra sponsors a vocation essay contest each Spring for Catholic middle and high school stu-

dents? Did you know that Serra has four separate picnics, luncheons and dinners for the seminarians and religious in formation, those discerning a vocation at Brescia, for the religious (sisters and brothers) of the diocese and for the priests of the diocese. Did you know that Serra has a program where each Serran "adopts" a seminarian or religious in formation? Would you like to know more about Serra? Any of the Serrans would be glad to tell you more about Serra. Here are a few of the members you could contact to see what you can do to help in promoting vocations. Larry O'Bryan (683-3237), Joy Bach (6853743), Harold Clark (684-2181), Fay Higdon (683-4769), Al Thompson (686-7656). (submitted by Fay Higdon)

In photo at right, the six new Serrans in Owensboro are, from left to right, Ernie Taliaferro and spouse, Shirley Taliaferro, Fr. Mills, Marti Castlen, Francis Watrous, Cammy Frey and Charlie Castlen. Joy Bach photo



Kentucky Catholic Archivists Meet in Owensboro

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Catholic Archivists and those of related professions from Kentucky, Tennessee and Southern Indiana gathered at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro on August 6.

Following registration and an opening prayer thirty-seven participants were introduced and the business session conducted. The speaker for the morning was Lynwood Montell, Professor Emeritus of Folk Studies at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY. Mr

Montel emphasized the importance of oral history citing examples of interviews that he has used in writing his books. Written and published history may give us facts, but human accounts of the same incident add flesh and blood to bare bones accounts. Family stories that have been handed down from generation to generation are an invaluable account of life in a particular area and time. Without someone to record those accounts the information will be lost.

After Mass, lunch and a photograph all enjoyed a Chautauqua. This provided the afternoon program. Erma J. Bush performed the historically accurate impersonation of Miss Dinnie Thompson. In period dress, the story of Miss Dinne's life from her childhood as a slave, continuing through emancipation and employment as a domestic in Louisville, Kentucky, was portrayed. The afternoon concluded with a tour of the Diocesan Archives, Pastoral Center Departments and Saint Stephen Cathedral.

Catholic Archivists of Kentucky met at the Catholic Pastoral Center August 6 and posed for this group picture at the Cathedral: front left, Rev. Gerald Calhoun, Rev. Dale Cieslik, Sr. Emma Cecelia Busam, OSU, Claudine Blandford, Jewel Brown, Sr. Vickie Cravens, OSU, Jeanine O'Nan, Barbara Blatz, Judith Neff, Sr. Teresa Walking, OSB, Sr. Naomi Buniff, RSM, Sr. Dolorita Robinson, OSU, Mary Hess, Sr. Catherine, P.C., Rev. Leonard Arcilesi, Cathey Majors, Rev. Ben Luther, Sr. M. Dominic Frederick, OSB, Sr. Rebecca Abell, OSB, Patsy Thomas, Jane Guentert, Sr. Catherine Marie Lauterwasser, Jim Paris, Rev. Cyprina Davis, OSB, Deacon Hans Toccker, Br. Larry Eberhardt, OFM Conv. Not present: Rev. Allen Meier, Br. Alfred, OCSO, Rev. Stephen A. Pohl, Dr. Clyde Crews, Sr. Mary Louise Lay SND, Lynn Olympia, Sr. Martha Blandford, PC, Sr. Kate Misbauer, SL, Sr. Bridget Dohmen, CDP, Rev. J. Van Johnston, Jr., Sr. M. Prisca Pfeffer, RSM, Thomas Ward, Rev. Charles Wells, Mary Lopez Sr. Susan Baumann, CDP, Sr. Patricia Leighton, GHMS. Missing names on the picture: Lois Ann Martin, Judy Rohlf, Carol Will, Kathleen Julian (Daughters of Charity Archives); Kate Carrico (St. Francis Friary Archives); Sr. Martha Jacob (Louisville Ursuline Archives) Staff Photo



Web Site Apologetics: Defense of the Faith

By Edie Keeney

PADUCAH, Ky. - Does God exist, is He relevant? Is Jesus Christ the Son of God? Sadly for many, the answers are, "No," "I don't know," or "What difference does it make?"

John Hubert, Jr. M.D., has made it his mission to provide a place where people can go to find answers to those questions, deepen their search and perhaps find God. He has provided a web site that is devoted to the explanation, defense and promulgation of the Christian faith and its relationship to the development of a "Christ-centered" life in contemporary society. Today's world is constantly being bombarded with materialist (atheist) and secular humanist ideas. His web site, in keeping with Catholic Doctrine, promotes an understanding of both General (nature) and Special (scripture, etc.) revelation as important and valid methods by which God has communicated with Man.

John feels he comes from a unique position to provide a means for individuals who are searching for answers, or looking for a way to share their faith and to communicate the Gospel message. He is passionate about his faith and believes in his Mission. But this was not always the case. John was raised in a Catholic family and he attended a Catholic college. He became a physician specializing in heart surgery. Over a period of 15 to 20 years he fell away from the faith and lived a life that brought him neither satisfaction or happiness. He was caught up in the secular world.

John explained, "I was at a point where I wasn't sure that God even existed. My life was filled with materialism and mistakes, it was a mess." He continued, "I saw an evangelist on EWTN and started watching the program. Over time I came to realize that I had not submitted my life to God. I got down on my knees and prayed to God to help me, to increase the little faith I had and to take over my life. I found that the more you move toward God, the more He will move toward you." He added, "There is no ultimate joy, happiness or fulfillment in our lives with a belief in God. I can speak from personal experience, the atheistic secular world view doesn't work. During the last 10 years of my professional life, I was privileged to practice as a Christian physician and those years were a great joy to me. After being a heart surgeon for 15 years, I had to give it up as a result of a medical problem. I was extremely depressed. What was I going to do? The Lord found a wonderful ministry for me to do for Him. When one door closes, He opens another. I could use my education and background to help others find the joy I have found in Christ."

John works hard on his web site. He is careful to post only doctrinally correct information and references the Fathers of the Church and the scriptures. "It is always the work of the Holy Spirit and I feel a joy to realize that I can be a channel through which the Holy Spirit can reach others. I am truly privileged to experience that. My goal for this web site is that people will realize that they have a wonderful Christian faith and that they can be a channel for the work of the Holy Spirit in whatever work they do, as they bring the Gospel message to friends and acquaintances. Christ changes you gradually. You begin to wake up every morning excited to do something for Him."

The web site address is www.ccwv.net. This will take you to the home page where you will find more information about the site.

John and his wife, Paula, have 2 young sons. "When you see your children as young souls that God has given life through you, being a parent takes on a new and different character. You see a natural and supernatural facet. You want your children to have this joy that you have found. Paula and I have submitted our family to God to be a channel through which the Holy Spirit can work." He continued, "Marriage partners have a responsibility to be an example to others of what a Christian family is, to show that a marriage can be stronger when the partners submit their lives, their marriage and their family to Christ. You can prove it in your own lives. Simply ask His help daily in prayer. Pray that you are able to submit to His perfect will for your life. Relinquish control to the author of the Universe. In His time, He will perfect you. The result will be joy unspeakable and a delightful new "resonance" to your life as you discover that you are in Him and He is in you."



John Hubert, Jr., M.D.

St. John The Evangelist Family News

By Richard Durbin

I find it very difficult to begin to write about what is going on in our parish of St. John, Paducah, when only yesterday, September 11, the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington were destroyed by terrorists who made their way on to four large airliners, commandeered them, and crashed them into the buildings. A fourth plane crashed in a field near Pittsburgh Pa. At this time, there is no clear estimate of the number of dead and wounded, probably in the thousands. It is a wake-up call for all of us, and a reminder that death comes like a thief at night. May God have pity and mercy on all who lost their lives and the many who were injured and their survivors.

The St. John Picnic is now history. The day before, workers were hindered in their work to build stands and booths by rain. It was hoped that the rain was over but it started again before 8:00 am and continued 'til after 10 o'clock. The booths were finished and the picnic started on time. We had a very good crowd who came to eat, play games, hear the speakers and enjoy meeting friends and listen to the music. The dinner was very good and the gym was mostly full of diners all afternoon and evening. A good crowd stayed until the drawing for the car won by Howard A. Smith, Mayfield, Ky. The second prize, a kiddie Jeep was won by Doris Lamb of Kevil, Ky. Figures are unofficial, but I believe the income was about like last year, which was very good. I would like to thank all the parishioners for the hard work in preparing, (weeks ahead) and during the time of the picnic, the heads of stands and their help. Also a big thank you to those who came Sunday morning to clean the place up, put all materials away that would be needed next year and restored the premises to normal so that school could resume on Monday.

What is to come in the future? Bishop John J. Mcraith will be here October 6 to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 4:00 p.m. Mass, to 7th and 8th grade students and any others past that age who haven't received the Sacrament. Sister Marcia of the Sisters of Mercy will be here to speak to us about the collection for the poor in Jamaica on October 20th. She comes annually, is well received, and the parish is very generous for this good cause. RCIA, (The Rite of Christian Initiation) will resume classes in October. All who are interested should contact Fr. Bruce at the rectory. A retreat for those planning Matrimony will be held on October 26-28 at Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center near Owensboro, Ky. For more information call 270-683-1545. If you would like a Live-in Experience Retreat with the Trappist Cistercian Monks of Gethsemani, their remaining dates are October 17-21 and January 2-6. For additional dates and information call toll free at 1-866-548-3463.

The St John Knights of Columbus sold Barbecue of their own cooking on Labor Day weekend September 1-3 at Carson Park, and sold it by the pound, and in sandwiches. The Knights meet each 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm. If you are a member, you are cordially invited to attend these meetings and if you aren't a member and a male over 18 years of age, and a practicing Catholic, we invite you join this Council. The Knights have Bingo (the best in the west) in their beautiful, spacious building just off the 4 lane U.S. 45 and Contest Road in St. John every Thursday and Friday evening. You are Welcome to come and bring your friends.

A Police Officer stopped a confused woman for speeding and asked to see her license. She replied in a huff, "I wish you guys would get your act together, just yesterday you took away my license and today you expect me to show it to you."



Richard Durbin

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A Life with Honor

By Mary P. Walker

On call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, she was dedicated to caring for her roommate, Maribel Schumann. Her expertise let wheelchair bound Maribel live in her own home, continue driving and volunteer in her parish and community. Until her recent death, she lived her life to make Maribel's better. Her name was Honor, and she was a beautiful Golden Retriever service dog.

Service dogs are trained to help someone with physical disabilities lead an independent and active life. They perform such tasks as retrieving out-of-reach objects, pulling wheel chairs, opening and closing doors, operating light switches and summoning help. The dogs complete extensive training and pass a test to be certified.

The story of Maribel and Honor is a story of God's providence manifesting itself in an unusual way—and just in time. A neglected and abandoned puppy, Honor was scheduled to be euthanized. An animal rescue



Maribel Schumann and Honor greet parishioners after Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, College Station, Texas). Photo submitted by Mary P. Walker.



Bobbie Doyle, left, enjoys a visit with Honor and Maribel Schumann.

group brought her to Texas Hearing and Service Dogs (THSD), an organization that trains and places dogs with challenged people. Honor passed THSD's tests for intelligence, attitude and the ability to be trained. However, she had medical problems that would normally disqualify her for service. Recognizing Honor's special abilities, THSD made an exception, secured veterinary care, and Honor began training.

In the meantime, Maribel struggled with the limitations that her own health placed on her activities. She was determined to continue volunteering in the community and at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in College Station, Texas. However, as her health problems progressed, the activities of daily living became more difficult. Also, because she lived alone, an accident, such as a fall from her wheelchair, could prevent her from summoning help. Maribel turned to prayer, and is convinced that the Holy Spirit inspired the research that led her to apply to THSD.

After passing the screening process, Maribel was paired with Honor. She remembers, "My prayers were answered. It was love at first sight. This match was made in heaven—with a lot of hard work by religious people of different faiths."

In fact, bringing Honor and Maribel together was an ecumenical endeavor. Father Sam Hose, then pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, encouraged Maribel to apply for a service dog and served as one of her references. Jewish children of the Shlenker School of the Congregation Beth Israel in Houston, Texas, helped raise the money needed for Honor's training. Also because participating in Mass is an important part of Maribel's life, Honor needed to be trained to work and "behave" in church. Most of these lessons were by a Methodist trainer in a Methodist church. Later, when Honor and Maribel became a familiar sight at Sunday Mass, parents often remarked that Honor set a good example for their children.

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Honor and Maribel were an inspiring team of service to others. Together, they volunteered three days a week at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan, Texas, where Honor was a great favorite of the staff. She helped Maribel with her job in the Education Department by delivering material to other offices. In addition, they visited patients and

Assistance Dogs

For over seventy years, dogs have been specially trained to help the blind. More recently, programs have been developed to train dogs for people with other challenges. There are three categories of assistance dogs:

- Service dogs, like Honor, for the physically disabled or mobility impaired
- Guide dogs for the blind and visually impaired
- Hearing dogs for the deaf and hard of hearing

For more information, about assistance dogs, contact: Assistance Dogs International, 334 Faggs Manor Rd., Cochranville, PA 19330. Phone: (610) 869-4902, Extension 12 between (9:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. EST)

<http://www.assistance-dogs-intl.org/>
e-mail: info@assistance-dogs-intl.org



St. Thomas Aquinas (College Station, Texas) Pastor, Fr. Dean Wilhelm, says hello. Photo submitted by Mary P. Walker.

comforted people in the waiting room. Honor was a tremendous asset in this ministry. Maribel explains, "People in a hospital waiting room are groups of strangers together in a tense situation. Honor, as a well-trained dog, was an icebreaker. When patients and their families saw and touched Honor, they not only talked to her; they began reaching out to each other. The waiting room was turned into a more caring and comfortable place."

Maribel is also an active member of her parish, freely sharing her prayers, time and talents. At parish events and outside the church after Mass, she allowed others to

approach and pet Honor, and cheerfully answered questions about life with a service dog. When her health problems keep her away from church, she is missed.

Usually leading a life of quiet service, Honor received national recognition for saving Maribel from bleeding to death. In July 1999, Maribel was enjoying the morning sun in a new porch swing. The next thing she remembers is feeling Honor licking her face and seeing blood. The swing had broken, causing Maribel to suffer a serious head injury. Honor, who was trained to hold herself perfectly still, allowed Maribel to use her as a prop to get into the wheelchair. Maribel told Honor to get help, which she did. Maribel's physician, Dr. Michael Jones, M. D. confirms that if Maribel hadn't received prompt medical attention, she would not have survived her injuries.

Honor's honors are many. She has been inducted into Ralston Purina's Hall of Fame, was the first recipient of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers Award, and her story was featured by Animal Planet and Dog Fancy magazine.

Recently, Maribel, along with Honor, visited a first grade class at St. Thomas Early Learning Center to talk about how she leads an active life even though she needs a wheelchair. On the way home, she noticed

that Honor was seriously ill. Immediately, Maribel took Honor to her veterinarian, and she was admitted to Texas A & M University Small Animal Clinic for neurological testing. Honor was diagnosed with a brain tumor, was in great pain, and there was no hope of recovery. Maribel made the difficult decision to have her euthanized.

When the time came, Honor, service dog to the end, sensed that her mistress needed her help. In spite of great pain and heavy sedation, Honor walked over to Maribel and rested her head on Maribel's lap. Maribel said her final goodbye knowing that their partnership was at an end.

Today Maribel is grieving, but with a sense of hope and optimism. Honor's good and faithful service has ended, but Maribel's continues. God is sending help again. In about three months another service dog is expected to move in. She is an all white, three-year-old combination Great Pyrenees and Golden Retriever—and her name is Angel!

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Brescia student studying in Sister City for one year

By Jennifer Catlett

OWENSBORO, Ky. - A Brescia University student is spending a year studying abroad in Olomouc, Czech Republic. Scott Davenport, a senior political science major from Central City, Ky., is attending Palacky University for two semesters studying in its political science department.

Through the Owensboro Sister Cities summer study program, Scott was able to visit the Czech Republic last summer to study and collaborate with Czech students. He was also able to tour Palacky University. When Scott discovered there was a possibility of attending the school, he made several contacts to ensure this experience could really happen for him. Partnership between Palacky and Brescia universities has allowed Scott to earn credit hours and fund his trip with financial aid through Brescia.

In addition to studying and traditional classroom work, Scott will also participate in local high school activities and introduce some Czech natives to American culture. Scott has plans to tour different attractions during his one-year stay in the Czech Republic, including Munich, Rome, Poland, the Netherlands, Madrid and Egypt.

Scott looks forward to learning about different cultures and gaining an understanding of the perspectives of people from several countries.

"I want to get a better understanding of the different people of the world," Scott said. "I want to find out how they feel about politics."

Having goals to enter the world of politics in a few years, Scott feels this experience will help form his political platform for the future.

Brescia University helped Scott prepare for this international adventure by giving him a basic understanding of politics. Without Brescians participating in the Sister Cities program, Scott would not even have had



the opportunity to visit Olomouc last summer.

"Brescia opened the door for me," Scott

said, "and I chose to go through it rather than look at it the rest of my life."

Scott is the son of Richard and Gail Davenport of Central City, Ky.

Development Officer, St. Mary School System, Paducah, Ky.

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Located in Paducah, Ky., St. Mary School System has served the population of McCracken and surrounding counties since 1858. St. Mary School System will continue to grow. Come share in leading that growth. Preliminary interviews will begin October 28 with the position filled by December 1, 2001. Start date is January 3, 2002.

Interested candidates should send letter of interest, resume, salary requirements and references to Steve Craddock, Director, St. Mary School System, 1243 Elmdale Road, Paducah, Ky. 42003. email: scraddock@smass.org Web: www.smss.org



Retrouvaille gives couples reason to stay married

By Ned Andrew Solomon

OWENSBORO, Ky. — Eleven years ago, Tom and Karen Heilers of Owensboro, Kentucky were on the brink of divorce. Today, their marriage is healed and stronger than ever, thanks to Retrouvaille, a Christian peer ministry that helps couples learn how to communicate with each other, and bring God back into their relationships.

"During the course of the first 18 years of our marriage, we worked ourselves into quite a rut as most couples do," says Karen. "We suffered 18 years of abuse—we abused each other, and worse yet, we abused all our children. But we've learned how to take some thing negative and turn it around and make it something positive by working in this ministry."

The Heilers now lead the Retrouvaille program in the Diocese of Owensboro, working with couples who are experiencing marital discord. Couples come from Nashville, Evansville, Louisville, Western Kentucky, and southern Indiana.

The work retrouvaille is French for rediscovery. The original program began in Quebec, Canada in 1977, and has spread throughout the United States and to several international locations. The Retrouvaille program begins with a live-in weekend, where a series of in-depth presentations are given by three couples and a priest, covering special areas of marriage relationship. Since it is a peer ministry, all the presenting couples have lived through the Retrouvaille experience themselves, enabling them to share their own failures and successes.

After the initial weekend, there is a follow-up phase that lasts for three months, in which the couples meet once a week, frequently with other presenting couples who have been through the Retrouvaille experience. The follow-up gives the attendees an opportunity to put into practice the skills they learned during the initial weekend. A final phase of the program is called CORE, or Continuing our Retrouvaille Experience which provides participating couples with an ongoing support group.

Spiritual awakening or re-awakening is a significant part of Retrouvaille, and perhaps the main reason the Heilers made the leap from attending couple to ministry leaders. "At the training weekend in Detroit, I really felt the hand of the Holy Spirit," says Tom. "From that point on we espoused and, we believe, that God must be the very active third party in any relationship."

Although both were practicing Catholics,

Tom admittedly had neglected church attendance to concentrate on his career. Retrouvaille made the couple realize how vital spirituality was to a strong marriage bond, and how its absence had affected their marriage. "We muddled through life as best we knew how, and failed miserably," says Karen. "It was like a 3-legged stool when we started out; we had God and each other. But we kicked God out of that relationship very early on, and fell over pretty darn quick."

A recent study by Ed and Peg Gleason of the Archdiocese of San Francisco about the benefits of Retrouvaille found that 91% of the couples in the program had reconnected spiritually by returning to regular church attendance and deepening their relationship with God. Tom and Karen have seen this happen countless times in their own Retrouvaille groups.

Besides stressing the spiritual component, Retrouvaille differs from traditional marriage counseling in other important ways. Most marriage counseling sessions are designed to solve specific problems, like money issues, infidelity, pornography addiction, or alcohol abuse. In Retrouvaille, trainers model their experiences, and provide the tools for communication so couples can work effectively on their difficulties by themselves. Attending couples do not deal with their personal issues in the group setting.

Retrouvaille has been shown to work for 70-80% of the couples that attend, an astounding success rate for any marriage-counseling program. "It works for them, because they both choose to work at it, and they take the tools that we present to them," says Karen "but there are some couples who will not do that. One spouse cannot do it alone. Both have to make the commitment and follow the rules."

Selfishly, Karen and Tom know that presenting the Retrouvaille weekends helps their own marriage stay on track. "As the coordinator for the community, Tom and I have many opportunities to walk the talk," says Karen. "God is constantly blessing us. It seems like the more we give, the more we get."

"I wanted to stay close to Retrouvaille," says Tom, "so I would be forced to always practice it. Because if I were to let it go, it wouldn't be too many years before work, or something else, would overtake it. So this is something that Karen and I can work on together."

The Heilers present three weekends in Owensboro a year and have 20 to 25 couples

each weekend, including three to four couples from Nashville. The cost of the program is minimal, with a registration fee of \$100; couples are given a blank envelope the Sunday afternoon of the first weekend for making a private anonymous donation that helps pay for administrative costs and the rental of the centers where the sessions take place. However, one aspect of the Retrouvaille mission is that no couple is ever denied the chance to heal and renew their marriage because of lack of finances.

Couples interested in attending Retrouvaille can contact Betty Medley of the Family Life Ministry of the Diocese of Owensboro. Tom and Karen can also be contacted directly at 800.470.2230 or 270.686.1967. Couples can also send the Heilers an e-mail, or simply register on-line at the Retrouvaille website, www.retrouvaille.org. Programs are usually presented the third weekend of January, May and August.

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The next Retrouvaille Weekend for the Diocese of Owensboro is January 18-21, 2002


Live-in Experience Retreat

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"The time has come, the walrus said, to talk of many things; of shoes and ships and sealing wax, of cabbages and kings."

"A Distant Plan"

By H. J. Ramage, Jr.

Is there a long range plan for the eventual takeover of society by a one world, or one group government? Maybe! Maybe not! If this is the goal of some unknown group how would the perpetrators go about it? One scenario might be like this. The first and foremost requirement, is to control the one thing everyone must have; food! Coupled with this, is the need to control the people. In order to do this, the means for the people to resist must be eliminated. So the logical move before the food monopoly can be effectively put in place is the need to get rid of the guns, and to minimize the peoples means to resist or rebel. The tight control of guns, or the elimination of them, coupled with the squeezing the family farmer out of business, would be paramount to putting this plan into action. Replacing the individual farmer with corporation farms, owned and controlled by a few monetary power brokers, would then allow for the control of the general public as well as dictating everyone's life style. If this is not anyone's agenda, then why does it seem that some of the large companies are determined to drive the family farmer out of business? Also, this plan would allow for an effective means to implement selective population control. Another words; who will live and who will die, and who will give the reason why?

During the cold war years the biggest threat that all governments faced, who were potentially hostile to the United States, was not only our standing military might, but the unknown number of firearms in the hands of the average citizen. Simply, by sheer numbers which could only be estimated, this was a tremendous deterrent to any form of open aggression against the North American continent. To mount an invasion against this country, was to jump into the unknown.

If a one world government, or a totally controlled society is the aim of any one group, then would common logic not demand that the means for the people to resist be eliminated? Or another scenario might work on a system of citizens having to turn-in a firearm, or report a neighbor who might have one, to get food or preferred housing!

I don't know that any of the above situations will ever come about, but it is something to keep in mind each time you hear persons who attack our rights under the second amendment. It is well worth remembering that gun laws ONLY RESTRICTS THE LAW-BIDING CITIZEN, because the criminal element of society ignores the laws and the rights of others. That's what classifies them as criminals. Another thing worth remembering is one of the Hitler's first steps to controlling Germany was mandatory gun registration. Then later confiscation. We in the United States don't need that pattern for our society!

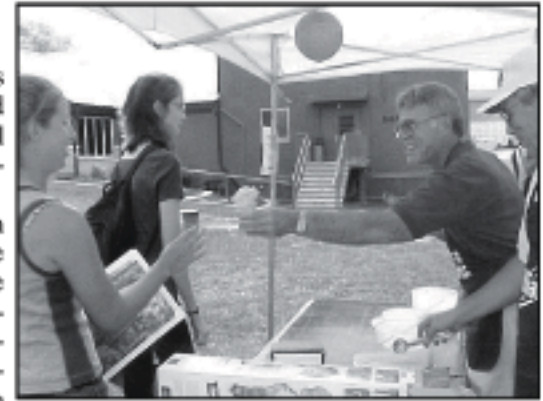


H.J. Ramage, Jr.

Serving Ice Cream Promotes Vocations at Brescia University

"Getting a Scoop on Vocations" was the theme of an ice-cream booth opened on campus after the Opening of School Mass at Brescia University on September 6.

The Owensboro Diocesan Vocation Committee, with the help of the Owensboro Serra Club, hosted the booth, which included an extensive display of vocation materials. Many religious congregations in the diocese provided their own materials, and there were also generic vocation posters, cards, and brochures that inspired or



Dr. Bill Bach was among the Serrans serving ice cream to Brescia students after the Opening Mass on September 6. To Bill's left is Serra President Larry O'Bryan.



Dora Phelps, left, a Brescia freshman from Louisiana, explores vocation materials with Sister Pam Mueller, Director of Vocation Ministry for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. Also helping at the booth were Glenmary Vocation Director Sister Sharon Miller, Sister Eula Johnson of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, and Ursuline Sister Martha Keller.

helped answer questions most frequently asked by those discerning vocations to the priesthood or religious life. The National Coalition for Church Vocations, based in Chicago, donated the posters and cards.

Brescia students were enthusiastic in browsing the vocation materials and enjoy-

ing free ice cream. The hungry students could choose from vocation-related flavors like "vownilla," "chosen chocolate," and "striving-for-sainthood strawberry."

Serra President Larry O'Bryan felt that the effort was a big success and expressed interest in more cooperative projects in the future.

Msgr. Powers to Offer Marian Retreat, Meditation Days at Mount Saint Joseph

Mary, who show the way that leads to Jesus, will be the focus of this year's Marian Retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, November 30 to December 2. The retreat will be directed by Msgr. Bernard Powers.

The emphasis in this year's retreat will be the Sacraments, the great gifts of Jesus, the great actions in which one encounters Jesus. Mary, as mother, nourishes the life of Jesus within each person. The retreat will consider Mary as presented in the words of Pope John Paul II: *Mary, the woman of silence; Mary, the woman of obedience; Mary, the mother of the Church; and Mary, one who shows the way that leads to Jesus.*

Msgr. Powers is a retired priest of the Diocese of Owensboro, a published writer, and a beloved spiritual director. From 1985 to his retirement earlier this year, he served as Associate Director of Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Besides his ministry as retreat and spiritual director, he has also served as teacher and pastor. Msgr. Powers holds a master's degree in spirituality from Duquesne University.

Msgr. Powers will also offer two Meditation Days at the Center this fall. The first, on November 8, will ponder the mystery of life and death in the signs of autumn and the close of the liturgical year. The second, on December 13, will focus on preparing the heart for the coming of Jesus through the word of God in the Advent scriptures.

For information about these retreats and other programs at the Center, please call 270-229-0200.



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A Guest Editorial a lesson learned while on my knees By Lisa Gardner



Face of Compassion: Bishop John McRaith listens to a woman's story after the Sept. 14 Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral. Lois Rutigliano photo

The abrupt and death-driven "Attack on America" which led to the destruction of New York City's Trade Towers, extensive damage to the Pentagon in Washington D.C. and, at this writing, claimed thousands of victims missing and/or presumed dead had me in a "funk" for the better part of two days. The news coverage seemed surreal. While watching TV, what I saw seemed nothing short of a Steven Spielberg movie. There were far too many special effects to my liking. Yet, I knew what I witnessed were no special effects. Like many people, I felt the need to help or do something. What could I do to help alleviate the suffering I was seeing? A somber sadness in me showed no signs of yielding or giving way.

I knew that the images of destruction and chaos I saw and heard in the media were real. Viewing graphic television scenes, listening to the countless stories of lost loved ones, hearing the testimonies of brave and heroic rescue attempts, along with trying to keep abreast of current events, still held me in disbelief. I kept reminding myself, "Yes, girl, this really happened."

Like most of my fellow WKC readers, I found myself praying more than ever for my country. The week's tragedy of events knocked me, like many people, down to my knees. Several days had passed since that fateful Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, when I found myself kneeling at my bedside praying before going to bed. The distance between New York City, Washington D.C., a farm field in Pennsylvania and the comfort of my bedroom seemed a universe apart.

There were times during the week of Sept. 11, 2001 when I could take no more. "What a wimp," I thought about myself. I would make a feeble attempt to distance myself from it all. Turning off the TV, I would try to resume my "normal" activities. But, whether it was work or play, my mind would soon return to another time and place, far away, yet very near. Near because this tragedy had become ingrained in my heart. There was no escape and to believe that soon "normal" would return was a foolish notion.

More than the destruction of buildings, my thoughts would return to faces I had seen interviewed on TV: the mother in New York riding the subway all night long, searching from one hospital to the next hoping for news of her missing 30 year-old son; the young woman scheduled to be married next month, tearfully pleading to anyone who had information on her fiancé who worked on the 80th floor of one of the Trade Center Buildings; the brother in Washington D.C. who received a cell phone call from his sister who was trapped inside a burning office—these were the faces that I could not escape. And although I had never seen them before and may never see them again, their faces, their tears, their characters will haunt me forever. They have become my "family," and I cry with them. Clearly, I recognize how connected I am to them.

How many more of my "family" need my prayers? Whose stories, whose faces, whose tears will I never know? Who needs my prayers, my consolation, my comfort? I resigned myself to the fact that on this earth I may never know them all. But through my faith and my beliefs, I feel assured that my prayers will reach them. My love for the Family of God is real. When I found myself trusting in God to direct my prayers, I felt a peaceful reassurance that I was doing something good.

Our prayers and direct actions are always needed. Whether this be for the victims of New York City or for those at closer range—those who are the sick and elderly, the poor, the hungry, and anyone facing personal crisis—they are all deserving of our prayer. I know of no greater privilege than learning once again, we are all a part of God's family.

Heart-Felt Words of Thanks

Dear Editor,

In February our son, Brandon, was diagnosed with cancer. Throughout his illness we have received so many prayers, cards, and phone calls reminding us of your love and concern. It was a powerful witness to us that so many members of the Body of Christ, of all faith denominations, would reach out to us through this difficult time. God has answered all of our prayers for Brandon. He is currently cancer-free and the doctors do not expect it to return.

Saying thank you hardly seems like enough, but we offer these most heart-felt words of thanks to each and every one of you. We are indeed one family in Christ. May God bless you each abundantly.

- Leonard and Barbara ONan, Henderson, Ky.

October is Tootsie Roll Collection Month for Kentucky Knights

By Bob Babbitt, Fr. Connor Council 6101 campaign chairman

During the week end of Oct. 5th, 6th, and 7th and throughout the month of October, District Four of the Knights of Columbus Councils throughout Kentucky distribute Tootsie Roll candy bars and accept donations at local shopping centers, groceries, banks, businesses, and some local churches in Owensboro, Hawesville, and Whitesville, as well as statewide. Knights will be wearing bright red and yellow aprons as pictured here.

Proceeds will go toward several agencies and organizations that support the mentally handicapped.



This is the 24th year of the Campaign.



In photo above are back row, Johnny Head, Martha Pagan, Director of Self-Advocacy of Owensboro, Bonnie Unsel, Terry Blandford; front: Lori Bowen, Judy Carrico, Gary Blair, and Bob Babbitt. In photo at left, from left, Knights of Columbus collecting for the annual Tootsie Roll Drive with the Self Advocacy of Owensboro at 25th Street Foodland Store: Lori Bowen, Bonnie Unsel, Butch Freels, Wendy White, Judy Carrico, and Johnny Head. Bob Babbitt photos