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To give or not to give

The Bishop annually asks us this question during the Disciples Response Fund Appeal

The signs of the giving season are here. Disciples Response Fund materials are being mailed to homes across the diocese. Every parish will read the Bishop's remark from the pulpit by September 9th. And this issue of the Western Kentucky Catholic has printed the names of nearly 5000 donors to the annual Disciples Response Fund Appeal. It's time to consider giving again.

The Disciples Response Fund is the annual diocesan effort that encourages homes to make generous financial contributions to diocesan efforts of outreach, education and evangelization. Many new programs and efforts have started as a direct result of contributions to this effort. The Diocese recently completed certification as a Catholic adoption placement agency, and has placed a baby, and already several birthmothers intend to use these services to provide their babies with a loving Catholic family. In addition, a new faith-based counselling program is being established for parishes that choose to participate, that will financially subsidize homes in need of counselling services. The services will range from marriage counselling to crisis and addiction counselling.

In addition, over \$70,000 was distributed this year from the fund to Catholic parishes, schools and agencies across the diocese that are ministering to abused children, providing health care, educating and evangelizing.

Ten percent of the money collected is distributed as seed money to parish endowments, and other dollars provide for retired priests and even help educate seminarians.

"This has been a very ambitious program from the beginning," said Bishop John McRaith. "I was here 13 years before I thought this type of effort was needed, and

Disciples Response Fund Contributors are listed inside this edition of the Western Kentucky Catholic

it accomplishes great things for the Catholic Church of Western Kentucky. I realize that people are asked on a continual basis for money, but then I am too. All that I ask is that we prayerfully consider what God has entrusted to our care, and share some of that portion with these important efforts.

"When people look at the way we do business they know we carefully steward the dollars entrusted to us. We are currently working on our new five year plan. Much of our planning occurs with the lay and priest deaneries. While we can't get to everything, we are trying to address important issues with these dollars. I think our well documented successes can be attributed to the great generosity of people," said Bishop McRaith.

The Diocese ranks at or near the top in many giving statistics, and also leads national statistics in weekly mass attendance and in the number of seminarians per capita.

"We are blessed in this Diocese because people take being Catholic very seriously," he said.

The Disciples Response Fund has also been the beneficiary of gifts from wills and estates as well.

Bishop McRaith concluded, "Most of the problems we face are centered on the issues of conversion and stewardship. But we need more people coordinating efforts of ministry, education and outreach if we hope to continue to reach hearts and touch lives. This is one way we grow as the Catholic Church of Western Kentucky. It's obvious by the response of people that we do indeed want to see the Church grow and thrive."

Bishop John McRaith invites you to the Diaconate Ordination of Mr. Mark Buckner

*at St. Stephen Cathedral
12:05 p.m., Noon Mass,
October 20, 2001*

Mark is the son of Joseph and Claudine Blandford of St. Stephen Parish, Owensboro, and is enrolled in Sacred Heart Seminary School of Theology, Hales Corners, Wisconsin.



Mark Buckner

And the beat goes on...

By Vanessa Tong

KNOTTSTVILLE, Ky. - Undaunted by seemingly insurmountable financial woes, the combined forces of St. William and St. Lawrence Parishes in Daviess County are determined to fly.

Many fundraising efforts are under way, and Parish excitement is running high. On Saturday, October 13, at the St. Lawrence picnic grounds, a music festival like no other will be held.

Beginning at 2:00 p.m. the fun begins. Music featuring gospel, country, bluegrass, and more, will keep families entertained for hours. Chili, hotdogs, burgers, cold drinks, and popcorn will be available. Entry fee will be \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

As Pastor Fr. Tony Stevenson



On July 15, families enjoyed excellent bluegrass tunes at St. Lawrence picnic grounds, a great place for spending an afternoon listening to music and visiting family and friends. The musicians in the background here are all from Eastern Daviess County. Staff Photo

says, "These Parishes will fly!" Bring your family and your guitar, banjo or fiddle. Join us for an evening of great entertainment, and help us fly.

We can have profound influence on life decisions by being informed, committed to life, sharing our commitment with others

My Dear Friends,

Recent news has been filled with debate over embryo research. There is a struggle between those who would use life for research and in the process end that life and those who condemn this process (the Catholic Church being among those opposed). This concern seems to touch on so many other life issues, such as cloning and other misuse of life, that it becomes a very important issue for all of us. All of this seems so new to many of us, but we can be sure that the question is not settled by any means. Just as the struggle to bring an end to abortion continues to rage, so will issues such as embryo research.

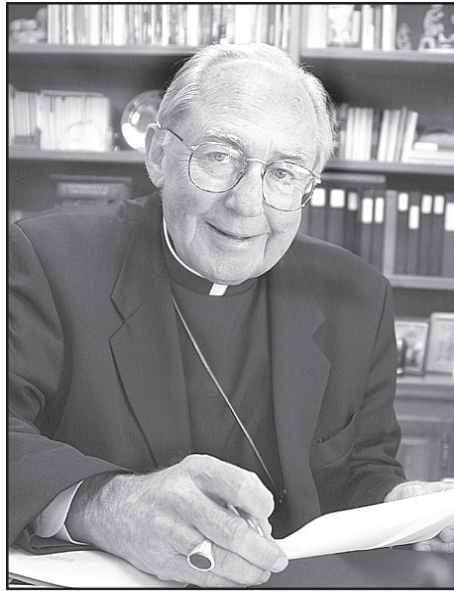
That is the reason I want to share with you the following statement by the President of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, as well as a fact sheet that will assist you to stand up for life in all its forms. The statement was issued following President George Bush's decision to allow government money to support research that relies on the destruction of defenseless human life for the possible benefit to others. The fact sheet was compiled by the Bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities. It is my hope that both of these will assist all of you to not only appreciate the seriousness of the issue, but also give you answers and facts that support the position of the Church, which you can use in your own discussions with family and friends.

Catholic Bishops Criticize Bush Policy on Embryo Research

WASHINGTON—Following are the remarks of Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, regarding President George W. Bush's August 9, 2001, statement on stem cell research.

"President Bush has reaffirmed his support for a ban on human cloning and other policies that deserve support in their own right. However, the trade-off he has announced is morally unacceptable: The federal government, for the first time in history, will support research that relies on the destruction of some defenseless human beings for the possible benefit to others. However such a decision is hedged about with qualifications, it allows our nation's research enterprise to cultivate a disrespect for human life.

"Researchers who want to pursue destructive embryo research and their allies in Congress have already rejected such limits, say-



**Most Reverend John J. McRaith, D.D.
Bishop of Owensboro, Ky.**

ing that these limits will interfere with efforts to turn embryonic stem cell research into possible medical treatments. The President's policy may therefore prove to be as unworkable as it is morally wrong, ultimately serving only those whose goal is unlimited embryo research.

"We hope and pray that President Bush will return to a principled stand against treating some human lives as nothing more than objects to be manipulated and destroyed for research purposes. As we face a new century of powerful and sometimes even frightening advances in biotechnology, we must help ensure that our technical advances will serve rather than demean our very humanity."

President Bush's Stem Cell Decision

The Catholic bishops of the United States have strongly opposed the National Institutes of Health guidelines for embryonic stem cell research issued on August 25, 2000. The guidelines provided no federal funds for the act of destroying human embryos, or for research using embryos especially created for research; federal funds could support research on stem cells obtained by the privately funded destruction of "excess" embryos from fertility clinics. On August 9, 2001, after suspending the guidelines for several months' review, President Bush announced that he will implement them, with one change: funding will extend only to cell lines already in existence as of August 9, in an effort to prevent such funding from en-

couraging the destruction of human embryos in the future.

Key points in the critique of this policy by the Catholics bishops' conference:

Research on cell lines already established by destroying human embryos does not avoid moral complicity in such destruction.

These human embryos did not die of natural causes or for reasons unrelated to researchers' goals. They were destroyed *for the sake* of this research in ways tailored to provide the most usable cells for the research. Federal funds will be awarded directly to those researchers who destroyed the embryos for this purpose, or to those who pay those researchers for the right to use the cell lines.

The fact that the embryos were destroyed with private funds does not solve the moral problem.

The embryos were destroyed in anticipation of receiving federal grants for the resulting research. The researchers created the cell lines following the NTH's standards for obtaining consent from the embryos' parents, etc., so they would qualify for federal grants.

The new policy abandons important ethical limits found in current law on fetal tissue research.

Fetal tissue research is ineligible for federal funding if an abortion was performed specifically to obtain the tissue; the researcher influenced the timing, manner of method of the abortion; or the tissue was harvested before fetal death (42 USC pp. 289g-1g-2). These limits are violated when federal funds support research that depends for its existence on destructive cell harvesting from live embryos.

Past Catholic statements on individuals' use of vaccines developed from fetal tissue are not relevant to this issue.

Catholic moralists have concluded that individuals, when they have no practical alternative, may use vaccines to protect their health and the health of their loved ones without serious sin, even if the vaccines were cultured in fetal cells that ultimately came from an elective abortion. However, Catholic teaching rejects all complicity in abortion, and the Church has opposed any collaboration with abortionists (including government collaboration) to obtain tissue for vaccines or other research. The embryonic stem cell issue poses an even more serious problem because live human embryos were directly destroyed precisely to

obtain the cells.

Some doctrinal sources to explain the problem of funding this research.

Donum Vitae (Instruction on Respect for Human Life In its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation: Replies to Certain Questions of the Day, Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 1987):

"To use human embryos or fetuses as the object or instrument of experimentation constitutes a crime against their dignity as human beings having a right to the same respect that is due to the child already born and to every human person...*The corpses of human embryos and fetuses, whether they have been deliberately aborted or not, must be respected just as the remains of other human beings...* Furthermore, the moral requirements must be safeguarded, that there be no complicity in deliberate abortion and that the risk of scandal be avoided" (I.4)

"*It is a duty to condemn the particular gravity of the voluntary destruction of human embryos obtained 'in vitro' for the sole purpose of research...*" (I.5)

Declaration on the Production and the Scientific and Therapeutic Use of Human Embryonic Stem Cells (Pontifical Academy for Life, 2000):

"*Is it morally licit to use ES (embryonic stem) cells, and the differentiated cells obtained from them, which are supplied by other researchers or are commercially obtainable?* The answer is negative, since: Prescinding from the participation-formal or otherwise-in the morally illicit intention of the principal agent, the case in question entails a proximate material cooperation in the production and manipulation of human embryos on the part of those producing or supplying them (Liberia Editrice Vaticana, p. 17).

A policy limitation to "already existing cell lines" is an arbitrary line which may do not hold in practice.

When this proposal was first discussed, there were said to be only 12 existing cell lines; now there are said to be 60, many of them perhaps created in recent weeks in anticipation of such a policy. Scientists will undoubtedly continue to kill additional embryos with private funding, and if the first set of 60 proves inadequate they will recommend these new cell lines for use in federally funded research. On what principled basis will such funding be refused, since these

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Mis Amigos Queridos, Noticias recientes han estado llenas sobre el debate de la investigación del embrión. Hay una lucha entre los que usarían la vida para la investigación y el proceso de finalizar esa vida y aquellos que condenan este proceso (la iglesia católica esta entre aquellos que se opusieron). Esta preocupación parece ser mencionada entre tantas otras cuestiones de la vida, como la reproducción y el uso de vida, se ha convertido en un tema importante para todos nosotros. Todo esto es nuevo para muchos de nosotros pero podemos estar seguros que la pregunta no a sido solucionado por ningún medio. Tal para traer al final del aborto sigue subiendo, asi como las investigaciones del embrión. Esto es la razón por la cual quiero compartir con ustedes la declaración siguiente del Presidente de la Conferencia Católica de Obispos de los Estados Unidos, así como un folleto que le asistirá a defender la vida en todas sus formas. La declaración fue publicada después de la decisión del Presidente George W. Bush, de permitir el uso del dinero del gobierno para apoyar la investigación que confía en la destrucción de vidas humanas indefensas para posibles beneficios de otros. El folleto fue compilado por la Secretaría de los Obispos contra de las actividades del aborto. Espero que con estos le ayuden no sólo apreciar la seriedad de la cuestión, pero también a encontrar respuestas y los hechos que apoyan la posición de la Iglesia, la que usted

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embryos as well will not be "dead already"?

The problem of scandal is also relevant, as even limited government funding encourages for-profit companies to engage in this destructive research.

The value of stock in for-profit stem cell companies increased the day of the President's speech. Federal funding tends to encourage more privately funded destructive embryo research, by (a) removing some of its ethical stigma and (b) providing the "seed money" for the early, non-profitable stages of the research. If this research leads to possible treatments, private investment in such efforts will increase greatly and the demand for many thousands of cell lines with different genetic profiles will be difficult to resist.

I ask that you keep this issue in your prayers and fasting that as a nation, we might indeed lead the way to a "culture of life," to

can be used in your own discussions with family and friends.

Los Obispos Católicos Critican la Política de Bush contra la Investigación del Embrión. WASHINGTON - Siguiendo los comentarios del Obispo Joseph A. Fiorenza, Presidente de la Conferencia Estadounidense de Obispos Católicos, en cuanto a la declaración del Presidente George W. Bush el 9 de agosto de 2001, sobre la investigación de la célula de tallo. "El Presidente Bush ha reafirmado su apoyo para una prohibición de la reproducción de seres humanos y otra política que merece el apoyo en su propio derecho. Sin embargo, la compensación ha anunciado que es moralmente inaceptable: El gobierno federal, primera vez en la historia, apoyará la investigación que confía en la destrucción de algunos seres humanos indefensos para la ventaja de otros. Sin embargo tal decisión es cercada, permite a nuestra empresa de investigación nacional cultivar una falta al respeto para la vida humana. " Los investigadores quienes quieren perseguir la investigación destructiva del embrión y sus aliados en el Congreso ya han rechazado tales límites, diciendo que estos límites interferirán con esfuerzos para convertir la investigación de célula de tallo embrionaria en posibles tratamientos médicos. La política Presidencial por lo tanto puede demostrar ser tan impracticable como tan mal moralmente en última instancia servir sólo a aquellos cuyo objetivo es la

which our Holy Father calls us, and rid ourselves of the culture of death that seems to be so much a part of our world today. While we realize that these decisions will be made by government and others in our society, we can all have a profound influence on those decisions simply by being informed, committed to life, and willing to share our commitment with others.

Thank you for taking the time to read this material and I ask that you use the information to help others come to a realization of the dangerous road that we are traveling when it comes to the protection of life from conception to natural death.

May God be with you always.

Sincerely in Christ,



+Most Reverend John J. McRaith
Bishop of Owensboro

investigación del embrión de forma ilimitada. " Esperamos y rezamos que el Presidente Bush volverá al de principio contra el trato de algunas vidas humanas como nada más que objetos para ser manipulados y destruidos para objetivos de investigación. Como afrontamos un siglo nuevo de poderosos y a veces hasta espantoso avances en la biotecnología, debemos ayudar para que nuestros avances técnicos sirvan más bien para el bien nuestra misma humanidad. " La decisión del Presidente Bush sobre la Célula

Los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos se han opuesto a los Institutos Nacionales de directrices de Salud para la investigación

de célula de tallo embrionaria publicada el 25 de agosto de 2000. Las directrices no proporcionaron ningunos fondos federales para el acto de destruir embriones humanos, o para la investigación de esos embriones sobre todo creados para la investigación; fondos federales podrían apoyar la investigación sobre células de tallo obtenidas para la destrucción de embriones fcon financiamiento privado por "el exceso" de clínicas de fertilidad. El 9 de agosto de 2001, después de la suspensión de las directrices para la revisión por varios meses, el Presidente Bush anunció que él los pondrá en práctica,

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Bishop McRaith's September Schedule

5 Southern Bishops Gathering-Atlanta, Georgia

6 Brescia Opening Mass-10:45 a.m.

9 Mount Saint Joseph Picnic

10 USCCB Women's Committee Meeting-Washington, D.C.-noon

11-13 USCCB Administration Committee Meeting-Washington, D.C.

15 Brescia University's 5th Annual Night of the Round Table-Owensboro-6:00 p.m.

16 25th Anniversary-Holy Cross, Providence-8:30 a.m.; St. Michael, Sebree-10:30 a.m.

17 Priest Personnel Committee-CPC-9:30 a.m.; Priests' Council Meeting-CPC-1:30 p.m.

18-19 Presbyteral Day-Executive Inn, Owensboro

20 Staff Meeting-CPC-9:00 a.m.

22 Serra Club's Religious Gathering-Precious Blood Church, Owensboro, Noon

23 Sophia Awards-St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro-1:30 p.m.

24 Owensboro Mercy Health System Board of Directors Meeting-5:30 p.m.

25 Daniel Pitino Shelter Board Meeting-10:00 a.m.

27 Paducah Office; RCIA-Paducah, Fancy Farm, The Lakes Deaneries-St. Thomas More, Paducah-7:00 p.m.

28 Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky Board Meeting-3:00 p.m.-St. Raphael

29 St. Raphael Homecoming Picnic

30 Mass-Marian Conference-RiverPark Center, Owensboro-10:00 a.m.

30 Mass-Golden Jubilee-Sr. Margaret Mary Mattingly, C.P.-Passionist Monastery-Whitesville-1:30 p.m.

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"Those who exercise authority in the Church will take care to ensure that there is responsible exchange of freely held and expressed opinion among the People of God."

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

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con un cambio: el financiar se extenderá sólo con líneas de célula ya en existencia. En un esfuerzo para impedir tal financiamiento animar la destrucción de embriones humanos en el futuro.

Puntos claves en la crítica de esta política por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos: la investigación sobre líneas de célula ya establecidas por destrucción de los embriones humanos no evita la complicidad moral en tal destrucción. Estos embriones humanos no murieron de causas naturales o por motivos sin relaciones a los objetivos de las investigaciones. Ellos fueron destruidos por esta investigación de modos adaptados para suministrar las células más utilizables para la investigación. Concederán fondos federales directamente a aquellos investigadores quienes destruyeron los embriones por esta razón, o a los que pagan a aquellos investigadores para el derecho de usar las líneas de célula. El hecho que los embriones fueron destruidos con fondos privados no soluciona el problema moral. Los embriones fueron destruidos en previsión del encubrimiento de subvenciones federales para los resultados de las investigación. Los investigadores crearon las líneas de célula después de las normas del NTHS para obtener el consentimiento de los padres de los embriones, etc., para obtener derechos de subvenciones federales. La política nueva abandona límites éticos importantes encontrados en la ley corriente sobre la investigación del tejido fetal. La investigación de tejido fetal es ilegible para el financiamiento federal si un aborto fuera realizado expresamente para obtener el tejido; el investigador influyó en el cronometraje, la manera de método del aborto; o el tejido fue cosechado antes de la muerte fetal (42 USC pp. 289g-1g-2). Estos límites son violados cuando fondos federales apoyan la investigación que depende de la existencia sobre la cosecha de célula destructiva de embriones vivos. Declaraciones católicas pasadas sobre el empleo de los individuos de vacunas desarrolladas del tejido fetal no son relevantes a esta cuestión. Moralistas católicos han concluido que los individuos, cuando ellos no tienen ninguna alternativa práctica, pueden usar vacunas para proteger su salud y la salud de sus seres amados sin cometer el pecado serio, aunque las vacunas estaban cultivadas en células fetales que en última instancia vinieron de un aborto

electivo. Sin embargo, la educación religiosa rechaza toda complicidad en el aborto, y la Iglesia se ha opuesto a cualquier colaboración con abortistas (la inclusión de la colaboración del gobierno) para obtener el tejido para vacunas u otra investigación. La cuestión de la célula de tallo embrionaria plantea un problema hasta más serio porque embriones vivos humanos directamente fueron destruidos con precisión para obtener las células. Algunas fuentes doctrinales explican el problema de financiar esta investigación. Donum Vitai (Instrucción sobre Respeto para Vida Humana En su Origen y Sobre la Dignidad de Procreación: Contesta a ciertas preguntas del día, la Congregación Sagrada para la Doctrina de la Fe, 1987): "Para usar embriones humanos o fetos como el objeto o el instrumento de experimentación constituyen un crimen contra su dignidad como seres humanos que tienen un derecho al mismo respeto que está previsto al niño ya nacido y a cada persona humana... Los cadáveres de embriones humanos y fetos, si ellos deliberadamente han sido abortados o no, deben ser respetados tal como los restos de otros seres humanos... las exigencias morales deben ser salvaguardadas, que no habra ninguna complicidad en el aborto deliberado y que el riesgo de escándalo debe ser evitado" (I. 4) Esto es un deber el de condenar la gravedad particular de la destrucción voluntaria de embriones humanos obtenidos 'en vitro' para el objetivo exclusivo de investigación... (I. 5) la Declaración sobre la Producción y el Empleo Científico y Terapéutico de Células de Tallo Humanas Embrionarias (Academia Pontical, 2000): ¿Moralmente es lícito usar (el tallo embrionario) las células, y las diferenciadas obtenidas de ellos, el cual son suministrados por otros investigadores o son comercialmente fáciles de conseguir? La respuesta es negativa, desde entonces: participación formal de en la intención moralmente ilícita del agente principal, el caso en cuestión implica una cooperación próxima del material en la producción y la manipulación de embriones humanos de parte de aquellos que producen o suministran. (Liberia Editrice Vaticana, p. 17). Una limitación de política "a líneas de célula ya existentes" es una línea arbitraria la que muchos no sostienen en la práctica. Cuando esta oferta primero fue hablada, allí como se decía, era sólo 12 líneas de célula existentes; ahora allí, como se dice, es 60, muchos de ellos quizás creado en semanas recientes en previsión de

tal política. Los científicos indudablemente seguirán matando embriones adicionales con el financiamiento privado, y si el primer juego de 60 demuestra inadecuado ellos recomendarán a estos derechos de retención de células nuevas para el empleo en la investigación. ¿Sobre que principios se basan usos fondos par aser negados ya que estos embriones no estan muertos todavía. El problema del escándalo es también relevante, como el financiamiento de empresas y tasas fueron elevandose al momento de que el Presidente habló. El financiamiento federal tiende a animar más el sector privado para la investigación de embrión (a) por que quita un poco de su estigma ético y (b) que proporciona "el dinero de semilla" para las etapas tempranas, no-provechosas de la investigación. Si esta investigación conduce a tratamientos positivos, la inversión privada en tales esfuerzos aumentará enormemente y la demanda de muchos miles de líneas de célula con perfiles genéticos diferentes será difícil de oponerse. Pido que mantengan este problema en sus oraciones y ayunemos que

como una nación, nosotros de verdad podríamos enseñar el camino "a una cultura de vida, " al que nuestro Santo Padre nos llama, y librado nosotros mismos de la cultura de la muerte que parece estar tan alejada de nosotros en nuestro mundo de hoy. Mientras comprendemos que estas decisiones serán hechas por el gobierno y otros en nuestra sociedad, todos podemos tener una influencia profunda sobre aquellas decisiones simplemente con información, comprometiendonos a la vida, y dispuestos a compartir nuestros compromisos con otros. Gracias por tomar el tiempo para leer este material y pido que usted use la información para ayudar a otros a entender el peligroso camino que en viajamos cuando esto se refiere a la protección de la vida desde la concepción hasta a la muerte natural. Puede Dios estar con usted siempre. Sinceramente en Cristo, Obispo de John J. McRaith Reverendo de Owensboro



Celebrating The Eternal Life of Rev. Henry Pius O'Bryan

Rev. Henry O'Bryan died at his home in Utica, Ky on Monday, August 13, 2001. He was born on December 24, 1914, at West Louisville, KY

Fr. O'Bryan began his life in education at St. Alphonsus School in St. Joseph. He obtained his High School and College education at St. Mary College, St. Mary Kentucky. Philosophy and Theology at St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad, IN. Post-graduate work at Catholic University, Western Kentucky University, University of Kentucky and University of Louisville.

Fr. O'Bryan was ordained by Most Rev. Francis R. Cotton on June 7, 1941 at St. Stephens Cathedral. He was associate Pastor at St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville June, 1941 - January, 1943 and St. Paul, Owensboro, October 1943 to May 1945. He was a Chaplain in the United States Navy from May, 1943 to June, 1947; Teacher and Principal of St. Frances Academy and Owensboro Catholic High School from 1947 to 1970; Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent from 1970 to 1985.

Fr. O'Bryan is survived by two brothers, Msgr. Joseph Aloysius O'Bryan of McDaniels, Ky, Louis B. O'Bryan of Paducah, KY and three sisters; Martine Ward, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, K. Delores Smith of Mansfield, Ohio, and Rose Therese Cecil of Owensboro, Ky. Deceased members: Sister Ursula Marie O'Bryan, William Hugh O'Bryan, Joseph W. O'Bryan and Bernard J. O'Bryan. Funeral Liturgy at St. Anthony Church, Browns Valley August 16, Celebrant, Most Rev. John J. McRaith; Homilist, Rev. Gerald Calhoun.

Burial was at St. Anthony Cemetery, Browns Valley, KY



Diocese

Sr. Mary Andrea Celebrates 50th Anniversary

By Lois Rutigliano

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Sr. Mary Andrea of the Holy Cross celebrated her 50th Anniversary of the Religious Profession in Carmel of the Divine Heart of Jesus on July 15, 2001, with a Mass celebrated by Fr. John Speaks, at Blessed Mother Parish. It was a very meaningful and heart-rending celebration, with some of the deep-rooted old traditions of the church combined with the new traditions, thus bringing the new and old together in perfect harmony. Fr. John Speaks was surrounded in a shaft of light from the sky light, as he blessed the altar with incense. The incense caught in the light of God seemed to enhance our prayers and carry them straight to heaven. Following the Mass a reception was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Kathy Shaver, the Activity Director, at the Carmel Home, along with her business associates, Bernice Christian and Donna Richard, who operate a Touch of Elegance, prepared the magnificent reception for the special occasion.



All who attended the celebration received the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The value and meaning of the scapular is a reminder to us to be open to God and His will, to listen to the word of God in the bible, and in life, to pray, and to be involved with people and attentive to their needs. The Carmelite Scapular is not a magic charm, but a symbol of an old church tradition to give us an awareness of who we are as individuals and as a group. Symbols are visual images that help us understand what is happening at present and what happened before.

Janet Smith, Ph. D.

on "Contraception: A Couple's Friend or Foe?"

Physicians and Pharmacists are invited to hear Janet Smith, Ph. D., an associate professor in the Dept. of Philosophy at the University of Dallas. She has spoken and written on the issues of abortion, contraception, bioethics, natural law and other topics internationally and nationally. She has addressed the U.S. Bishops three times on medical/moral issues.

Owensboro Country Club
Saturday, September 29, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Sponsored by The Diocesan Marian Committee

Then, One Hour Later.....
on "The Family Under Siege: Winning the Battle
for the Culture of Life"

Catholic Pastoral Center Basement,
Saturday, September 29, 2001, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For Directors of Religious Education, Youth Ministers, Family Life Committees, and Catholic Educators. For information contact Betty Medley at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro or call 1-270-683-1545.

This second speech is sponsored by the Family Life Office and the Owensboro Marian Conference

Owensboro Marian Conference: Mary - "Mother of the Author of Life" September 28-30

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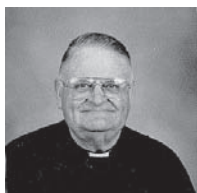
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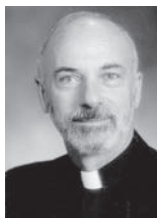
Fr. Benjamin Luther has been a pastor, seminary professor and a writer of a question and answer column for the National Catholic Press. He is founder and director of the Marian Shrine in Bowling Green, Kentucky.



The Speakers and the Musicians



Janet E. Smith, PhD. is an Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Dallas. Her publications are: *Why Humanae Vitae Was Right* and *Humanae Vitae: A Generation Later*. She has spoken and written extensively about abortion, contraception, bioethical issues, natural law and much more nationally and internationally. Her tape "Contraception: Why Not?" has been widely distributed nationally. Dr. Smith has addressed the US bishops three times on medical issues.



Fr. John Corapi is what has commonly been called a late vocation. In other words, he came to the priesthood at 44 years old. From a small town boy to the Vietnam era US Army, from millionaire businessman in Las Vegas and Hollywood to drug addicted and homeless, to religious life and ordination to the priesthood by John Paul II, as a preacher of the Gospel he has reached millions with the simple message *God's Name Is Mercy!*



Tim Staples used to try to prove "Romanism" wrong, but soon found himself embracing the beauty and riches of the Catholic faith. His strength is in apologetics where his goal is to show *why* we believe not just *what* we believe. Tim is a contributing author to Envoy magazine and has written the best-selling book *Nuts & Bolts*.



Dr. & Mrs Bill Bellet were married in 1987 and are the parents of 8 children. Bill, a "psychologist with sense," has a passion for helping others to build lasting and satisfying person professional relationships. Marie offers a different vision of means to be a "fulfilled" woman. Her song writing is a way to encourage those who want to rebel against the self-centered misery of our time and to know that making sacrifices for marriage and children is the noblest thing we do.

Tatiana is a native of Croatia where at the age of 19 she quickly became the most popular and influential performing artist in her country. In 1992 she moved to the States hoping to raise awareness for the war in Yugoslavia. Raised without a belief in God, her singing voice was "the gift" her father could only allude to in her atheist Croatia. She has appeared on Life on the Rock and tours the country with her husband and baby raising funds for Cameron Productions' upcoming film project.



MADISONVILLE, Ky. - Steve Shoulta, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Cathy Hagan led the opening prayer. Present: Steve Shoulta, Jim Scott, Paul Bachi, Marilyn Chandler, Bill Clark, Perry Elder, Sue Gray, Br. Ken Grondin, Charlotte Hedges, Larry Higdon, Dorothy Lee, Sr. Audrey Recktenwald, Janet Thomason, Bishop John McRaith, Cathy Hagan - Executive Secretary. Notified Absence: Sharon Ebelhar (Sharon was in attendance for the retreat on Saturday but was unable to return on Sunday.), Joe Hancock, Tom Hayden, Charles Rucks, Jim Shanahan, Fr. John Vaughan. Staff: Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, Sr. Pat Froning.

Bishop McRaith had no remarks to make at this time.

The May 21, 2001 Minutes were approved as mailed.

Update on 5-Year Plan

DPC members had received in an earlier mailing the packets that had been distributed to diocesan staff directors. These packets

contained the minutes from the August 2000 DPC meeting, a summary of all the information that has been gathered throughout the diocese, and a sheet listing the priorities as determined by the people of the diocese. (It was requested that these same packets be sent again with the materials for the November DPC meeting.) Diocesan staff with their respective committees have been asked to write goals & objectives and to have these in to Cathy Hagan by November 1, 2001. These in turn will be mailed to DPC members (at least ten days prior to the meeting) to be discussed at their November 19th meeting. The entire November meeting will be dedicated to the proposed goals and objectives. Diocesan Staff members are asked to attend this November 19th meeting, so that they will be on hand to answer any questions, concerns, etc. After the DPC has reviewed the goals they will then be taken to deanery councils for their input. They will be discussed further at the January DPC meeting and will hopefully be promulgated at the March 2002 meet-

ing.

Concerns to keep in mind as goals are being reviewed:

- How well do the goals address the needs that have been named?
- Keep the mission statement in mind — do the goals follow the mission statement?

It may be necessary when working on the goals at the November meeting to divide into small clusters. There is concern that the room at Christ the King is not big enough to allow this. Cathy Hagan will check to see if the gym would be available. If not, the meeting may be moved to the Catholic Pastoral Center. (The gym and conference room are available at Christ the King Parish — the meeting will be held there in Madisonville.)

Bishop Paul Boyle, C.P. Visit

Bishop Paul Boyle from the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, will be in the diocese on August 25th through the 27th. He will be speaking at the Catholic Pastoral Center on Saturday, August 25th, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. He will be at the Priests' Council meeting on Monday, August 27th to speak with priests and will be in Paducah Monday night at Saint Thomas More Parish at 6:30 p.m. Mandeville is the second poorest area of the Western Hemisphere. Bishop Boyle will be speaking about the conditions there. It is hoped that the Diocese of Owensboro will become a sister diocese to the Diocese of Mandeville. Bishop McRaith encouraged all DPC members to attend one of the sessions. Letters will be sent to deanery council members, youth ministers, DRE's, etc. inviting them to these sessions. Mel Howard will be asked to contact newspapers in Owensboro, Bowling Green, Paducah, Hopkinsville, Henderson, etc.

A special committee may be formed to address the issues and concerns of our becoming a sister diocese to Mandeville. Some DPC members may be asked to serve on the committee.

Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us

The DPC decided to study this document as a group. They will spend the first 15 minutes of each meeting discussing the document. They are asked read pages 49-53 for their November meeting. Jim Scott will facilitate the discussion. Reflection Questions: What struck/impressed you? How are we called to respond to this?

Secretarial Position on DPC

Due to Charlotte Hedges working for the Diocese of Owensboro, she is resigning her position on the DPC. She has been elected secretary at the May meeting and so a replacement is needed. Sue Gray was chosen to fill that position. Bishop McRaith thanked Charlotte for her service to the DPC and said that he was grateful to have her at the Catholic Pastoral Center.

There will be no September DPC meeting. The next meeting is November 19th.

Five Year Plan Note:

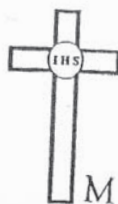
It was suggested that when we are into the fourth year of the plan (that is currently in process of being formed) to ask committees and their staff to list and publish their accomplishments and goals in the Western Kentucky Catholic. This will let the people of the diocese know what is happening and that it is time to look at the next five years.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Bishop McRaith then celebrated Mass with DPC members in the Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center Chapel.

Submitted by Cathy Hagan

Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary

To be celebrated at the Diocesan Shrine of *Mary, Mother of the Church and Model of All Christians* at St. Joseph's Church in Bowling Green, KY, in observance of the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, September 29th through October 7th. Prayers for your intentions will be offered daily in the Shrine and a Mass will be offered. Please enter your intentions:



Conversions ___ Healing ___ Employment ___ Faithful Departed ___

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The Candy's Dandy

Father Tony Jones, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mayfield, is shown here with a sacristy drawer full of candy ready to offer with the parish's thanks for the good deeds performed by all good boys and girls. Submitted by Mary Ruth Elder

Carol York Given 2001 Catechetical Award

By Patty Blair

Carol York, Pastoral Associate/DRE, from Saint Henry Parish in Aurora, Kentucky is the 2001 recipient of the Bishop John McRaith Catechetical Award. Carol was nominated by former pastor, Msgr. George Hancock. Some of the criteria for the award were that "the Catechetical leader must be a role model as an outstanding human being; be committed to Diocesan, Parish and Community service; show a deep sense of spirituality; be knowledgeable in their field, and committed to continuing their intellectual, spiritual and collaborative growth." Msgr. Hancock writes of Carol, "Carol is totally dedicated to ministry at St. Henry's parish and now to the religious education of the youth at St. Stephen, Cadiz. She is presently working to get all of her religion teachers certified..... Carol is a religious person. She wants to grow in her faith and in her own spiritual life ... Carol's success in the Brescia Ministry Program is the best indicator of what Carol is about, top grades, integrity, goodness, creativity and humility."

Carol and her family moved to the Aurora area in 1978. The nearest church was 20 miles away. She saw the need for a church in the Aurora area and called the Bishop. Apparently such an idea was developing. The parish of St. Henry was established in 1983. Carol approached the pastor, Msgr. Hancock, and told him they needed a "CCD" program and that she had taught classes at Cadiz and would be willing to help. Msgr. Hancock delegated Carol to start the program. She started from "scratch" and developed a curriculum. As she grew in her ministry she started examining other texts and workbooks. Five years later, the first Vacation Bible School was offered. Carol and her teachers developed their own VBS program.

In 1990, when Carol's children were grown, she told Msgr. Hancock that she needed a break from the ministry. One year later, called her back and said she was needed. Msgr. Hancock was about to become semi-retired and wanted Carol to become the Pastoral Associate/DRE to help with duties in the parish. Bishop McRaith encouraged her to take Ministry Formation classes at Brescia. She enrolled in the program in 1993 and continues to take classes today. She hopes to someday earn



Left to right: Carol York, nominee for Catechetical Award, receives award from Bishop John McRaith (center) and from Diocesan Director, Patty Blair on June 4, 2001.

a Master's degree.

Carol realizes how important it is for parents to play a vital role in the religious education of their children. She uses the *Loaves and Fishes* program (multi-generational program developed by a team from the Diocese of Owensboro) on a regular basis and has found that many adults as well as children look forward to the sessions. She also writes a regular column in the parish bulletin with resources and instruction on such topics as: liturgical seasons, saints, prayer and liturgy. In addition, she includes bulletin inserts with activities for various age groups of children. Please join me in applauding Carol for her hard work and dedication to Catechetical Ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro.



Two cultural specialists who are also nurses from the Northwest Area Health Education Center, Haydee Canovas, standing at right, and JoAnn Negron, met with local Spanish interpreters July 30 at The Catholic Pastoral Center. They are meeting with interpreters as well as students of medicine, denistry, social work, and nursing in these series of meetings to talk about conducting Interdisciplinry Community Screenings for mostly Spanish-speaking people. Interpreters in this photo are clockwise from the speaker, Ernie Romero, Connie Caceres, Sr. Fran Wilhelm, OSU, Danae Orleans, Fr. Fidelis Levri, Charlotte Paez from the Kentucky Cancer Program, Sr. Rosemary Keough, OSU, Sr. Luisa Bickett, OSU, and Alan Shreve. The particular topic for this session at CPC dealt with vocabulary, using the correct Spanish word for what was being said in English. forStaff Photo

You Can Help Stamp Out Breast Cancer

By Rita Brothers, Diocesan Office of Social Concerns

The US Postal Service recently released its new "Fund the Cure" stamp to help fund breast cancer research. The stamp was designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Maryland.

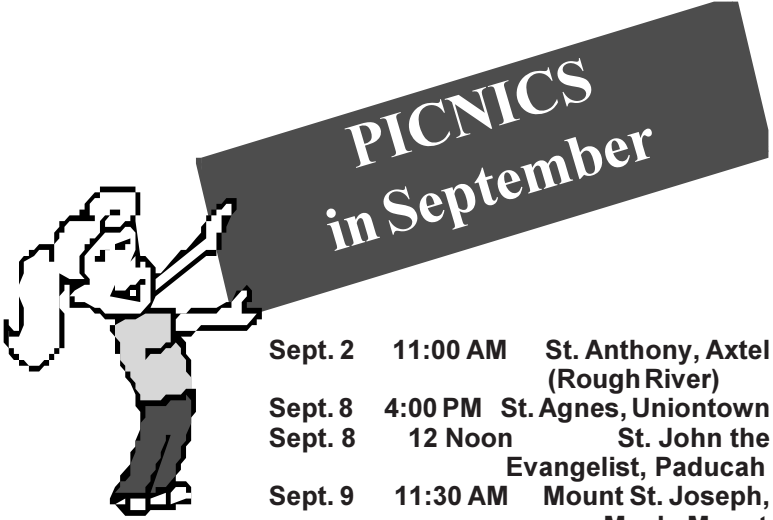
Instead of the normal \$.34 for a stamp, this one costs \$.40. The additional \$.06 will go to breast cancer research. A "normal" book costs \$6.60. This one is only \$8.00. It takes a few minutes in line at the Post Office and means so much.

If all stamps are sold, it will raise an additional \$16,000,000 for this vital research. I urge you to do two things TODAY:

1. Go out and purchase some of these stamps.
2. E-mail your friends to do the same.

It is important that we take a stand against this disease that kills and maims so many of our mothers, sisters, friends. Many of us know women and their families whose lives are turned upside-down by breast cancer. It takes so little to do so much in this drive.

By the way, these stamps can be purchased from the Mount St. Joseph Post Office at Maple Mount, Ky.



**PICNICS
in September**

Sept. 2	11:00 AM	St. Anthony, Axtel (Rough River)
Sept. 8	4:00 PM	St. Agnes, Uniontown
Sept. 8	12 Noon	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 9	11:30 AM	Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Sept. 15	4:00P.M.	Christ the King, Madisonville
Sept. 16**	12 Noon	Mary Carrico School, Knottsville
Sept. 30	11:00 AM	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

**** New Location:** St. William and St. Lawrence parishes host the barbecue picnic for Mary Carrico Elementary School in Knottsville on September 16. This year the picnic will be at the St. Lawrence picnic grounds behind the church on St. Lawrence Church Road just off Highway 144 east of Knottsville. They're raffling off a new four-wheel drive ATV at this picnic.

Thank you Western Ky. Jubilee Justice Constituents

CHILD TAX CREDIT VICTORY!

*They said it could never be done!
"Refundability is a non-starter."
"This is a tax bill, not a welfare bill."*

By Rita Brothers

Diocesan Office of Social Concerns

The Tax Reconciliation bill ready for the President's signature contains a **refundable** child tax credit! The inclusion of this provision in the tax bill is, in no small way, due to all your efforts over the last year or so. This was not the easy victory indicated by the final tally. Those who received frantic calls days and hours before the conference report was finished know too well how close we came to losing the refundable provisions. To all of you who responded from wherever we tracked you down—vacations, field offices,

Chancery meetings, or working behind your desk—**thank you**, you should be proud of your contribution to this monumental effort.

WHAT'S IN THE BILL

The tax bill that is being sent to the President includes a partially refundable child tax credit. The bill doubles the current \$500 per child tax credit over ten years starting with an increase of \$600 this year. The credit then expands incrementally to \$1,000 in 2010 (\$700 per child in 2005, and \$800 in 2009). The credit is calculated as 10 percent of taxpayer's income over \$10,000 in 2001 phased to 15 percent of income over \$10,000 (indexed to cost of living) in 2005. Practically, this means that a mom with one child earning \$14,000 would get \$400 back from the IRS this year

(\$4,000 x .10 = \$400). In 2005, that goes up to \$600! Most importantly, the child credit does not count towards calculating means-tested benefits. When this phases in, it should lift close to a half-million children out of poverty.

In addition, Congress did include marriage penalty relief for EITC families. The plateau at which families get the maximum benefit (now approximately \$10,000 to \$13,000) is extended by \$3,000 for couples.

NOTABLE QUOTES

"Mrs. Snowe ... got help from a lobbying campaign led by the Catholic bishops, who are allies of Mr. Bush in the fight over faith-based initiatives." *The Wall Street Journal*, 5/29/01. Page A10

"The credibility of the supporters of the

faith-based initiative might suffer if the administration is seen offering strong words on confronting poverty but then allows the only provision of the tax bill which directly helps poor families to be removed," the Rev. Joseph A. Fiorenza, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, wrote Bush Thursday." *Boston Globe*, 5/26/01, page 10.

"Outside groups also tried to influence the process—some publicly. Bishop Joseph Fiorenza, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, sent Bush a letter yesterday warning that the administration shouldn't be seen as 'offering strong words on confronting poverty' while it 'allows the only provision of the tax bill which directly helps poor families to be removed'" *Washington Post*, 5/25/01, page A6.

Four begin novitiate at Saint Meinrad

On August 5, 2001, in a brief ceremony at the monastery entrance, Richard Weldon and Nicholas Foster, both of Indianapolis, IN; Jason Kindrat of Owensboro, KY; and Ronald Hodges of Des Moines, IA; were clothed in the Benedictine habit at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN. They now begin a year of monastic formation, including study of the Rule of St. Benedict and monastic history.

Nov. Richard, 58, was born in Detroit, MI, on December 26, 1942. He attended Henry Ford Community College and Central Michigan University, obtaining a BS degree in education. He had a two-year tour of duty with the Army as a communications specialist stationed in Germany. For 26 years, Nov. Richard was employed with Prudential Insurance Co. Having retired from insurance, he entered into a partnership in the nursing home business. He obtained an Indiana health care administrator's license in 1996. Most recently, he was owner and administrator of Pinehurst, Inc., which operates nursing homes in the Richmond, IN, area.

Nov. Nicholas, 23, was born July 6, 1978, in Indianapolis, IN. He received his early education in public schools in Indianapolis. After a brief time at DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, he became a health worker on a Street Outreach team, a program for street-based outreach and education for runaway and homeless youth. Later, he was the evening supervisor of Holy Family Shelter in Indianapolis. Having had specialized train-



From left to right are Novice Richard Weldon, Novice Nicholas Foster, Novice Jason Kindrat, and Novice Ronald Hodges. St. Meinrad

ing from the National Healthcare for the Homeless Association in crisis intervention, counseling and management, he was employed at the Barrington Health Center of Indianapolis.

Nov. Jason, 26, was born March 31, 1975, in Nashville, TN. His elementary and high school education took place in the Nashville area. In 1997, Nov. Jason graduated from Brescia University, Owensboro, KY, with a degree in biology. He was employed most recently with the Owensboro-Mercy Health System, working in the emergency room. He is a certified emergency medical technician.

Nov. Ronald, 36, was born in Des Moines, IA, August 24, 1964. He attended grade and high schools in the Indianola School System of Iowa. He earned a BS degree in hotel and restaurant management from Iowa State University at Ames, in 1988.

Since graduation, Nov. Ronald has held positions in food service management and food production through Marriott Management Services. Before applying for the novitiate, he was a priesthood student in Saint Meinrad School of Theology.

As novices, the men take a year off from formal studies and/or trades. The novitiate is a time of prayer and learning intended to help a novice discern his vocation as a monk. At the end of this year, a novice may be permitted to profess temporary vows of obedience, fidelity to the monastic way of life and stability in the community of Saint Meinrad.

Attention Death Penalty Opponents!

The KY Legislature will hold a Interim Judiciary Committee hearing on October 16, 2001 (time not yet set). Its only agenda item is the death penalty. We need constituents present, so please mark your calendars. Questions? Please call Rita Brothers @ 270-683-1545.

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You Say Goodbye, I Say Hello

St. Stephen Cathedral Parish hosted a reception for Sr. Ann McGrew, OSU, July 1, 2001. Sr. Ann was leaving St. Stephen as Director of Religious Education to supervise the Women's House of Discerner at Brescia University. Rose Ann Payne, who replaced Sr. Ann in this position, is shown at right helping register youth from the parish in religious education classes. Lois Rutigliano photos.

Hospitality Minister

Martha Zoglmann was weeding a flower bed at St. Pius Tenth Church, Owensboro, on August 2. She's part of a team who maintain the flower bed shaped as a cross in front of the church. Such service to Catholic parishes frequently goes unheralded. People who keep a church's environment attractive render the Catholic community a great service by helping the parish present to the public the face of a welcoming community. To all the Catholic parish groundskeepers in Western Kentucky, we salute you! Staff Photo



Divine Mercy Pilgrimage: A Walk in Life

By Martha Kauffeld

I have always loved going on pilgrimages. It is a time for growing in the knowledge of the faith, a time for fun, a time for caring and a time for sharing ... we are family! Mercy Sunday Pilgrimage 2000 had been a first for my husband, Jim.

Convinced it was God's Will for us, we committed ourselves to take another pilgrim group back to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge this year. On Mercy Sunday last year during our visit in the little church on Eden Hill, I was sure I had heard in my heart a soft whisper: "Bring souls to know My Mercy." I took it to mean the National Shrine; that's what prompted our return in 2001. The Divine Mercy Devotion had become for us ... a way of life ... repentance and reconciliation. It is Eucharistic, the Living Christ!

It seemed Our Lady of Guadalupe had handpicked last year's pilgrims; this year was no exception. Why she had chosen such a simple ordinary couple to fulfill her mission on this year's trip was beyond our comprehension. Unworthy though we are, I believe that in God's Divine Plan, Jim and I are to share an intimate part of our marriage most sacred and most serious ... extending to married couples ... and you, His Divine mercy!

The sixties were turbulent years for the church; confusion was common place. Like many other God-loving couples in those days, we had tried always to remain steadfast

and faithful to church teachings; disguised voices were coming from every direction. Then came our involvement in the Pro-Life Movement, for me beginning in the late seventies. Never did we dream that the trials, errors, and events in our marriage could one day for the church become a teaching tool.

Today, many homes are in shipwreck; the denial of holy motherhood is at an all time high, disrespect for human life runs rampant at all levels. Why have we witnessed such darkness? Why have so many married Catholic Couples disobeyed God's Divine Law, dishonoring their sacred marital covenant by using artificial means of birth control? Why have so many Catholic marriages ended in divorce? There are no easy answers; however the cultural influence of artificial contraception has become for many a silent deadly marriage partner. Why? With little knowledge of the Faith, the Holy Christian Catholic Marriage of Sacrifice had become a Sacrament of self-seeking love for easy gratification and few consequences. Jim and I have witnessed these thirty-plus years... a loss of the Faith. Our faith sharing here can be God's awesome gift to you; mindful always, as servants of God, it will never be easy. Never!

In the fall of 1994, a family member asked that I join with her to pray a 33-day Novena entitled "In The End My Immaculate Heart Will Triumph" for the needs of a grandchild. Committed, though weak in faith, convinced

nothing would come of it, I began to pray. On about the thirteenth of that month, Our Lady lifted The Veil. The Word was made Flesh and Dwelt within... Awestricken was this speechless child! The Almighty had done great things for me ... for us; And Holy is His Name! Only then did I begin to reflect and recall my own childbearing years. My life began to unfold ... right before my very eyes. Only then did I understand that Our Lady of Guadalupe was overshadowing me. But why now? As a reminder of those babies who have been lost and are daily lost by abortion ... an abomination of holy motherhood in our midst. Her apparitions in 1531 to a simple Aztec Indian by the name of Juan Diego, she came to the world carrying within her womb ... her Baby Infant Jesus.

Why had God the Father chosen Her for these times? It would be a reminder of the miracle of her apparitions in the sixteenth century. Her image on the Tilma of the simple Aztec had converted nine million Aztec Indians to Roman Catholicism in ten years, during a dark time in Mexico's history. Human sacrifice was taking place on their altars, as an offering to their pagan gods. Later she would become the Patroness of the Americas ... America history seemed to be repeating itself.

Why had God chosen her for Jim and me and spared our marriage? We believe it was

because of our steadfast loyalty to church teachings ... especially in the area of Catholic Sexual Morality during our childbearing years. In our obedience and loyalty to follow the Church's Teachings, the Lord God had chosen us to become instruments of His Mercy .. extending hope during these troubled times in church history.

Our childbearing years had been the most difficult years of our marriage. A medical problem had arisen after the birth of our second child and had created difficult decisions in our young lives. When the doctor informed my husband that another child could put my life in jeopardy, he displayed for me a heroic love beyond words. When Jim informed me I was not to worry, that our childbearing years would have to be lived-out as brother and sister, overwhelmed was not the word for how I felt! Such a thought had not ever entered my mind. Still, artificial contraception was never an option! Never did I dream that my husband's words would one day prove to be profound. What was most amazing is that we had been married only two years and had witnessed the birth of a second child.

As my life continues to unfold, I have asked myself, "Why now is the Lord Jesus showing Jim and I so much mercy?" Though complicated to answer, Jim and I believe that

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Sunday's For The Family

Contributed by Betty Medley, Diocesan Family Life Office.

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, September 2, 2001

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Theme: *Hospitality To The Deprived & the Estranged*

Family Life: Just as prejudice is first learned in the context of families that are biased, so too sensitivity and openness to the neglected and the scorned are taught within the environment of families that reach out with Christ-like love to "the least" of this world. The attitudes of children are shaped by how parents talk about people of other races and of diverse socioeconomic groups. A spirit of understanding and generosity toward the poor is "caught" from parents who feed the hungry and provide shelter for the homeless. Tolerance of people of diverse life-styles is inspired by the way parents relate to the divorced, to gays and lesbians, and to those with AIDS.

When is the last time we invited "an outcast" to dinner?

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time, September 9, 2001

Luke 14:25-33

Theme: *Growing through Life's Burdens*

Family Life: There are at least three kinds of crosses that need to be borne if family intimacy is to become a reality. There are the crosses involved in putting oneself out in order to ease the burden of a family member: doing an added chore, sharing a treat, spending extra time to be with the other. Then there are crosses we assume when we dare take the risk of confronting unjust or disruptive behavior, and of changing the situations in our lives that can and should be altered. Finally, we take up our cross each time we accept and make the best of the limitations of our circumstances - be they of a physical, spiritual, or economic nature - over which we simply have no control, and about which nothing can be done. In taking up all these kinds of crosses the family finds new life in its more intimate following of Christ.

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, September 16, 2001

Luke 15:1-32

Theme: *Forgiveness*

Family Life: Two things are necessary for a family to grow in reconciliation: forgiveness and a contrite heart. Forgiveness is signaled by the willingness not to hold things against the other and get even, the ability to extend the common courtesies, the effort to pray for the offender and to remember the wrongdoing with healed memory. But forgiveness alone is not enough to bring about reconciliation. The offender must admit the wrong, be genuinely sorry, repair any harm, and strive not to repeat the offense. It was not enough for the shepherd to go and find the lost sheep. The lost sheep had to be willing to return. It did not suffice for the father to forgive his prodigal offspring. The errant son had to admit his sin and restructure his life.

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, September 23, 2001

Luke 16:1-13

Theme: *God or Money*

Family Life: Obviously, money is a requisite for survival and for growth. The question posed by today's scripture has to do with priorities. What is the ultimate force that drives us: accumulating wealth or building here on earth God's kingdom of truth and love, justice and peace?

Are we willing to refuse the promotion that will be detrimental to family bonding? Do we sacrifice certain superfluities in order to spend more time with each other? Do we give of some of our abundance in order to make the world a better place for others?

Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, September 30, 2001

Luke 16:19-31

Theme: *Woe To The Complacent!*

Family Life: Even in our families, we can divide ourselves into the "haves" and "have-nots" symbolized by Lazarus and the rich man in today's Gospel..the beautiful and the plain, the intelligent and the simple, the gifted and the ordinary, the favorite and the others, the right and the wrong. Family is the community in which we need to be able to accept ourselves and each other simply as we are - as gift from God with a unique contribution to make to our family and to the world. Comparisons reap conflict, and worse yet is the attitude that says we deserve or can earn our blessings.



The 5th Annual Day Star Camp

By Betty Medley, Family Life Office

Children from ages 7 to 16 who are learning to cope with issues like grief and loss attended a Day Star Camp on Saturday, July 21, 2001. This was sponsored by the Family Life office of the Diocese and Hospice Association. All of the children who attended had a loved one who had died.

The camp was a way to help the children cope with their loss but have fun too. Arts and crafts, combined with special group activities and a memorial service, comprised

the day. The goal was to help the campers talk about and deal with the many feelings they experienced after the death of a loved one.

The children ended the day by writing messages to their loved ones and tying them to their balloons. Campers were encouraged to let go of the balloons outside the church, but to hand on to the memories of their loved ones who had died.

A special thanks to the young students from OCHS that helped with the day.

Bereavement Day Camp

By Betty Medley, Family Life Office

The Family Life Office of the Diocese and St. Frances de Sales Parish in Paducah, Ky sponsored a Camp for children ages 7-14 years old who had a loved one to die. This was a day to come together with other children with similar losses. "Sharing Together and Remembering" was the name of the camp which was held at the Community Center in Paducah, Ky.

There were planned activities for the children in which many of them were able to talk about the loss and ways in which the loss had affected them. There was pizza at lunch and fun activities afterwards. At the closing of the day we had a Memorial Service in which the families of the children came back to attend. When the Memorial Service was completed the children along with their family members were given a paper angel to write a message to their loved one and then tied the angel to a balloon. Afterwards we all went outside and released his/her balloon as the wind carried them high into the clouds. The children watched until they couldn't see their balloon anymore.

This was a wonderful day for these children to come together with others and discuss the type of loss that he/she was going through as well as the feelings that we all go through during grief.

Each child who attended the day camp was given a gift bag with many treats as well as a t-shirt with "Sharing Together & Remembering" and a beautiful picture of an angel with two children.

I would like to thank all those people who helped make this day possible. Adam Rewa; Shelia Newman; Cindy Davidson; Cathy Ray; Pat Dond. Without the help of these people the day would not have been possible.

We will be planning another Bereavement Day Camp in Paducah for this year sometimes in the summer because there is such a great need for these children to share with others their losses and feelings.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Back To School Hip Hop Dance

By Lois Rutigliano

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The new Community Center at Blessed Sacrament Chapel on 604 Locust St., was rocking and rolling Friday August 8, 2001, as teens from different parishes and schools gathered for an evening of fun with good friends.

At first, the teens were a little shy about dancing. However, when the lights were turned down low and they were inspired by the lively music, the dancing began. Suddenly, the teens formed a ChaCha line, then switched to something called the Sea Walk. For those not in the know, this is a dance in which every part of the body moves in different directions, all at the same time!

A Sea Walk contest was held and the top four winners were Katrina Shelton, Tate Swanagan, Edward Green, and



Nikki Smith, a Blessed Sacrament Parishioner, was the emcee for the Hip Hop Dance August 11. Lois Rutigliano photo



Marcus Allen, left, and Matt Gentry set up the sound system for the Hip Hop Dance. Lois Rutigliano photo

Marcus Allen.

Mrs. Collins Allen volunteered to raise funds for door prizes and for prizes to give to the winners of the Sea Walk Contest. "It was difficult to get contributions because a lot of people think funds are misused by the churches and are reluctant to give. I like what I do, and lots of times, I go door to door trying to get donations. It's hard, but I keep on doing it. I finally got \$25.00 to buy

Edward Green doing the Sea Walk at the Hip Hop Dance. Lois Rutigliano photo



Winners of the Sea Walk at the Blessed Sacrament Hip Hop Dance: from left, Katrina Shelton, Tate Swanagan, Marcus Allen, and Edward Green. Lois Rutigliano photo.

gifts for tonight," said Collins.

Earlier in the afternoon, before the dance started at 8:00 PM that evening, Marcus Allen, Collins' son, was at the Community Center with his friend, Matt Gentry from Precious Blood Parish. They attend different schools but live in the same neighborhood and became good friends. They were helping Collins' Mother to get ready for the dance that evening. They posted flyers, ran errands, and helped test sound equipment among other things. A gentleman from one of the Baptist churches hooked up the sound equipment for the dance.

The Hip Hop Dance was a good example of good friends from various faiths and cultures working together with Blessed Sacrament parishioners to insure the success of this very fun event.

Back To Reverence In Church

At right, Patricia James of Owensboro wears a mantilla in church because she feels that Our Lady inspires us to portray reverence, and she feels that wearing a mantilla does this. "We have to get back to more reverence in the Church," she said August 11, 2001, as she left St. Stephen Cathedral after midday Mass. Lois Rutigliano photo



Western Kentucky Has World Class Barbecue Cooks

Freddie Miller, left, and Bob Johnson found a shady spot beside Blessed Sacrament Church in Owensboro while their relief took over cooking for the parish Picnic in August. Without such volunteers who prepare the food for parish picnics, many good things would be missing from the Catholic culture in Western Kentucky. Cooking barbecue is long, hot work, but many hands make light duty in Catholic parishes. Catholic men have traditionally done the job of barbecue cook for parishes and have made barbecue pork, chicken, and mutton world famous fare for western Kentucky Catholic parish picnics. Making burgoo requires more help; everybody pitches in to make burgoo. Lois Rutigliano photo.



Parish Mission

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Diocesan Seminarian Jacob Petri Conducts Class on "The Presence of Mystery"

By Lois Rutigliano

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Jacob Petri, a seminary student from Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, recently ended a ten-week summer assignment at St. Stephen Cathedral. During his stay here, Jacob conducted a class, "In the Presence of Mystery," a summer study in the faith. The class was held every Wednesday night for six weeks in the Cathedral undercroft.

The schedule for the faith study included the following topics for discussion. Creation ex Nihilo (from nothing), The fall and the Cycle of Sin, Breaking the Cycle of Sin: The Incarnation and the Redemption, God is Love, The Trinity as a Community of Truth and Love, and Divine Providence and Suffering. From thirteen to twenty or so St. Stephen parishioners and visitors from other Owensboro parishes attended the summer faith study. Jacob contributed to the parish very generously with his time and talents. "I thank God every day for calling me to be a priest," said Jacob.



Left, Jacob Petri seated with his class: front, Pam Payne, Helen Miles, and Mary Horn; second row: Lena Horn, William Settles, Paddy Settles, Mary Ann O'Bryan; third row: Jeanie Elder, Ruth Ann Carrico, Maggie Ward. In right photo, Kathi Latta with Jacob Petri, deep in thought. Lois Rutigliano photos.



Diocesan AIDS

Quilters Give Gift of Warmth To Sufferers



This Minnesotan, a twenty-year sufferer from AIDS, is modeling a quilt she received from Rita Brothers who was in Chicago in July representing the Owensboro Diocese at a Regional AIDS Conference. The quilt is a gift from the Owensboro Diocesan AIDS Quilters. The lady chose this quilt from other samples because she liked the feminine colors. Rita Brothers photo

Mantis Visits Cathedral To Pray

By Lois Rutigliano

OWENSBORO, Ky. - A Praying Mantis, according to the dictionary, is a carnivorous insect with large eyes and a swiveling head. It stands with its forelegs folded as if in prayer.

Sr. Mary Thomas, A.D., discovered the long-bodied, beautiful green insect on a brick wall just outside the door of St. Stephen Cathedral, with its forelegs together in prayer. It was very quiet and did not move as we approached it.

When Sr. Mary Thomas softly spoke to the Mantis, it turned its head and looked at her as if it knew what she was saying.

So I started talking to the Mantis and asked him to turn my way so I could get a good picture of him. "Oh look, it's looking at you now. I think it knows what you are saying. This reminds me of Saint Francis and his sermon to the birds," said Sister Mary Thomas.



Indeed the Mantis did seem very attentive and did not try to fly away. So before we left we said a prayer with the Mantis and invited him to come and visit us again on his next flight to Kentucky. After all, the Mantis is one of God's creations.

In picture at left, Lois Rutigliano is a freelance photographer/writer in Owensboro who volunteers her work for The Western Kentucky Catholic, covering the Owensboro Deanery. In the photo at left, she posed with one of her picture displays of WKC news events and other parish activities which she makes for priests and Catholic church vestibles in Owensboro.



Experiencing A Problem Pregnancy?

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Meaning and Implementation of the new General Instruction of the Roman Missal Discussed

From The Diocesan Office of Worship

On Holy Thursday, 2000, Pope John Paul II approved the revised *Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani*, popularly known as the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM). As we begin to look toward the implementation of this important document, the Office for the Continuing Education of the Clergy and the Office of Worship combined efforts to bring in an expert to address a gathering of priests and pastoral ministers from around the area.

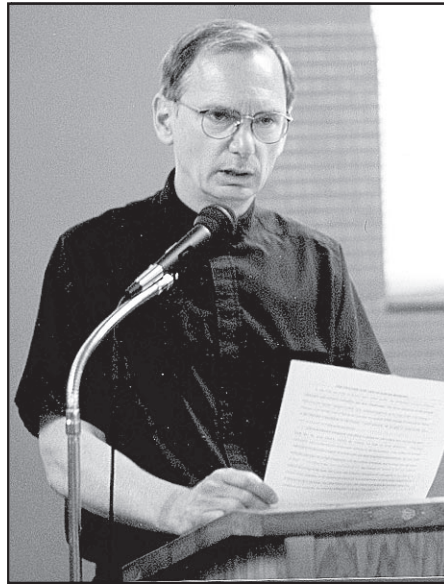
On August 6, 2001 Fr. John Huels came to our diocese to speak on the topic of the *Revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal*. Fr. Huels came to us very well credentialed. He is a canon lawyer from Ottawa, Canada — holding a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America in Washington, and a Master of Arts in Theology and Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He is an expert in liturgical law and the author of numerous publications.

As with all important documents, many questions have been raised concerning the meaning and implementation of the new GIRM. Fr. Huels led a discussion of the revised GIRM, highlighting any changes and answering questions. Included in this article are a few of the points that he made concerning the implementation of the revised GIRM and its impact on current liturgical practice.

Most importantly, Fr. Huels informed us that even though the revised GIRM has been approved by Rome, it does not officially go into effect until the Roman Missal (better known as the Sacramentary) is published in Latin (which has not yet occurred at the time of this writing). The Local bishop can then choose whether to begin implementing any of the changes in the diocese at that time or whether the diocese will wait until there is an approved English translation. (Our bishop has made the decision to wait to begin implementation until the Missal is available in English.) The Roman Missal is expected to be published in Latin soon, but as of yet there is no firm publication date. Until the Roman Missal becomes effective, we continue to remain under the jurisdiction of the current 1975 edition of the Missal and no changes will occur in our celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy.

Fr. Huels stated that the changes that are found in the new GIRM are minor and are provided in response to issues and questions that have been raised since the last reworking of the *Instruction*. The *Instruction* seeks to add clarification to the way we worship and emphasis to certain aspects of liturgy. For example, the new *Instruction* places emphasis on the importance of music during the liturgy and especially the mass parts, "... every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people is not absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and holy days of obligation." The new *Instruction* also emphasizes the use of the profound bow during the celebration of the liturgy, such as during the Creed at the words *by the power of the Holy Spirit . . . he became man*, as well as for showing reverence to the altar when the ministers enter. The importance of silence is also highlighted in the revised *Instruction*, listing those times during the liturgy when it should occur and why.

The Bishops of the United States will be requesting indulgences or exemptions from certain aspects of the new *Instruction*. Fr. Huels reminded everyone that the Roman Missal is primarily written with the Church of Rome and Mass at St. Peter's in mind. In Rome, especially at St. Peter's the norm is that there are a large number of priests and deacons to celebrate each mass and therefore fewer lay liturgical ministers are present. In comparison to Rome for most Catholic communities in the United States the norm is only one priest and a large number of lay ministers. With this in mind it is easy to see why the *Instruction* calls for the priest and or deacon to perform several functions that here in the United States the priest would perform along with various lay ministers. For example, the *Instruction* calls for the priest with the help of the deacon to receive the gifts at the preparation of gifts and place them on the altar, and that the priest will consume any left over consecrated wine. These



Fr. John Huels



Fr. John Huels spoke to priests and pastoral ministers of the diocese on August 6 at the Catholic Pastoral Center about the proposed changes in the Sacramentary. Staff Photo

two examples give a hint of the differences in the way that the liturgy is celebrated due to ministers that are available. For this reason the bishops of the United States will ask for some indulgences so that we can carry out the wisdom of the law in our own circumstances.

Also among the changes introduced by the revised GIRM are the statements that the Book of Gospels may be carried in procession, but not the Lectionary and that the processional cross should have a figure of the Christ crucified on it. The revised GIRM also states that Sacred vessels are to be made from a noble *metal*, whereas the current edition of the GIRM state that they are to be made from a noble *material*. (There is a possibility that the bishops may make adaptations so that other noble material may be used.)

These are some of the issues that Fr. John Huels addressed. It is probably most important to remember that most changes introduced by the revised GIRM are relatively minor and that none of them will come into effect in our diocese until there is an approved English translation of the Roman Missal and its General Instruction (a date which would be impossible to predict).

If you have any questions concerning the *Instruction* or this article please feel free to call Fr. Larry McBride, Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese at St. Francis de Sales Church, Paducah at (270) 442-1923.

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



Mary Lou Sapp

Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish - Owensboro

I worked for Thriftway Lumber -as it was called then- for 28 years. I was a "jack of all trades" I guess, as far as the office was concerned, but my title was Office Manager when I retired.

After my husband, David Sapp, passed away I was employed by an elderly man as a sitter until he passed away. I was at an awkward age again in my life -between 55 and 65. I was too young to draw Social Security and unable to find a job. I had heard about the Senior Employment Service through the AARP, so I went in to check it out. My age became a benefit and I was able to be placed in their employment service program. I think this is a great program as it helps keep senior citizens in the work force longer. The program will provide training while the person is on the job. I am able to work a schedule that will allow me to help take care of my mother, Verna Shain, as well as learn new skills while I am earning a pay check. The employment service works with the nonprofit agencies in a community. I have worked at the Kentucky Cancer center and now here, at the Catholic Pastoral Center.

More places are beginning to hire retired people and I believe that is because older employees are at a time in life where they can be more dedicated to their job.

I think it is very good to stay active and keep people skills alive. Meeting different people is fun and interesting as well as educational.

Because a person is older doesn't mean they are no longer productive!

*(Don't forget the Sophia Award Mass, Sunday
September 23, 2001, 1:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral)*



St. Vincent de Paul in Paducah

"Beats the Heat"

By Jackie Harris

St. Vincent de Paul, Paducah participated in the Union Planters and Channel 6 TV station in the "Beat the Heat Program." St. Vincent purchased one hundred fans at the cost of \$1,500.00. These fans were distributed to Lourdes Home-Care, Baptist HomeCare, Purchase District Home Care and Hope Unlimited Pregnancy Care Center.

Paducah Piecemakers made a donation with which five more fans were purchased and delivered to Paducah Cooperative Ministry. Thanks to volunteers Tommy Weitlauf and Tammy Harris for the work in delivering the fans.

Jackie Harris is the Treasurer of St. Vincent de Paul in Paducah. 270.442.9351



Tammy Harris (left) and Tommy Weitlauf of the St. Vincent de Paul Budget Store in Paducah delivered fans in the "Beat the Heat Program."

A Walk In Life

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we are to offer hope for those in troubled marriages. The Holy Sacrament of Matrimony, too few had understood; few under-

stand the seriousness of their sacred vows. When two become one flesh, that is union with God. What God has joined together, no one can put asunder ... that is the Father's Love. Why have we crosses in our lives? Why suffering? Sin had entered the world

Carrico's Ramblings

Freeloaders Looked Down On, But We Will Enjoy Being Freeloaders in Heaven

By G.E. (Jerry) Carrico

In our daily prayers and endeavors, we often direct our thoughts toward Heaven, just as Jesus did during His Transfiguration as He listened to His Father's commendation (...This is my Beloved Son in Whom I am well-pleased...) for His good works establishing His Church on earth, giving us a new way of life. We think of Heaven in a special way when we recite the Our Father. We direct our thoughts toward Heaven at other times as we think of it as our future home. This hope gives us a positive direction in our lives.

Speaking of Heaven, it is unfortunate, at least from a human viewpoint, that Scripture does not give us a more imaginative description of Heaven, nor did even Jesus Himself. He did refer to Heaven as "My Father's House." With our feeble human minds, we find it difficult to imagine the immensity of such a mansion. Any human description would be guesswork at best. But imagine, if you can, what the loving quarters of the Creator of our universe looks like. We find that it's too big for our imagination. Even a creative artist would come up short.

Hopefully, a little speculation on our part about life in heaven will not offend God. He created us as human beings, not intending for us to act divinely. Not only have I wondered about the likeness of God's living quarters, but I have also wondered about a lot of other things: angels with halos and wings, decked out in angelic garb, maybe a gown, gold slippers, or maybe even a crown? Will we look human or angelic when we get to heaven? Will our friends and relatives recognize us? Will we be able to hob-nob with our favorite saints, maybe even with the Apostles? Will there be just common people, high or low society, with maybe saints who have achieved special merits here on earth, like St. Anthony, the Saint of finders, or St. Jude with super powers, working the impossible?

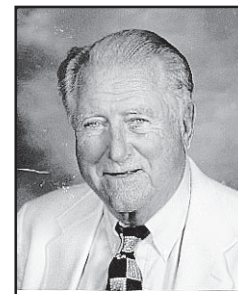
As you can plainly see, my imagination about Heaven runs pretty wild, especially when I try to visualize the "ins and outs" of heavenly living and practices.

Enough speculation ...maybe too much! Rather than try to unravel heavenly mysteries, possibly I should have asked some astute theologians who have made studies of Divine ways, someone more learned than many of us. Even so, I'm still wondering if they deal in such mysteries and unknowns. Actually, I'm wondering just how much they know about heavenly affairs. Just maybe, God has never intended for us to know about heavenly affairs, intending instead for us to be surprised when we visit Heaven (*Ed. Note: as in TEC and Cursillo Saturday night!*) after St. Peter allows us to enter the Pearly Gates. Now I recall the tantalizing gestures of Jesus Himself: "...eye has not seen and ear has not heard..." Does this tell it all?

Let's face it - nobody here on earth has ever been given a private tour of Heaven, as far as I know, and then come back to earth after being in Heaven. That means there are no earthly answers to my silly questions, though they are better than watching TV! Not even Pope John Paul II can talk about what's in Heaven from experience, can he? I'm thinking that we'll just have to sit and wait and see for ourselves when St. Peter opens the Pearly Gates for us.

Lastly, one thing for sure: when we do arrive in Heaven, we will all be freeloaders with no rent, no mortgage payments, no car payments, no grocery bills, no utility bills, no medical bills, and no worries whatsoever.

Wait a minute! What about the job of praising God for all eternity? Oh, but that's not a job; it is an honor!



G. E. (Jerry) Carrico

because of the fall of our First Parents. As members of the Mystical Body of Christ, our crosses, trials and errors calls us to repentance and reconciliation to become ... ONE BODY in Jesus Christ. His Life, Death and Resurrection had brought for us redemption, His gift, Eternal Life. Conjugal love in mar-

riage, in the Living Waters of our Baptism has become God's gift as the Holy Spirit revealed to us our Father's Covenant of love. That is why the Marriage Vows can never be broken; that is why marriage is so sacred and so holy!

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Planting the Seed

By Sharrie Cinnamond

Lithuania is called the land of crosses and not without reason. For one thing, it lies at the crossroads of Europe where East meets West, and the South meets the North. For centuries it has seen soldiers and generals of various armies fighting for its strategic position. Now and again Lithuania would appear on the political map of the world and then vanish from it again, an alteration marking not only the deeds of individual politicians but also the tragedy of whole generations of people. The people of this small country have a fiercely independent nature and it was most evident in the spirit of those who rose in arms against the Bolsheviks in 1918, those who resisted the Nazis in 1941-1944 and the Soviets who occupied it in 1944.

Men would abandon their homes and head for the forest, where they formed resistance groups. The main thrust of this force was directed against the Stalinist invaders. As soon as they set foot on the soil and occupied the country, the Soviets began to plunder it; first modern technology and equipment, then works of art, archive materials were taken to the East. Then came the people's turn: peasants, teachers, politicians and artists were deported to the Siberian concentration camps. During the week of June 14-22, 1941 when the war between Nazi Germany and the USSR started, 7,349 families (12,562 people) were deported from Lithuania. In the years from 1940 - 1949 Lithuania lost about half a million people. The Lithuanians were broken down both physically and morally. The succeeding generations could resort only to moral resistance and adjustment to the new conditions under the control of the communist party. Religion was hidden as priests and nuns went into hiding or were deported. Schools and churches were closed and used by the Soviets for their own purposes. The Cathedral of St. Casimir, built by the Jesuits in 1630-35, in Vilnius was used to store grain. Everything in the church was destroyed, including the organ and bells.

Valuables were taken to Moscow and in 1963 the church was turned into a museum of atheism. Most of the churches suffered similar indignities as they were turned into stables, barracks for the soldiers, and even dance halls. Today the people are slowly rebuilding and restoring the beautiful churches and monasteries.

The countryside still has many signs of the Soviet occupation, but one of the most moving is the many wooden crosses put up in



Photo at left, from left, team members Gerri Merkel, Sharrie Cinnamond, Dennis Kurtz with Gaddar, a young man from Lithuania who will be coming to Milwaukee as an exchange student this August.

Below, Participants in "Renewing the Vision" of TEC Training Workshop in Lithuania during June 27-29, 2001.



defiance of the ban on religion. One hill just outside Siauliai is covered with thousands of wooden crosses. The people would make these crosses and put them up at night. The Soviets would take them down and burn them, but several days later more crosses would appear. In 1993 when Pope John Paul II visited the country he made a point of visiting The Hill of Crosses, today a national shrine.

Learning the history of the Lithuanian people was a lesson in faith and perseverance. I was going to this small country in Eastern Europe to help them learn about TEC and Planting the Seed to get started, but I learned so much about what it really means to live the Paschal Mystery. These simple people have clung to their faith through many years of trials. Today Lithuania is a land struggling to rebuild its economy and its dignity. The poverty is evident; but determination and hard work is also a reality.

Our team of three, Dennis Kurtz, Gerri Merkel and myself, found ourselves surrounded by a welcoming and loving community. We were housed and fed by the Jesuits in Vilnius and Kaunas as we prepared for the *Renewing the Vision of TEC Training Workshop*. The workshop itself took place at the Jesuit retreat center in Kulkaulova, a small village near Kaunas. We had sixteen participants from Vilnius, Kaunas and several smaller villages. Seven were young adults attending Universities nearby and the others were teachers and adults wanting to help the young people of Lithuania.

When we realized that half of the participants did not speak or understand English, we made arrangements to have interpreters help with all the presentations. This meant some quick adjustments in the time schedule and shortening our meditations, since the interpreter repeated everything. We had no "wheat team", a group of prayer partners, so we arranged a schedule with all the table groups (actually we had no tables, just formed small circles with our chairs) taking turns with setting up, serving and cleaning up at

meal times. This meant longer breaks were needed and more adjustments to the schedule.

Another challenge for us was a "cultural difference." The participants are used to life at a much slower pace and found it difficult to go quickly from one activity to the next. The main meal was served at 1:00 p.m., a full meal with soup, salad, meat, potatoes and vegetables and always lots of bread. The evening meal was a lighter meal of cheeses, cold cuts and sweet breads.

Even with all the challenges and changes to our schedule, we were able to have a great workshop. I was especially struck by the strong faith already present in the people.

A Walk In Life

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How does one become holy? By totally dedicating your life to the Heart of Our Immaculate Mother. She was the source in our lives that led us to the summit. Through her Son, Jesus Christ, God's saving power had been reached in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God had so graced us with the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist and He had become our Life, Strength, Sweetness, and our Hope. Only with tears can we now show gratitude. It seems because of our failure to acknowledge the Sovereignty of God these past thirty-plus years, we have not understood our precious gift, The Faith. Oh, a doubting soul was I; but

They were quick to enter into the spirit of the three days and even suggested that we have more time for quiet reflective prayer. Several of the young ladies decorated the Chapel and conference room for us, using wild flowers, ferns and greenery they brought in from the surrounding forest. With so little of the material things that we take for granted, they have learned to use what nature has given

them. They were very gifted with music. Eva, one of the young students, brought her guitar and they sang with no practice and no music - all from memory. While I couldn't understand the words, I heard the beauty of their blended voices and could sense the meaning. All the liturgical services were in Lithuanian, but it was so beautiful as we all joined hands and sang (each in our own language) the Lord's Prayer. We were truly united in the Lord and many tears were shared as we exchanged the Sign of Peace. Now this was really Church!

Now that I am home and have had some time to reflect on all that

happened, I feel truly blessed to have been given this opportunity to share in the faith of these remarkable people. They are so hungry for this program and eager to get started. They know they have a lot of work ahead, first getting all the written materials translated, and gathering together to study and learn all they will need to know. It will be a real challenge for them to get the TEC program established, but they are determined and ready to meet the challenge. With their deep faith and desire to reach out to the youth of Lithuania, I'm sure they will soon be planting seeds of their own.

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now I am a witness!

Seeking self-gratification rather than sacrificial giving to each other in marriage is a road that can only lead to destruction. In many Christian marriages today, we have witnessed or been a part in the annihilation of God's procreation in the human family with the end results, abortion. Too few had viewed children as blessings! A search within from our bondage of sin becomes a grace money can't buy; the truth will set us all free. May our prayer in our faith sharing become a beacon of light to God's people, serving those in most need.

Those years of sacrificial giving to each other with a gratification that was never

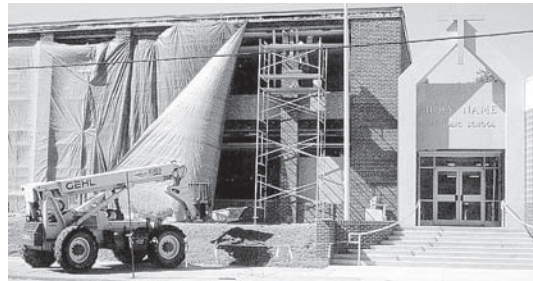
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Holy Name School Board Members Take a Test

Every July new and returning board members go on retreat to pray, plan and prepare for the new school year. Part of the retreat is reviewing current policies and handbooks. The pictures show members working in pairs trying to "answer" all the questions of their test. We are proud to say that all members got 100% correct! Holy Name photo.



Holy Name Continues Capital Improvements to School Building



Monday, June 4 was the last day for students at Holy Name School and Tuesday morning, June 5, construction began. While the students were on vacation, the 1950's section of the school received all new windows and a stronger structural support system. While the windows were being replaced, the gym was receiving a new heating

system that will include air conditioning. All the construction was completed in time for the open house for the new school year! Holy Name photo.

Knights of Columbus Present Scholarships

Submitted by Darryl Rezac

MURRAY--The Knights of Columbus recently presented \$1000 scholarships to four high school graduates that are members of St. Leo Catholic Church.

Pictured from left to right: Darryl Rezac, representative for the Knights of Columbus; Angela Johnson, daughter of Mike and Kathy Johnson; Craig Jacobs, son of Martin and Kathy Jacobs, and Jacob Abbott, son of Bill and Jackie Abbott. Missing from photo is Bethany Pate, daughter of Don and Linda Pate. Photo by Daryl Rezac



A Walk In Life

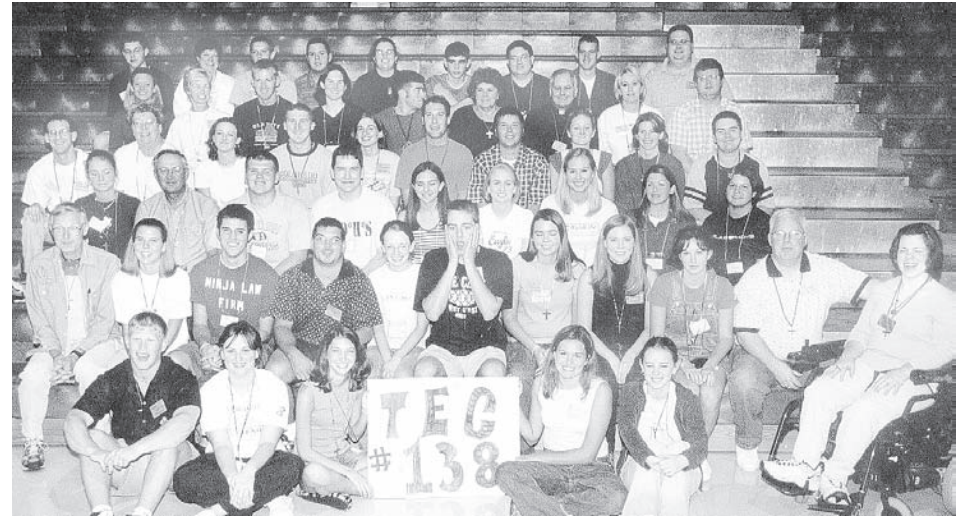
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meant to be self-seeking has allowed this imperfect couple even in our years of trial and error to surrender our lives totally to prayer, giving our lives back to God. His Infinite Mercy had spared us and blessed our marriage these thirty-nine years with a the gift of Eternal Life, a gift of mercy that neither gold nor silver nor money can buy.

It has taken me a lifetime to understand that the heroic love my husband had shown me during our childbearing became the glue that is sustaining our marriage, 'til Death Do

Us Part! Our cross to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in these matters of Catholic Moral Teachings is our way of giving back the things that rightfully belong to God ... His Divine Mercy! *The New Catechism of the Catholic Church* is a source that will answer your questions. Prayer Holds the Key. Won't you investigate and join us?

I leave you with Our Lady's message to Juan Diego; I believe that it is also her message to you: "Know for certain that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God.. Here I will show and offer all my love, my compassion, my help and my



The members of TEC # 138 are from Left to Right: First Row: Allen Young, Mary Stiff, Jaime Dowdy, Kristin Ebelhar, Carlon Woodall, Carrissa Hayden. Second Row: Bob Cinnamon, Mary Wathen, John Raleigh, Tim Fogle, Katie McBride, Barry Wolfe, Emily Hutchinson, Amber Dempsey, Beth Payne, Mike Greenwell. Row 3: Kayla Elliott, Leory Willet, Josh Thompson, Robbie Hagan, Maghan Goggin, Whitney Pendel, Allison King, Amy Edelen, Brooke Roberts. Row 4: Matt Monsour, Kathy Willet, Candice Buck, Jeffrey Schnell, Lisa Thompson, Danny Thomas, Kyle Burgess, Leslie Bickett, Theresa Kennemore, Matthew Pendel. Row 5: Ashley Elliott, Gail Hagan, Everett Wilson, Melissa Bates, David Trogden, Sharrie Cinnamon, Fr. Henry Wieder, Angie Burgess, David Aud. Row 6: Rick Curtsinger, Joan Perry, Derek Payne, Michael Wathen, Amy Fogle, Jeff Peake, Joseph Crabtree, Nathan Aud, Douglas P. Arnold

Plans Being Made To Pray Rosaries Across America

MEMPHIS--Rosaries Across America, a prayer event for parishes to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion, is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 13, 2001.

"There are over 19,000 parishes in the United States," said Patrick Benedict, director of Rosaries for Life, sponsor of the prayer event. "I hope each parish will participate."

A parish that plans on participating in the ROSARIES ACROSS AMERICA prayer event needs to do the following:

- 1) select a starting time; 2) select an appropriate location; 3) intend to have the Rosary prayed for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn babies; 4) plan on promoting the prayer event.

Colleges, monasteries, schools, parishes

from other nations, etc. can also participate on October 13.

Rosaries for Life was the sponsor of the May 12, 2001 ONE MILLION ROSARIES TO END ABORTION prayer event.

"I do not know whether or not if one million Rosaries were prayed, but I do know Rosaries for Life was overwhelmed with mail," stated Patrick Benedict. "No matter how many people participated in the ONE MILLION ROSARIES TO END ABORTION prayer event, I am hoping more will participate in the October 13th ROSARIES ACROSS AMERICA prayer event."

A person can request information by writing to: Rosaries for Life; PO Box 41831; Memphis, TN, 38174

protection to the people. I am your merciful Mother, the Mother of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who have confidence in me. Here I will hear their weeping and their sorrows and will remedy and alleviate their suffering, necessities and misfortunes ... Listen and let it penetrate into your heart ... Do not be troubled or weighed

down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else that you need?

Brescia University sponsors Bishop's Scholastic Challenge

OWENSBORO--The multi-faceted support of Brescia University by the Diocese of Owensboro began over three decades ago when the parishes were asked to collect funds for Brescia, the only Catholic university in the diocese. The diocese is currently an avid supporter of several university programs, including the Bishop's Scholastic Challenge.

The Bishop's Scholastic Challenge is a weeklong program designed specifically for high school juniors and seniors. Its purpose is to expose high school students to college life while honoring the bishop. Participants attend college-level classes taught by Brescia faculty, partake in daily morning prayers and noon liturgies, and spend an evening with Bishop John McRaith.

"We have really great, friendly and bright kids from all over the diocese," McRaith said. "They are great ambassadors to send back to their home towns."

Seventeen high school juniors and seniors from parishes in the diocese participated in the 2001 program, which took place July 8-13. They enjoyed meals provided daily by Brescia University faculty and staff members. In addition to educational activities, the students also enjoyed recreational and sociable time.

Emily Durbin of Brownsville, KY., is cutting her birthday cake to share with her friends at the bishop's Scholastic Challenge sponsored by Brescia University.

Emily celebrated her 16th birthday on July 11 with a cake sent by her parents. Photo by Jennifer Carlett, Director of Public Relations for Brescia Univ.



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.

Diocesan Prison Ministry Workshop Dates

*If you plan to attend, please contact hosting parish.
Questions, call Rita Brothers @ 270-683-1545*

SEPTEMBER 2001

8 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., **Prison Ministry Workshop**, St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield, open to anyone interested in ministering to people in jails/prisons. Lunch provided.

15 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., **Prison Ministry Workshop**, St. Leo Parish, Murray, open to anyone interested in ministering to people in jails/prisons. Lunch provided.

19 5:30 - 9:00 p.m., **Prison Ministry Workshop**, St. Ann Parish, Morganfield, open to anyone interested in ministering to people in jails/prisons. Dinner provided.

22 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., **Prison Ministry Workshop**, Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green, open to anyone interested in ministering to people in jails/prisons. Lunch provided.

The Diocesan Social Concerns Committee Meeting

will be open to anyone interested
in our Church's mission on justice.

Saturday, October 6, 2001

from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Catholic Pastoral Center

Using the

Leader's Guide to Sharing Catholic Social Teaching
published by the

United States Catholic Conference of Bishops,
the committee plans to use the ART method
(Act, Reflect & Transform)

to empower parishioners to answer our call to
charity, justice and peace.

Bishop John McRaith Will Be Present!

BBQ, Bread & Drinks Will Be Furnished



Cut & mail to Rita Brothers, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 or fax: 270-683-6883.

Name _____ Address _____

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I plan to bring: Vegetable _____ Salad _____ Dessert _____

Questions, call Rita Brothers @ 270-683-1545

Please Respond by September 28, 2001

Disciples Response Fund

The importance of recognizing good works!

The *Western Kentucky Catholic* has always printed the names of people who share their gifts with the Church. Every month you read about generous people who make a difference with their contributions—they sing in the choir, lecture, teach, and volunteer for Church activities.

This edition of the WKC acknowledges the generosity of several thousand people who understand the importance of their monetary gift to the diocesan Church through the Disciples Response Fund.

In addition to our time and talents, money is also a good and holy blessing from God. The mission of the Church is limited when we don't realize that God has blessed us abundantly with abilities and gifts that could bless the world when shared.

THAT'S WHY!

That's why we publish the names of people who make financial gifts to the diocesan Church through the Disciples Response Fund. These are SIGNIFICANT gifts, regardless of the amount, and every dollar contributed impacts the Church's ability to reach out to people and minister.

In the same way we publish the names of people who generously share their lives with the Church, we can also publish the names of people who shared a portion of their money with the church. This is a form

of evangelization as well.

To inspire others to follow her actions, Jesus pointed out very specifically how holy the widow's gift of money was to the Church. Sacrificial in nature and made out of thanksgiving for the many ways God had blessed her, Christ hoped that her gift would make an impression on others.

Thanking people for their contribution does not heap guilt on those people with lower incomes. That's a myth, since statistics prove that the MOST generous people have lower incomes. Their gift may not be large in amount, but in proportion to their income, it's much larger than most "big" gifts. Those who suffer economic hardship are among the Church's MOST GENEROUS financial contributors, and they deserved to be thanked.

FROM 50 CENTS TO 50 THOUSAND

All of the generous givers to the Disciples Response Fund are listed on the following pages. The 50 cent and \$1 givers (and there were many of them) are listed right beside the \$5,000 to \$50,000 givers.

The Church is in desperate need of active participation. And while God has entrusted

everyone with many gifts and abilities, a lack of time and perhaps physical health sometimes prevent participation. For some, a financial contribution is the only visible gift they have to offer in support of Christ's mission.

The Church must do more to recognize the good works of the people right here in our very own diocese.

In this diocese, we work to educate people on the need to give, because worthy ministries are in need of funding. From basic support of retired priests to the education of seminarians, the Western Kentucky Catholic to the TV Mass, from Religious Education of our youth to outreach toward the unchurched, contributions to the Disciples Response Fund fuel many ministries across this diocese and forward the mission of the Church.

We should also do a good job of thanking people for their generosity. Without financial generosity, the Church is very limited on what it is able to accomplish.

THANK YOU!

These are SIGNIFICANT gifts, regardless of the amount, and every dollar contributed impacts the Church's ability to reach out to people and minister.

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I wish it could be more. Increased [the] amount from last year. That's all (right now) that I can do. God bless this fund.



Growing in the faith. Events such as the Chrism Mass and the Diocesan Multi-Cultural Encuentro offer Catholics from throughout the Diocese of Owensboro an opportunity to gather and worship as one body. The public witness of our faith is a form of evangelization to the unchurched within our community. Ministries and programs of education and evangelization find support through the DRF. The Disciples Response Fund provides an opportunity to invest in the mission of Christ and the promotion of our Catholic faith.

Happy Anniversary

Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Robert & Kathryn Wilkerson, 40 years
Ben & Thelma Crump, 52 years
Vincent & Jeanette Dick, 47 years
Charles & Helen Gilles, 60 years
Holy Name, Henderson
Charles & Gladys Buckman, 40 years
Thomas & Barbara Bartley, 56 years
Robert & Mary Bowlds, 63 years
Milburn & Dorothea Floyd, 59 years
Bernard & Sarah Payne, 52 years
Anthony & Louise Sellars, 51 years
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Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Robert & Jeanne Edward, 54 years
Edward & Zita Hayden, 57 years
Walter & Sara Pudlo, 60 years
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Edna & Jesse Berkley, 61 years
Bernie & Pam Hayes, 25 years
Gerri & Herb Jessup, 52 years
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Gary & Mary Mingus, 25 years
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Mr & Mrs William Risinger, 65 years
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Mr & Mrs John Hancock, 50 years
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Pat & Ruby Wheatley, 50 years
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Holy Trinity, Morgantown
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Richard & Peggy Sielers, 40 years

A Good Sense of Humor, Love and Care Ingredients for 50 Years of Happy Marriage



50th Anniversary Celebrants were Frs. Jerry Riney, Brian Johnson of Holy Spirit and Fr. Jerry Calhoun of Christ the King with Gladys and Gene Faller. Pat Smith photo.

By Pat S. Smith

When Gladys and Gene Faller of Bowling Green married on July 28, 1951, the advice that "each of you give 75% of love and care for one another" and have a "good sense of humor" was given for a happy marriage. Now fifty years later, that advice has fed and sustained them.

Gladys and Gene were married during the Korean War when Gene was in the Army and had just completed 16 weeks of basic training at Ft. Monmouth, NJ. Gene had requested a week leave and their hopes to marry on Saturday, July 28 were fulfilled when they were married by Rev. Joseph L. Jensen at St. James Catholic Church in Buffalo, NY. Gladys was working for a group of architects in Buffalo, Duane Lyman & Associates. When Gene completed 6 months of officer training at Ft. Riley, KS, Gladys went to Fort Belvoir, VA with him for 3 months and then he was shipped overseas.

Fifty years, six children and seven grandchildren later, the Fallers renewed their vows at Holy Spirit on July 28, 2001. "Our Mass was one of the most blessed experiences of our lives," Gladys said. "And we shall always treasure the memories of it," she added.

Continuing to follow the advice given them 50 years ago, the Fallers have tried to always respect one another's feelings and continue to do so. "And a good sense of humor helps a great deal," Gene shared. "We can always find some fun in everything," Gladys added. "Our love for God has developed over the years and it has given us strength when in time of trouble or cares."

Now retired, neither of the Fallers has time to be bored. Gladys is in the Legion of Mary, works at the desk at Holy Spirit answering the telephone, filing and helping on the computer, serves as Manager at St. Vincent de Paul store on Fridays and is involved in the Ministry of Care program and is a Eucharist Minister.

Gene counts money each Monday for Sunday collections with another group of men, picks up and delivers bread to the needy for St. Vincent de Paul and is a Minister of Care and Eucharist Minister. He is also in the regular Knights of Columbus and recently became a 4th degree Knight. Gladys shares in his membership as a Sir Knights Lady.

The Fallers six children are: Tom Faller of Newnan, GA, David Faller of Madison, WI, Barbara Moore, Baxley, GA, Andrew Faller, Smiths Grove, KY and Ann Gann and Daniel Faller of Bowling Green.

All six children, as well as their spouses and all seven grandchildren, were present for the 50th anniversary celebration.

More advice from the Fallers for a long lasting and happy marriage? "When you become angry or tired with one another, stop before you say something that will hurt the other. And try to talk with one another to see how each of you feels. Help one another through the difficult situations and ALWAYS respect and stand up for each other."

Fifty years of marriage, a life-long commitment to God, the Church and family have been proven by this Western Kentucky Catholic couple that marriage CAN last a lifetime.

Experiencing A Problem Pregnancy?

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Holy Spirit Parishioner Publishes Book to Help Widows

By Pat S. Smith

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - When Joanne Shortley-Lalonde was 38 years old, she became a widow. But her husband, Stephen Shortley, did not die of cancer or heart problems. In fact, on the morning of September 8, 1994, things were pretty much the same "as usual" around the Shortley household. Stephen, 37, was leaving their home in Pittsburgh, PA on a business trip for his company, Ernst & Young, where he was employed as a data and communications manager. The trip would be pretty much routine as travel was very much a part of Stephen's job. Unfortunately, this day would end without any "routineness" and Joanne would not have a routine day for many years. USAir flight 427 crashed later that evening and although a "no survivors" announcement would not come for a long and grueling eight hours, Joanne was soon to learn that she was now, without any preparation, a widow. From this experience, now almost seven years later, has come her new book, "Widowed without Warning."

Joanne, a cradle Catholic, moved to Bowling Green about three years ago where she and her husband of two and a half years, J.P. Lalonde, now attend Holy Spirit with their children, daughters Melinda, Valerie and Karen. Joanne said that she decided to write the book because she had trouble finding any resource materials to help her through her widowhood. Although she received much support from the parishioners at St. Cyril Catholic Church where she and Stephen had been members, she felt she needed something more, something she could study and learn to come back to normalcy in privacy. When she could not find a book like this, she decided to help others by writing one herself. "I was looking for something to help me deal with the grief and loneliness from the perspective of the *widow*," she explained at her book signing at Barnes & Noble in Bowling Green on July 21.

Joanne's book will certainly become a spiritual aid for Catholic and non-Catholics, widows or widowers alike. Her book begins by chronicling the events of the accident on September 8 and talks of her experience with the survivors of the other 132 men and women who died on the flight and the group of other widows to whom she grew close and leaned on for support. She also explains how the grief usually does not begin until *after the funeral*. Stephen's funeral would not be held

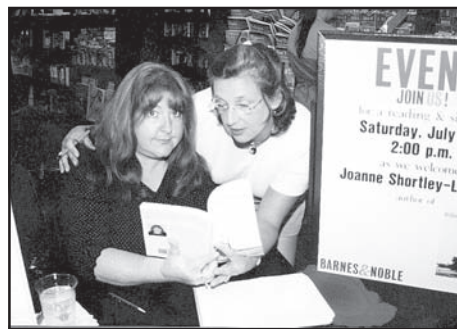


Above, Joanne Shortley-Lalonde with Debbie Larkin, Holy Spirit Parishioner who came for the book signing. Pat Smith Photo.

until 10 days later and with no body to bury, Joanne recounts how she came up with a different idea to offer closure to herself, their two children, Lisa and Daniel, who were eighteen and seventeen years old at the time and other members of their family and friends.

In one chapter, Joanne deals with how she handled the media. "I had no clue this accident was going to be as huge as it was," Joanne says, heading up chapter II. And since the accident was so huge, there was much media involvement from the newspapers, radio and TV stations. In the midst of her confusion, she had to deal with this, also.

Other chapters deal with her own personal stages of grief and inform the reader that each individual deals with grief in their own time and their own way. For Joanne, "...grief consumes almost every moment of every day...turns into an octopus as it wraps itself around our mind, our body, and our heart and strangles our every breath." (Widowed without Warning, p. 26). In the chapter entitled simply "Validation" she talks about how it (validation) was what she wanted more than anything else. It is so hard to know what to say to someone who has just lost a husband or wife, but Joanne knew what she wanted to hear, *needed* to hear... that Stephen's death was not fair, that she had been dealt a terrible blow. (How inappropriate does it feel when someone says "It was God's will..." or "He's better off"? Two "comforting" sayings that actually make this writer cringe!) And as she began to heal and grow, she shares her experiences in following chapters of support groups and journalizing as ways to cope with grief and how she found strength to deal with holidays and anniversaries. The final two chapters deal with coming to terms with herself as a new person without Stephen and finding love and happiness again when she



Joanne with Western Ky Catholic Bowling Green correspondent, Pat S. Smith, who is checking out a sentence from "Widowed without Warning." Galen Smith Photo

meets and marries a widower, J.P. Lalonde.

Joanne shared that she knew through the grace of God and her hope and faith in Him that she would go on. She prayed to St. Jude to send to her a widower with children, like herself, because she said, "...a divorced man would not understand."

Attending Holy Spirit now with J.P., whom

she married in February of 1999, Joanne remembers her prayers and is grateful for the sacraments and the Church. When asked which sacrament she favored, she smilingly replied, "Why, marriage, of course."

As she signed her new book for many at Barnes and Noble, one could almost feel the joy she experiences at being able, through her own personal tragedy, to reach out and give hope to widows. Joanne will be signing books again in Pittsburgh, PA on the 7th anniversary of the crash of USAir Flight 427. But although she will feel sadness and perhaps some pain, life is now good for Joanne, one Western Kentucky Catholic who survived widowhood. As she ends her book, she formed her own personal quote from the Bible: "For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven..." Ecclesiastes 3:19) AND "A time to grieve... And a time to go on..." (Joanne Shortley-Lalonde, July 2001)

Joanne invites you to view her website, www.widowedwithoutwarning.com which has been visited by over 1,200 widows and widowers, many of whom she has corresponded with personally.

Wisdom of Black Catholic Women Rooted in Faith and Community

The strength of black Catholic women is grounded in their spirituality, said Diana Hayes, a theologian on the faculty of Georgetown University and the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate in sacred theology from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. Hayes addressed the National Gathering for Black Catholic Women, held at the end of July in Charlotte, N.C.

The spirituality of black women is also the basis of their survival--"not just as women of faith but as a people of faith," Hayes said. This spirituality:

- 1) Arises "from a deep and abiding faith in a God of love, a wonder-working God who walked and talked with them" over the course of U.S. history, "giving them the strength to persevere." Hayes said, "Nothing was too hard for God, and as a result nothing was too hard for (people of African descent) to attempt to accomplish in their everyday struggle to keep hope and love alive."
- 2) Is "rooted in the community." Hayes commented that for African-American women's spirituality, "life outside of the community was inconceivable; life over against the community was suicide." She said: "The community...was the lifeblood of each and every individual within it,...and each one owed a responsibility to the others within that community to enable both community and individuals to survive and thrive..."

This spirituality today is at risk because blacks "have begun to forget who we are and whose we are," said Hayes. The Georgetown professor said it is the task of black Catholic women of faith "to gather the scattered threads of our history...joining with our sisters everywhere, and make it whole again, returning our past to ourselves and, thereby, regaining the way to our futures for ourselves and our posterity." It is time, Hayes added, "for black Catholic women to reclaim their voices...That voice has been silenced because women lacked the power, as the 'disinherited,' to recognize and claim their own power. We are making a claim that we have the right and the responsibility in today's world to name our own experience and the experiences of our people whatever they may be..."

The wisdom of African-American women "emerges from an experience of triple (or more) oppression," said Hayes. "Denied the dignity of womanhood, condemned for their skin color, whether too dark or too light, and often imprisoned by miseducation, demeaning and

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Jubilees of Monastic Profession Celebrated at Saint Meinrad Archabbey

The monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN, celebrated the jubilees of profession of three confreres on July 29. Fathers Alcuin Leibold, OSB, and Cyprian Davis, OSB celebrated 50 years of monastic profession while Br. Kenan Kapina, OSB, celebrated 25 years.

Fr. Alcuin was born in 1929 in Dayton, OH, and professed vows August 1, 1951. He was ordained on May 3, 1956, and undertook graduate studies at Catholic University of America and Mexico City College, Mexico. He taught Spanish at Saint Meinrad College and served as registrar for ten years. Later he served as chaplain for the Benedictine Sisters of Villa Madonna Academy, Covington, KY, for three years. Since his



return to the monastery, he has worked in the library, was the Guest House manager and secretary to the archabbot. Since 1985, he has been an assistant to the archivist. Throughout these years, he regularly provided temporary parochial assistance.

Fr. Cyprian was born in Washington, DC, in 1930. He made his first profession on August 1, 1951, and was ordained on May 3, 1956. He did graduate work at the Catholic University, Fordham University and Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium), where he received a doctorate in historical sciences in 1977. Fr. Cyprian is professor of church history at Saint Meinrad School of Theology and serves as archivist for both the monastery and the Swiss-American Congregation of the Benedictine Federation. On May 27, 2001, he was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Notre Dame, in recognition of his contributions to the history of Black Catholicism in this country.

Br. Kenan was born in 1952, and made his temporary vows on August 15, 1976. He received a BA degree in English from Saint Meinrad College and did further studies at Purdue University and Saint Meinrad School of Theology. For almost 20 years, he worked in the Saint Meinrad business office. Since 1997, he has been manager of the Guest House, assistant oblate director and monastery vocation director.

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meaningless work, and a denial of their very humanity, African-American women have yet managed to forge a spirituality of hope and survival that has sustained them for centuries.”...

Like all black women, black Catholic women “are still stereotyped in many ways, both in our church and in the dominant society,” Hayes said. She said that “their issues and concerns are often overlooked or lumped together as social justice issues which do not affect the church as a whole.” But, Hayes said, “by our presence and our action...we are changing not only the image of black women in the church but also the image of blacks as a whole, revealing the strength of our endurance and the intellectual stamina which has enabled us to preserve.” She added, however, that for many people “this is a threat rather than a blessing. For racism

persists in our church.”...

“Black Catholic women must bring to the forefront of dialogue images of black women who contradict the dominant perspective, women such as Hagar, who was abused and misused by both her master and her mistress, yet was taught by God how to survive in the wilderness as African-American women had to do for centuries in this land,” said Hayes. Hagar, she added, models “the passionate love of our foremothers of those entrusted to their care. They did what they had to do not simply to survive but to ensure that their communities would also survive and be prepared for whatever future might come.”...

One reason that both racism and sexism persist, Hayes told the black Catholic women’s gathering, “is that too often those most intimately affected are not themselves consulted as a means of creating a solution.

Light One Candle

Letting It Go

Msgr. Jim Lisante, Director, The Christophers

Sifting through a box of old, forgotten school records, I recently found a report card from my childhood. It had my marks in math and the verbal skills from the first through the sixth grade. Most of my grades were pretty decent, but during the sixth grade, my math scores start to take a dip. Attached to the card is a notification that some math tutoring might help. I never did get that tutoring. In fact, I just struggled on, trying to make sense out of the wonderful world of the so-called “new math.”

Finding that report card and recommendation from my teachers, addressed to my parents, made me wonder: Why hadn’t they gotten me the suggested math tutoring? I mean, truth be told, math remained a constant difficulty for me straight through school. Sometimes with comic results.

In one case, I was mistakenly placed in an honors class of advanced trigonometry. Protesting the placement, I was told by my high school guidance counselor that I’d have to remain listed in the class for the whole term whether I attended or not. At the end of the year, I received a ten in the course. Seems the final had a gift question that you couldn’t get wrong, so even someone who didn’t take the test could still get a 10%. Moving on to college after that debacle, I found I’d been placed in advanced mathematics once again. When I protested that I had no particular ability for the subject, counselors begged to differ. Seems that in computer speak, my 10% grade had been translated as 100%. And certainly anyone with a 100% in advanced trigonometry must be gifted. It took a while, but I finally escaped mathematics.

Recently, with the newfound report card and recommendations in hand, I decided to confront my Mom. “Why,” I argued, “did you and Dad ignore the teacher’s recommendation?” I concluded by saying, “You know, Mom, I might have had a very different life and career with an ability to do math.” She listened to my protests with a stoic face. Then, she laughed. “What are you laughing at?” “At you, dear, of course.”

And then, gently, she let me have it. “You know, Jim, so many of the boomers in your generation do so much complaining. ‘What I could’ve been ... what I should’ve been ... what might have happened if ...’ And the truth is that as parents we surely do make some mistakes. I mean, we only learned how to do the job by doing the job. Somewhere along the line, you guys have to let go of all the blame, all the perceived missed opportunities, all the worrying about how it could have been different, and just live your lives.”

She reminded me of the obvious: “You know, even without great math ability, you’ve really enjoyed a wonderful life. Can’t you see all you do have – and stop complaining about what you don’t?”

Mom is right. Too often, we look at all the perceived mistakes our folks made and spend a lot of time in the “second-guessing” game. Of course, parents deserve criticism in more egregious cases. But for most of us, I suspect, our parents did a whole lot more right than wrong.

It’s important to acknowledge mistakes in our lives, those made by others that affected us and those that we made ourselves. Yet at some point, we’ve got to let go – drop the resentment, extend forgiveness, and move ahead. Letting the past swallow up the future is an awful waste of a lifetime.

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Too often we are required to accept statements and solutions created for ethnic Catholics with, if fortunate, only a nod to the different but equally legitimate concerns of persons of color and women.” She said also that it is time to demand “the greater inclusion of black women in leadership roles within our church at every level, as chancellors, members of marriage tribunals, heads of diocesan offices in addition to those of black ministry, as pastoral administrators in parishes, as theologians and scholars in our

colleges and universities, and in a myriad of other roles.”...

Women “remain the heartbeat” of our African-American Catholic communities, a status for which we are both exalted and maligned,” said Hayes. “We must,” she told her audience, “use the strength of that status to be, once again, the bearers of culture and the birthers of the future.”

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Msgr. Jim Lisante

Shelter of Love Holds Spring Fund Raiser

By H. J. Ramage, Jr.

The Shelter of Love located at 107 West Main Street in Morganfield, Ky., held their fund raising banquet at St. Ann's Parish Hall on Saturday April 28, 2001. The theme of this years event was: "Let Their Be Life". About 250 persons attended and heard testimony from several individuals as to how the Shelter of Love had played an important part in their lives. Founded by the present Executive Director Debbie Higgs, the shelter provides material as well as emotional support for women who may be facing a unplanned or difficult pregnancy.

The welcome address was given by Jeff Wesley, Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mark Cunningham served as master of ceremonies. The invocation was given by Rev. Bob Dunlop, United Methodist Church. Executive Director Debbie Higgs addressed the gathering and made some meaningful presentation gifts to the board members for their services to the organization. Kathy Hancock, Director of Client Services, introduced three of the Shelter's Clients who told the audience to just what extent the Shelter had influenced their lives in a positive, Christian manner. Mrs. Higgs remarked that a



Kathy Hancock, at left, Client Service Director at Shelter of Love, with Mr. Wysong, and Joyce Higgs, Volunteers Director. Submitted photo

major milestone had been achieved by implementing the outreach program of going into the schools and being able to teach the "Abstinence Only" program. Mrs. Higgs emphasized that the "Abstinence Only" program was critical to preventing unwanted pregnancies, abortions, and sexually transmitted diseases in Union County.

Congratulations, to Debbie and her staff for this great service.

The keynote speaker of the evening was

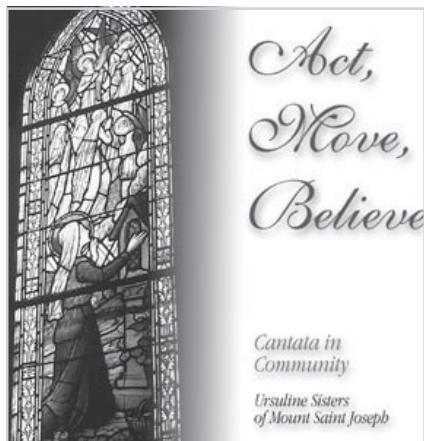
Charles Wysong, President and Founder of American Rights Coalition. Charles and Brenda Wysong have been married for twenty-seven years and are the parents of fifteen children, with no adoptions and no twins. Mrs. Wysong and several of their children accompanied Mr. Wysong to the banquet. Charles Wysong was instrumental in driving the abortionist out of Chattanooga, Tennessee his home town, and closing the city's three abortion clinics. Chattanooga now claims the title as; the most pro-Life City in America. He has been personally involved in actions which led to the closing of eighteen other abortion clinics across the country. Recently he, along with fourteen other individuals were sued by Plan Parenthood in the State of Oregon for 1.4 billion dollars. There was an offer to drop the suit if Mr. Wysong would apologize for remarking that these abortion clinics were murdering babies. With courage and conviction befitting a Christian, Mr. Wysong held fast to his position and was eventually saddled with a judgment for

109 million dollars. He appealed this decision and finally won a reversal of the lower court decision. Mr. Wysong remarked that pro-life forces were slowly but surely winning the battle against legalized abortion. He spoke of the filth found in many of these "so called sanitary clinics". In many area of the country he stated that the same seedy characters doing the abortions were the same type of persons who were doing them before abortion gained the protection of law.

Congratulations to Mr. Wysong for his heroic struggle against the culture of death. He deserves our respect and support for his valiant endeavor.



Speaker, Charles Wysong pictured with client, Chasity Shirely (left) and client, Marie Morgan (right). Photos by H. J. Ramage, Jr.



Ursuline Sisters Record Cantata Based on Words of Angela Merici

"Act, Move, Believe: Cantata in Community" is the title of a compact disc just released by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. The recording brings together a new musical setting of the words of Saint Angela Merici with a collection of traditional hymns, all sung by the Ursuline Sisters. The music is available on CD or cassette.

"Act, Move, Believe" emerged from a community effort of Ursuline Sisters working with composer Michael Bogdan, director of the Office of Music for the Diocese of Owensboro. Beginning with favorite texts from the writings of their foundress, the group produced a work that reflects Angela's creativity and the enduring qualities of her spirituality. As a companion piece to the cantata, the Sisters include a selection of traditional hymns of the community.

Born in northern Italy in the late 15th century, Angela Merici dedicated herself to God in a lifelong ministry to the poor, the sick, the bereaved, and many others in need—

particularly women, who were generally uneducated and often neglected.

In 1535, she founded the Company of Saint Ursula, a community of women who were to live a celibate, devout life in their family homes, to come together regularly for prayer and mutual support, and to dedicate themselves to charitable works. Angela's writings reflect a spirituality based on a deep personal relationship with God, belief in the worth and uniqueness of each person, mutual love and respect, moderation in all things, and an openness to change when circumstances demand it.

The Company of Saint Ursula was the seed of the Ursuline Order, which by the 19th century had spread all over the world. The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, founded near Owensboro, Kentucky, in 1874, rejoice to be part of this great Ursuline tree.

Angela's writings inspired her first followers and continue to support Ursuline Sisters and their associates throughout the world today, as this recording demonstrates.

Cost of the CD is \$13 plus \$3 shipping and handling; the cassette is \$9 plus \$2 shipping and handling. To order or for more information, contact the Office of Mission Advancement, 270-229-4103, ext. 424. Both CDs and cassettes are also available at Mount Saint Joseph Book and Gift Shop.

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WISDOM *By Ginny Knight Simon***Mary Jo Meadows -
Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro**

My husband, Hubert, passed away three years ago and we would have been married 50 years this past June. He had retired from Green River Steel. I think compromise and just trying to do the best you can are ways to help make a good marriage. We had nine children and 18 grandchildren. We sent all of our children to Catholic Schools through the elementary years. We thought it important to make sure they had the main faith foundation. Some of the children are kinda scattered now, but I do manage to have a house full at the Holidays.

I have just had knee surgery so I'm not able to do things I like to do - but I hope to soon. I usually like to help at the parish picnic and I like to ride my bicycle. I also like to go on bus trips and travel some.

I have been blessed many ways, but my greatest blessing from God are my children.

(Make plans to attend the Sophia Awards Mass on Sunday September 23, 2001, 1:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral 614 Locust Street Owensboro, KY)

**Holy Spirit Teen Wins Eagle Wings**

By Pat S. Smith

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - Chris Siegrist, son of Mr. Dennis and Dr. Beverly Siegrist has recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Eagle Scout is the highest rank which can be attained and much work and many activities and projects go into the effort.

The ceremony was held at Christ United Methodist Church on Sunday, August 19. Chris, who is in Troop #79, attended St. Joseph Interparochial School in Bowling Green for six years and is now a Freshman at Bowling Green High.

Chris was required to plan, find resources, carry and lead an important project to finish. For his project, Chris choose to do "...his best, to do his duty to God and his country ..." by selecting a project which would improve and refine the playground at Holy Spirit. He recruited 20 volunteers and together they doubled the size of the enclosed playground, removing the rubber chips and replacing them with a cleaner, more appropriate ground cover of wood chips. Chris clocked 179 hours of volunteer time, start to finish. He recently returned from a 2 1/2 week trip to Ft. A.P. Hill, Virginia, where he attended National Jamboree with over 40,000 other Scouts from the USA and seven other countries.

Chris, who also received Confirmation this June, attends Holy Spirit with his parents and younger sister, Vickie. At 14, he is an energetic young Catholic who believes in attending Mass regularly and working hard in school and at home. In his "free" time, Chris' likes to engage in his favorite hobby, photography. He plans to attend Western Ky University and major in business.

Congratulations Chris!

**Scouts List Names of Award Winners**

The eighth annual Scouting Religious Emblems Ceremony and Mass in the Diocese of Owensboro took place Sunday afternoon, March 18, 2001, at St. Stephen Cathedral. The Most Rev. John J. McRaith, Bishop of Owensboro and Rev. Ken Mikulcik, Diocesan Scouting Chaplain, concelebrated. A total of 113 medals were presented to youth and adults alike. The recipients and the medals awarded were as follows:

FAMILY OF GOD**(Brownies and Girl Scouts)**

Troop 1455, St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho Amanda Beyke, Elizabeth Ebelhar, Miranda Evans, Nicole Flatgard, Ginger Gilbert, Alex Glenn, Carly Kaelin, Paige Knott, Kaylee Murphy, Chelsea Riney, Jenna Riney, Amber Thomas, Hillary Thomas and Kelsi Woodall.

Troop 1947, St. Thomas More/St. Francis DeSales, Paducah - Megan Ciampa, Whitney Denkins, Gayle Nicole Dunlap, Katherine Halicks, Jamie Jones, Randa Jones, Lesley Nash, Colleen Paxton, Patricia Reig and Olivia Warren.

ILIVE MY FAITH (Girl Scouts)

Troop 663, St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro - Rachel Aull, Katie Honadle, Alex Roushdi and Nidia Thies.

Troop 1427, Blessed Mother/St. Angela Merici School, Owensboro - Theresa Castlen, Natalie Clark, Rachel Franey, Megan Graham, Taylor Hamilton, Katie Hayden, Kelley Hires, Heather Howard, Melissa Hurley, Jena McCarty, Olivia Osborne, Lauren Sharp, Megan Smith, Caitlin Snyder, Chelsea Tipmore and Jessica Walker.

Troop 1549, Fancy Farm Elementary School, Fancy Farm - Meagan Hobbs.

Troop 2026, Hawesville - Emily McCarty.

Troop 2039, St. Pius X/Bishop Cotton School, Owensboro - Christina Clary and Lee Ann Wells.

LIGHT OF CHRIST**(Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts)**

Pack 23, George Rogers Clark Elementary School PTO, Paducah - Johnathon Vaughn.

Pack 57, Murray Kiwanis Club, Murray -

Lucas Hendren.

Pack 76, St. Angela Merici School, Owensboro - Aaron Alvey, Michael Bastin, Alex Dotsey, Ben Franey, Wilson Johnson, Jacob Linn, Joshua Linn, Darrin Piper, Luke Robertson, Luke Roushdi, Steven-Alex Smith, Sam Thompson, Alex Vaughan and Mitchel Weafer.

Pack 120, St. Pius X, Owensboro - Jesse French.

Pack 220, Immaculate/Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Club, Owensboro - Zachary Hendrix.

PARVULIDEI**(Cub Scouts and Webelos)**

Pack 4, Niagara - Andrew Thompson.

Pack 7, St. Thomas More/St. Francis DeSales, Paducah - Derrick Anderson, Andrew Azar, Matthew Grohovsky, Ryan Krimple, Michael Meredith, Joshua Rieg, William Smith, Kyle Tincher and Paul Thomasson.

Pack 50, Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson - Aaron Barkley, Taylor Chapman, Brandon Kirchgessner, Alec Stroud, Jordan Swainder and Warren Whitaker.

Pack 51, Spottsville Citizens, Spottsville - James Michael Eblen.

Pack 76, St. Angela Merici School, Owensboro - Chase Carrico, Eric Goetz, Alex Johnson, Jacob Kotarek, Alex Lashbrook, Joshua Linn, Peter Lovekamp, Kent McCarthy, Matthew Terry and Michael Thies.

Pack 120, St. Pius X, Owensboro - Brandon Etienne, Ethan French, Ben Hedges, Ben Knott, Jonathan Lundy, Jordan Murphy and Carl Sims.

Pack 247, Whitesville Lions Club, Whitesville - Michael Thompson.

AD ALTARE DEI (Boy Scouts)

Troop 36, Hawesville United Methodist Church, Hawesville - Christopher McCarty. POPE PIUS XII (Boy Scouts and Venturers)

Submitted for publication on August 14, 2001.

**"Food for the Journey:
A Day of Reflection for Lay Ministers"**

Sponsored by the Council of Lay Ecclesial Ministry

This one-day retreat will be conducted by Marti Jewell, MTS, Director of the Office of Ministry and Spirituality for the Archdiocese of Louisville. **Friday, September 28, 2001 Time: 10 am - 3:30 p.m. Registration begins at 9:30 am at The Field House, 5872 Hwy 1389 Cost: \$15 Members; \$20 Non-members. Lunch Included.**

**RSVP by September 19, 2001--Sr. Pat Froning or Gayle Strehl,
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Life Issues Forum

Reverse the Question

By Fr. Frank Pavone
National Director/Priests for Life

Even when we understand the dimensions of the abortion tragedy, which kills our youngest brothers and sisters in numbers larger than any disease, disaster, or war, we are often afraid to act.

We can gain courage, however, from the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) On the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, a man fell in with robbers. A priest and a Levite came by, but did not stop to help. Despite their knowledge of the Law and Prophets, they walked right by. Why?

One of the reasons may be that they were afraid. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho is a steep and dangerous road. At the time of Jesus, it had come to be known as the "Bloody Pass." Because of its numerous curves, it lends itself to attacks by robbers who can easily hide not too far from their victims. Perhaps the priests and Levites who passed by that man asked themselves, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me? Maybe the robbers who attacked him are still here. Maybe they're hiding just around the bend. This is a dangerous road. I better keep going."

Sometimes we ask the same question. If I speak up too loudly about the victims of abortion, what will happen to me? Will I face persecution, will I encounter opposition, will I lose popularity if I get involved in a cause like this?

Priests sometimes ask the same question. If I preach about abortion, what will happen to me? What will happen to my parish, my effectiveness, my image? What legal troubles might I provoke?

Politicians sometimes ask the same question. If I say I am pro-life, what will happen to my votes, to my standing in the polls, to my chances in the election?

And then the Good Samaritan came along, and he reversed the question. He didn't ask, "If I help this man, what will happen to me?" The Good Samaritan asked, "If I do not help this man, what will happen to him?" And that's the question for us. If I do not address this evil, what will happen to the unborn? If I do not get involved, what will happen to those who are vulnerable, to those who are marginalized our society, those who are oppressed, those who have no one to speak for them?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. brought out this same lesson from this same parable on the night before he was assassinated. He called the people to a "dangerous unselfishness" as he rallied them to stand with the oppressed sanitation workers in Memphis. And in regard to himself, he declared that it didn't matter what happened to him; he just wanted to do God's will.

These words of holocaust survivor Elie Weisel sum it up well: "I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

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

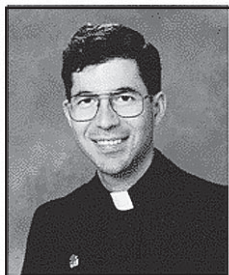
More than 50 U.S. Bishops Sign Up for Vocations Congress

WASHINGTON--Fifty-two bishops from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have signed up for the Continental Congress on Vocations to Ordained Ministry and Consecrated Life in North America.

The Bishops' delegation is the first group to sign up as participants in the Congress which expects 12,000 delegates from the United States and Canada.

The delegates who have registered include Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston, TX, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver, Archbishop Elden F. Curtiss of Omaha, Archbishop Daniel M. Bucchlein of Indianapolis, Archbishop Harry Flynn of St. Paul-Minneapolis, Archbishop Roger Schwictz of Anchorage, AK, Archbishop Stephen Soroka of Philadelphia for Ukrainians, and Archbishop John G. Vlazny of Portland,

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Fr. Frank Pavone



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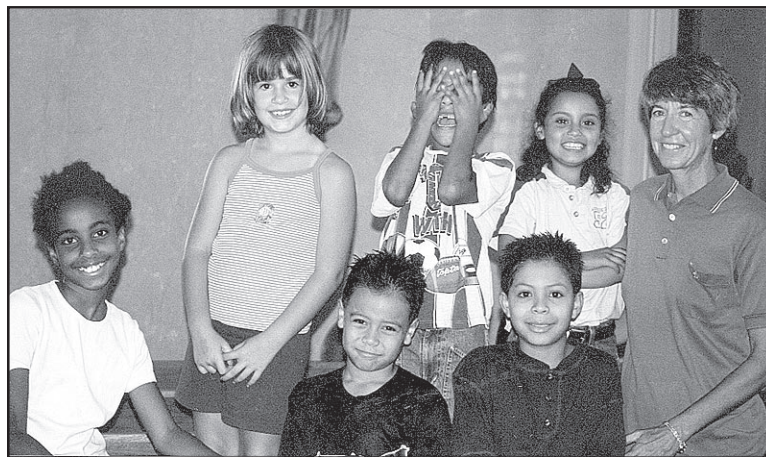
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Helping Out

While visiting family in Rockport, In., Joan Martin, at right above, a teacher from Tucson, AZ, met Sr. Fran Wilhelm, Director of Centro Latino in Owensboro. Ms. Martin helped prepare these children who speak Spanish and English for their First Communion. From left are Sarita Madrid, Katie Martin, Jose Luis Laubero, Anna Maria Florez; in front are brothers Johnathan and Brian Rivas. Photo by Lois Rutigliano



From left are Sarita Madrid, Katie Martin, Jose Luis Laubero, Anna Maria Florez; in front are brothers Johnathan and Brian Rivas. Photo by Lois Rutigliano

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Sister Emma Cecilia Retires as Archivist at Mount Saint Joseph



Sister Emma Cecilia responds to tributes during a reception in her honor at Mount Saint Joseph on July 21.

After 18 years of outstanding service, Sister Emma Cecilia Busam has announced her retirement from the position of Archivist for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. In recognition of her ministry to the Ursulines and to the larger community, Sister Emma Cecilia was honored at a reception on the evening of July 21, during the Ursuline Sisters' General Assembly at Mount Saint Joseph.

Sister Emma Cecilia became Archivist for the community in June 1983. At that time she also had responsibility for

the community museum. She immediately began seeking grants to obtain financial support. She was successful in obtaining grants to restore the Mount's historical buildings, to provide suitable housing and preservation for community documents, and to engage consultants.

In April 1984, the Archives moved to its present location in St. Michael Hall. With the help of the State Archivist and several other experts, Sister Emma Cecilia designed what is now an Archives and Records Center that preserves the documents of the Ursuline Community as well as historical materials concerning Daviess and surrounding counties in Kentucky.

During her 18 years as Archivist, Sister Emma Cecilia has welcomed thousands of visitors to the Archives and served thousands more through correspondence and telephone requests. Visitors come seeking information about genealogy, Ursuline Sisters and their families, parishes where Sisters have served, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, and a wide variety of data about Mount Saint Joseph and the surrounding area.

Sister Emma Cecilia with Ursulines who have served as Superiors and/or Council members during her 18 years as Archivist. From left: Sister Joan Walz, Sister Suzanne Sims, Sister Annalita Lancaster, Sister Marietta Wethington, Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan, Sister Emma Cecilia Busam, Sister Mary Matthias Ward, Sister Michele Morek, Sister Mary Irene Cecil, Sister Mary Agnes VonderHaar.



Sister has also provided professional archives experience for students from Brescia, Kentucky Wesleyan, and other colleges who have come to the Mount for

practicums. She herself has traveled throughout the United States as an archives consultant to many religious communities.

In honor of Sister's excellent work, Ursuline Superior Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan proclaimed July 21 "Sister Emma Cecilia Busam Day" at Mount Saint Joseph. The evening reception included tributes by many Sisters who had worked with Sister during her time as Archivist.

Sister Mary Matthias Ward, former Ursuline Superior, noted that Sister Emma Cecilia "began to put the MSJ Ursulines on the map by bringing other religious, both women and men, to the Mount for workshops and to 'show off' our Archives." Sister Mary Matthias said that in every phase of her work, Sister Emma Cecilia's goal "was to work so that the past is realized and respected and the present properly documented and preserved, to be utilized and integrated in the future." Comparing Sister Emma Cecilia with Saint Angela Merici, Sister Mary Matthias praised her as faithful, consistent, a woman of prayer.

Sister Rose Marita described Sister Emma Cecilia as "a very professional woman" with "a passion for making the archives a place of excellence." She expressed gratitude for Sister's "national prominence and ... ability and willingness to be a mentor for other archivists on congregational and diocesan levels." In conclusion, Sister Rose Marita said: "You have given this community an archives in which we can take pride. But most of all, you have given yourself wholeheartedly to this endeavor. For that I, personally, will be forever grateful."

Sister Emma Cecilia will continue in her position as Archivist for the Diocese of Owensboro, which she began in 1991.

Immaculate Yankees Take Catholic PeeWee League Championship Two Years In A Row

The Immaculate Yankees went 12-2 in 2000, and were undefeated in 2001 with a record of 13-0. In photo at left are in front row, Kyle Irvin, Caleb Lindsey, Ben Wathen, Micah Hayden, Daniel Jones, Dillon Millay, Ethan Ashby, Daniel Newcomb; standing are Gregory Mills, Michael Englert, Ben Franey, Josh Hayden, Matt St. Clair, Reid Thomas, Blain St. Clair, Keegan Bakos; missing were Chelsey Hagan, Joseph and Katherine Powers.

Roster for the 2001 team are front row, Alex Hyland, Joseph Mills, Ben Englert, Keegan Bakos, Gregory Mills, John Blvens, Daniel Newcomb; standing are Jake Hayden, Kyle Irvin, Ben Wathen, Elizabeth Hyland, Michael Englert, Jacob Mills, Brian St. Clair, and Micah Hayden. Submitted by Kevin Hayden.



The Pain of Setting the Table

By Fr. John S. Rausch
from STANTON, Ky. - After one year lifting heavy stock and tearing open large cartons of cereal and paper products at the supermarket, Betty wears a brace on her right arm to lessen the constantly throbbing pain of tendinitis. Faced with few choices for employment in her small town, the fifty-something worker painfully holds onto her full-time job that pays health benefits. Her manager compassionately gives her lighter duty, but with reduced pay.

Two young Mexican women I interviewed in a restaurant away from their plant, described the frenetic pace of chicken processing as 90 carcasses a minute whiz past their station. With one bathroom break per shift and a short lunch, they must keep up without complaining or get fired. Short term they face careless knife accidents. Long term it's repetitive-motion disabilities. The slightly more than \$6-an-hour wage forces them to take a second job to maintain their families. Yet, the cumulative weariness of extra work makes them more vulnerable for an accident at the chicken plant.

We American consumers spend only 11%



Fr. John Rausch, Director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference

of our income to feed our families. The American food industry delivers substantial profits to stockholders and cheap food to consumers. In the middle the workers get squeezed.

Mother Jones magazine recently labeled meatpacking the most dangerous occupation in America. Citing the Bureau of Labor Statistics the magazine claims that in 1999 more than one-quarter of America's 150,000 meatpacking workers suffered a job-related illness or injury. Additionally, the industry surpassed all others in serious injuries by registering five times the national average in lost workdays.

The profitability of meat processing correlates with the speed of the production line. The more carcasses processed per hour, the cheaper the unit cost. Faster equals cheaper, which means more profitable. But, faster also means more dangerous. The typical line speed of slaughterhouses 25 years ago moved 175 cattle per hour, while today some line speeds approach 400 cattle per hour. In a related industry, the line speed for processing chickens in 1979 was 70 birds per minute, whereas today the line brings 91 per minute. Workers under pressure standing side by side most frequently face the danger of an accidental laceration from a sharp knife. Other workers must negotiate wet slippery floors and watch for production's unforgiving moving parts.

While advances in technology explain cer-

tain increases in line speed, social and economic factors explain the rest. Companies can keep a docile workforce by locating processing plants in small towns away from union strongholds, hiring immigrant workers and re-engineering the division of labor to eliminate the need for skilled butchers. What promises as profit for the company translates as danger for the worker.

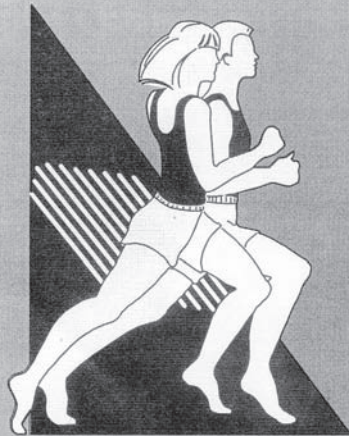
Catholic social teaching squarely stands with the right of workers for a safe workplace.

Company decision makers must put people before profits, safety before stockholders. Unfortunately, competition from the global economy can push even well-intentioned executives into corner-cutting with workers. Getting a level playing field for workers begs two considerations. OSHA, the federal agency charged with worker safety together with its state counterparts, needs strengthening. Paring away inspectors for budgetary reasons charged with ensuring workplace safety represents phony economics. Society will ultimately inherit the disabled workers from corporate negligence.

Secondly, industry must mature socially and include worker associations and their safety committees as stake-holders. Like a form of social insurance, unions and other worker associations will more readily deliver a safe environment as a team player.

Bottom line: workers who produce, process and retail our food should not suffer pain to set the table for their own families.

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St. Pius X, Owensboro	Oct. 15 & 22	6:30-9:00 pm	Catholic Morality
St. Pius X, Owensboro	Nov. 12 & 19	6:30-9:00 pm	Prayer & Spirituality
St. Pius X, Owensboro	Jan. 21 & 28	6:30-9:00 pm	The Scriptures
St. Pius X, Owensboro	Feb. 18 & 25	6:30-9:00 pm	The Faithful Revolution
St. Pius X, Owensboro	Mar. 18 & 25	6:30-9:00 pm	Catechetical Methods
St. Pius X, Owensboro	April 22 & 29	6:30-9:00 pm	Mystery of God
St. Stephen, Owensboro	Sept. 11 & 18	6:30-8:30 pm	I Believe/We Believe
St. Stephen, Owensboro	Oct. 9 & 30	6:30-8:30 pm	Getting Started as a Catechist
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St. Stephen, Owensboro	April 9	6:30-9:00 pm	Toward a Living Faith
Our Lady of Lourdes,	Sept. 10 & 17	6:30-8:30 pm	I Believe/We Believe
Our Lady of Lourdes,	Oct. 8 & 29	6:30-8:30 pm	Getting Started as a Catechist
Our Lady of Lourdes,	Nov. 12 & 26	6:30-8:30 pm	Roles of the Catechist
Our Lady of Lourdes,	Jan 7 & 21	6:30-8:30 pm	Person of the Catechist
Our Lady of Lourdes,	Feb. 11 & 18	6:30-8:30 pm	Introduction to the Learner
Our Lady of Lourdes,	March 11	6:30-9:00 pm	Methods for Specific Catechetical Level
Our Lady of Lourdes,	April 8	6:30-9:00 pm	Towards a Living Faith

Celebrating the Eternal Life Of An Earthly Life Lived In The Shadow Of The Cross

By Mel Howard

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - Sr. Mary Cecelia Taylor, C.P., 89, one of the five Passionist nuns who traveled from Scranton, Pa. to Owensboro in 1946 to found St. Joseph Monastery in Owensboro, died at the Passionist Monastery on Crisp Road here July 22, 2001. Her funeral was the first one held in the Passionists' 6-year-old chapel.

Sr. Mary Cecelia Taylor was born May 28, 1912, and made her profession of vows May 6, 1933.

The community hosted a wake service on July 24 at which priests, Sisters and a few lay people who knew Sr. Mary Cecelia shared some of their memories of her. Fr. Len Arcilesi, Fr. Louis Piskula, and Fr. Ed Bradley, homilist for the funeral mass at which Bishop John McRaith presided, and Darlene Mills of Whitesville all spoke of how Sr. Mary Cecelia enjoyed learning about new things and sharing her delightful sense of humor with people. She taught herself how to type and read Italian, could play the piano, organ, violin and mandolin. She taught herself how to use a computer at age 82. Sr. Mary Cecelia relished riddles even during the last couple months of her illness.

Sr. Mary Cecelia loved the Morning Offering and would frequently find a way to be awake at midnight so she could start the day with this prayer:

"O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our Bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and for the intentions of Our Holy Father, especially remembering those he has recommended this month."

Several people who spoke of her said that, true to the Passionist Nun's calling, Sr. Cecelia lived her adult life in the shadow of the Cross.

What does that mean? From a layperson's view, one observes the Passionist Nun always in prayer, even when she is with people from outside her cloister. There is a certain calm, an easy smile, a true concern for what a visitor is saying. Yet a noninvolvement in the Passionist Nun's interactions with others seems to stem from her awareness that each soul is its own reflection of God and deserves its free expression of God among others. Thus, there's a certain reserve, a kind of waiting on the Spirit that visitors feel while among Passionist Nuns. It likely takes days filled with prayer and work to reach this level of a life fully engaged with the Lord while living in a community of other people.

Sharing time with the Passionist Nuns is like visiting a favorite cousin who always likes knowing and enjoying what you've been up to lately. Such authentic interest in another's experiences comes from a lifestyle of self-denial.

Think about it: how many times have you started to share something that has happened with someone and that other person could not wait for you to tell your story, even interrupting your tale prematurely, to talk about what they did? Won't happen when you talk with a Passionist Nun.

I'm sure the Nuns will explain it more spiritually, but to me, that is one of the clues that a person lives in the shadow of the Cross - if she is able to deny her very self in the present moment to wait on what the Lord is trying to do in an interaction with another person. Self-denial and a total giving to God - got to be a hard life for most humans; the only way it can work is if God gives a person the grace to be in the shadow of the Cross.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains how a life which arises from experiences of Christ in the eucharist is lived: "To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren" (no. 1397).

The people who really knew her said that Sr. Mary Cecelia led this way of life as she promised her daily Morning Offering, giving God her daily prayers, works, joys and sufferings, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and for the Church's intentions. This probably is a major reason that the Passionist community members who spoke about her focused more on their gratitude for Sr. Mary Cecelia's gifts and legacies than on their own grief.

In his homily at the Funeral Mass, Fr. Ed Bradley recalled a scene from a play



Sr. Mary Cecelia Taylor, C.P. in a 1992 picture taken at the Benita Avenue Passionist monastery site. Passionist Nuns photo

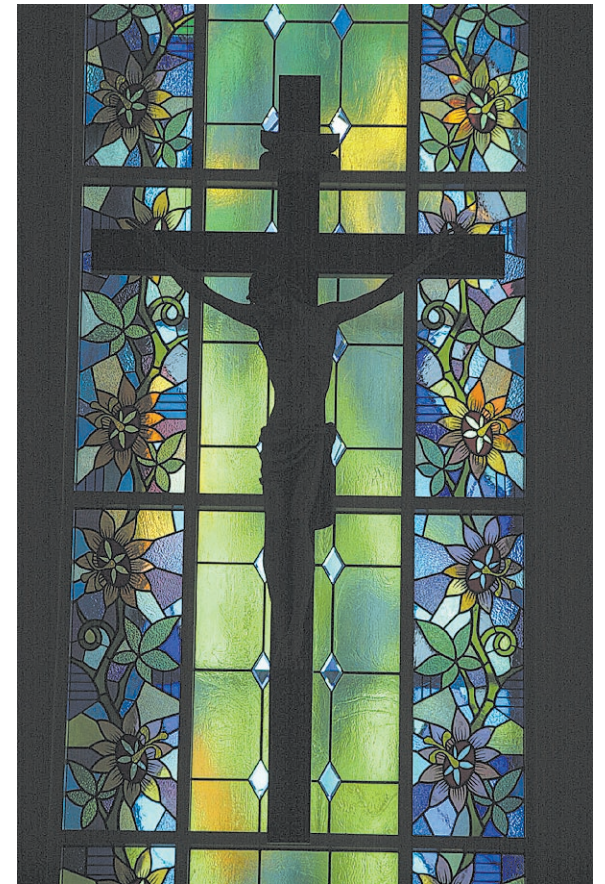
entitled "Cyrano de Bergerac": Cyrano, in his life's last hours noticed the leaves falling and said:

"Yes, they know how to die. A little way From the branch to the earth, a little fear Of mingling with the common dust - and yet They go down gracefully - a fall that seems - like flying."

Then Father commented that Sr. Mary Cecelia knew how to die, because to know how to die is to know how to live.

She had learned that, of course, by standing with Mary for 70 years of Passionist life in the shadow of the Cross, and contemplating the Son of God knowing how to die.

She will be greatly missed, but as Bishop John McRaith said at her funeral Mass, we now have another saint in heaven with whom we can share our prayers and who still shows us a model of how to live.



Sunlight streams through a stained glass window of the Passionist Nuns chapel, putting the large crucifix in shadow, and invites an observer to stand in the shadow of the Cross. Staff photo

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More than 50 U.S. Bishops Sign Up for Vocations Congress

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Oregon.

Bishop John J. McRaith of Owensboro, KY, and Bishop J. Kendrick Williams, of Lexington, KY, will represent the Kentucky Bishops.

The 2002 Congress on Vocations in North America was called by Pope John Paul II. It is the third such regional gathering and follows a Latin American Congress held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1994, and a European Congress held in Rome in 1997.

The objective of the North American Congress is to build a positive environment in North

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER Calendar of Events, September-December, 2001

SEPTEMBER 2001

- 9 Mount Saint Joseph Picnic
- 11-14 Runaway Quilters
- 14-15 Leadership McLean County
- 17 **BOOK SHARING: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Journey, Part II***
- 18-20 Ursuline Society
- 21-13 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 26-27 Ascension School, Louisville, Environmental Program
- 28-29 Creative Memories
- 28-30 **MEN'S RETREAT WITH FATHER JOE PAYNE**



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OCTOBER 2001

- 1 **BOOK SHARING: *We Were the Mulvaney's*—Part I**
- 2 **BECOMING A LEADER WITH SOUL**
- 2-3 Beacon Cental/Natural Healers
- 5-6 Greater Ebenezer Temple, Owensboro
- 6-7 Al-Anon
- 7 Retirement Dinner for Msgr. Bernard Powers
- 11 **MEDITATION RETREAT DAY**
- 11-14 Men's Cursillo
- 12-14 Grace Fellowship Ministry Retreat
- 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
- 22-26 Priests Retreat, Diocese of Owensboro
- 26-28 Catholic Engaged Encounter

NOVEMBER 2001

- 2- 3 Teen Leadership Conference
- 6 **BOOK SHARING: *Everything Belongs, Part I***
- 8 **MEDITATION RETREAT DAY**
- 9-10 Third Baptist Church, Owensboro
- 15 Tradewater/Green River Watershed Watch
- 15-16 **WISDOM DAYS**
- 16-18 Marriage Encounter
- 19 **BOOK SHARING: *Everything Belongs, Part II***
- 30-2 **MARIAN RETREAT WITH MSGR. BERNARD POWERS**

DECEMBER 2001

- 3 **BOOK SHARING: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, Part I***
- 6 Door of Hope Christmas Party
- 7 KAPPS Christmas Party
- 13 **MEDITATION RETREAT DAY**
- 17 **BOOK SHARING: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, Part II***

Don't forget the Men's Retreat with Father Joseph Payne, September 28-30.

America for (1) promoting vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life; (2) unifying and guiding the Church in North America in its commitment to identify, discern, and nurture vocations; and (3) welcoming future "workers to the harvest."

The Canadian and U.S. Bishops' Conferences have the principal responsibility for the event. To plan the gathering, they are working in close collaboration with the Pontifical work for Ecclesistical Vocations in Rome, leaders of religious institutes and diocesan and religious vocation directors' associations in the United States and Canada.

More than 1,000 delegates are expected to attend the April 18-21, 2002 Congress in Montreal, scheduled to coincide with the 39th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which occurs April 21. More Information on the Congress can be found at www.vocations2002.org. Or you may call 202.541.3222.



Sister Joan Walz, left, represents the Mount Saint Joseph community in the blessing of the water at the liturgy on August 5. Sister Joan had earlier poured water from the Ohio River into a common fountain with waters from the other Ursuline communities at the convocation. Each community returned home with a portion of the

mixed water that was blended with water from Lake Garda in Italy, near the childhood home of the Ursuline foundress, Saint Angela Merici. MSJ Photo.

Ursulines of Mount Saint Joseph Participate in North American Ursuline Convocation

Twenty-seven Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph participated in the Fourth North American Ursuline Convocation in St. Louis, Mo., August 2-5. The convocation included opportunities for listening and reflecting, prayer and worship, song and play, and much sharing among over 325 Ursuline Sisters and Associates present. More than 20 Ursuline groups were represented from

the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

Keynote speaker Jennifer Henry, a member of the Ecumenical Coalition for Economic Justice of Canada, spoke forcefully about the needs and signs of our times and the responsibility of committed Christians to take risks in responding to ecological degradation, polarization of wealth, and the result-



These Sisters and postulants from Mount Saint Joseph were among over 325 participants in the North American Ursuline Convocation. From left: Sisters Mary Diane Taylor, Nancy Murphy, and Grace Simpson; Postulants Monica Seaton and Sara Murphy; Sisters Barbara Jean Head and Jacinta Powers. MSJ Photo

ing exclusion of those who live in absolute poverty. Ms. Henry's forceful presentations echoed the theme of the convocation, which saw foundress Angela Merici as a dangerous woman in her time and challenged her Ursuline daughters to be dangerous women today in their dedication to justice and peace.

On Friday morning the convocation par-

ticipants heard a panel of persons speaking for peoples and areas that suffer from the injustices of our time: the people of Appalachia, the American Indian community, the African American community, and the people of Mexico.

On the second night of the convocation, the participants experienced the presentation of "Missionaries," a 90-minute choral drama about the lives and work of four church women who were murdered in El Salvador in 1980. Among these women was Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel of Cleveland. The powerful 90-minute performance features the words of the women and of Archbishop Oscar Romero, woven together with music from the Mass and Latino culture.

Throughout convocation, the Ursuline Sisters and Associates discerned ways in which they could corporately make a difference in bringing justice and peace to the world. In their final discernment session on Sunday morning, the group chose these focus areas for concentrated, corporate action: women's issues, ecological justice, and socially responsible investment.

St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sorgho, Plant Commorative Rosebushes

By Christine Mulligan

On June 21, 2001, Fr. Pat Reynolds attended by the congregation, blessed two special rosebushes which members of St. Mary Magdalene Prayer Group at Sorgho had recently purchased to enhance the outside decor in front of the church.

One of the rosebushes is a commemorative plant named for Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patron Saint of the Americas, who appeared to blessed Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico and who made roses spring from a craggy spot on the hill.

The original rosebush was given the blessing of Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles, at its international debut. It has been endorsed by the United Farm Workers and part of the proceeds from its sales helps give national scholarships to Hispanic High School graduates through the Washington-based Hispanic College Fund, according to brochures describing the rose.

The other rose bush, remembering Diana Princess of Wales, helps to support cause dear to the late Princess' heart.

Members of the prayer group instrumental in obtaining the roses include: Mary Jane Alexander, Mary Ann Ebelhar, Stansell Ebelhar, Helen Goatee, Ruth Ann Hardy, Ed and Mag Kaelin, Bill and Mary Ann Knott, Terri Knott, Edie McKay, Libby Medley, Joan Millay, Christine Mulligan, Betty Reisz and Benita Riney.



On, June 21, 2001. St. Mary Magdalene Parish planed "Our Lady of Guadalupe & Princess Diana Rosebushes." Featured in photo are Fr. Pat Reynolds, a few children of the parish along with: Jean Thompson, Agnes Stewart, Benita Riney, Dorothy Knott, Martha Kauffeld, & Naomi Ebelhar Terri Knott and Christine Mulligan.

Sister Corda Trouy transfers to Ferdinand

By Sister Paulette Seng, Communications Associate, Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana, pseng@thedome.org

Sister Corda Trouy, a Benedictine sister from St. Joseph Monastery in St. Marys, Penn., finalized her transfer to the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Ind. on July 24 at Monastery Immaculate Conception. In a ceremony during Evening Prayer, Sister Corda transferred her vow of stability to the Ferdinand monastery and renewed her vows of obedience and fidelity to the monastic way of life before Sister Joella Kidwell, prioress, and the religious community.

A native of New Albany, Ind., Sister Corda made her first vows at St. Joseph Monastery in Pennsylvania in 1957 and her final vows in 1960. With the blessing and support of her Benedictine community in Pennsylvania and Sister Raphael Baker, prioress of the monastery there, Sister Corda joined the Ferdinand community in 1997 to begin the process of transfer.

While a member of St. Joseph Monastery, Sister Corda taught elementary school and was involved in religious education. From 1993 to 1997, she taught at St. Joseph School in Mayfield, Ky., and worked with the RCIA and religious education program there. During her past four years at the Ferdinand monastery, she has been teaching religious education classes in



Sr. Corda Trouy

Ferdinand, Schnellville, and Siberia, Ind., and assisting the activities director at the monastery.

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand are 225 religious women who minister in education, pastoral care, parish ministry, health care, counseling, social services, spirituality and retreat programs, and mission work. They serve in three states and three foreign countries.

Journey of Faith

Love Demands The Truth - How To Interpret The Bible



By Fr. John Buckel, St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, Indiana
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The bible was not written in 1999. It was not written in America and it was not written in English. This seems blatantly obvious yet we all have a natural tendency to read the bible as if Americans living in the twentieth century had composed it.

The bible was composed some two thousand years ago. As every parent of a teenager knows (and vice versa), a difference of even one generation often makes communication difficult.

People of one generation do not always understand what is taken for granted by those of another generation. Consider the following.

The "big apple" is a nickname for New York City. The elephant is a symbol of the Republican Party while the donkey is the symbol of the Democratic Party.

A newspaper headline that reads, "Reds eliminate Cardinals" refers to the result of a baseball game in which the team from Cincinnati defeated the team from St. Louis. It does not refer to the fact that members of the communist party executed certain church leaders.

These terms and expressions are not meant to be taken literally. To do so would be to miss the point completely.

The biblical authors and the people for whom they were writing also made use of the idioms of their day. Likewise, such expressions were never intended to be taken literally. What people in antiquity took for granted, people of our age must make an effort to learn.

The bible was composed in a culture very different from our own. Scripture was authored by people with an "Eastern" mentality. We have a "Western" mentality. People from the Middle East think differently than people from the West.

If a person from the Middle East wanted to convey the notion that everyone should be concerned with the well being of others, that person would be more apt to tell a story (parable of the Good Samaritan) than to simply say, "show concern for your neighbor."

In a similar fashion, if an individual from the West wanted to convey the notion that God created human beings good but of their own free accord, they sinned, that individual would simply state this in so many words.

An individual from the Middle East would convey the same message but in a different way. That individual would be more likely to tell a story (Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden).

When people with an eastern mentality hear or read a story, their initial response is usually: "What does it mean?" When people with a Western mentality hear or read a story, their initial response is usually: "Did it really happen that way?"

One who approaches sacred Scripture comes into contact with the Word of God. Whenever human beings come face to face with divine realities, there will be uncertainty, challenges and mistakes.

History bears witness to the countless people who have suffered injustice, pain and hardship because others have incorrectly interpreted the bible.

Fortunately, we are not left to our own devices. The teachings of the church are invaluable for providing us with divine guidance as we attempt to interpret Scripture accurately.

The purpose of acquiring more knowledge about the bible is to make us better lovers. Hopefully, reading, reflecting upon, studying and praying the Scriptures increase our love of God and neighbor.



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Saint Angela Merici, Last Counsel

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Knights of Columbus Urged to Defend Life

TORONTO, Canada, AUG. 8, 2001- Pope John Paul II expressed his gratitude to the Knights of Columbus and challenged them to defend life, in a message to their annual convention.

The world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization held its 119th annual international meeting here the first week of August.

The Knights, the Pope wrote in his message, "made a significant contribution" to the Church's celebration of the Jubilee. "I cannot fail to express my gratitude for your Order's generosity in underwriting the restoration of the porch of the Patriarchal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican, which welcomed the millions of pilgrims who passed through the Holy Door."

Before the Jubilee Year, the Knights paid for the refurbishment of the Maderno Atrium, the porch of St. Peter's Basilica.

The Jubilee, the Pope said, was a time of "immense grace and spiritual renewal for the Church." Now that it has ended, he continued, each of the Knights is "challenged in a personal way to 'put out into the deep'" and with "renewed missionary zeal to draw the men and women of our time to Christ the Savior of the world."

The Knights of Columbus, he said, can play a significant role in "shaping a future of hope and promise for coming generations" by standing united against the secular culture's attempts to reject or ridicule "religious belief and fundamental norms of moral law."

In carrying out its work, the Pope called the



The Knights of Columbus of Murray, Kentucky, Council 6897 received a 2nd place on "Best of Show" on the "Right to Life Float" in the Freedom Fest Parade this year. Photo and caption submitted by Darryl Rezac

order to a "renewed commitment to the vision of your founder, the Servant of God, Michael McGivney." Father McGivney's cause for sainthood is under way.

The Holy Father also thanked the Knights

group for "its public witness to the Church's teaching, especially with regard to the dignity and sanctity of human life." He noted especially what he called "your tireless efforts to defend the life of the unborn" and

support of the "Church's proclamation of the Gospel of life."

"It is my hope that, as the evil fruits of the culture of death become more and more apparent, the Order will continue to make its voice heard," the Pope wrote.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson announced two of the Knight's initiatives: participation in World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto next July and the hosting of an International Eucharistic Congress at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., next June. Both events, Anderson said, present the Knights with "remarkable opportunities that will not soon be repeated."

Anderson also said the Knights would intensify efforts for priestly and religious vocations this year by focusing not only on Catholic families but Knights of Columbus families in particular.

The Knights gave a \$100,000 grant to organizers of the third Continental Congress on Vocations to be held in Montreal, April 18-22. The meeting was requested by the Pope.

More information about the activities of the KCs can be read at the Knights' Web site, www.kofc.org.

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Confirmation 2001...It Takes a Community

By Pat S. Smith

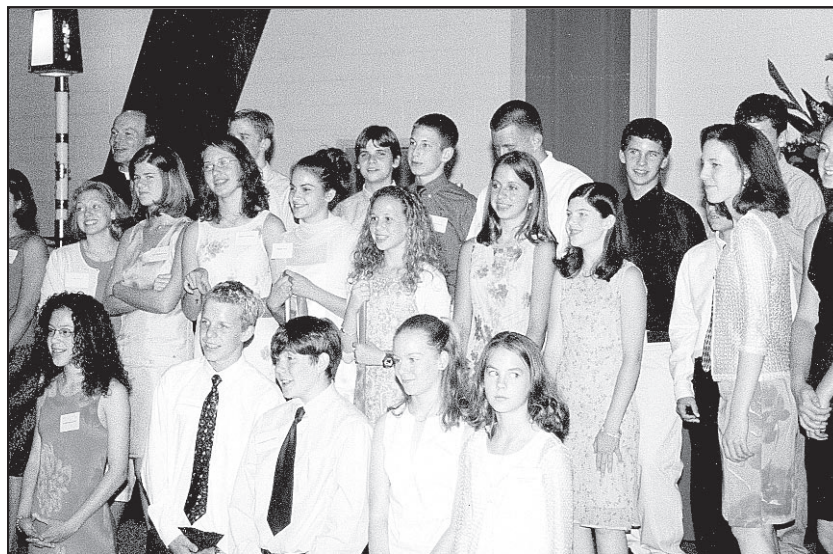
BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - A famous former First Lady once said that it takes a village to raise children. As far as raising our children and bringing them up today in the faith, it does not necessarily take a village, but it certainly takes a "community." And community is what Holy Spirit Catholic Church is all about.

Confirmation is not taken lightly here; after all is one of the seven sacraments our children receive, and thus as they come forward to meet Bishop McRaith at the end of their studies, they know and respect the importance of this step in their lives.

Holy Spirit Parish has been blessed with many hard workers. Classes began in the fall and lasted through May. Carol Kunkel, Jr. High Youth Coordinator, worked hard to assemble materials for all concerned, including the candidates, their sponsors and parents. Much of the material was selected by Anita Willoughby, Pastoral Associate.

"My goals for these teenagers as they began their journey last fall was that they have an understanding of faith, develop a relationship with God and come to see that they are a part of a large community," Ms. Willoughby said. "I also want them to know that they are now at a beginning (in their adult lives), not at an ending, and to continue their efforts to learn and grow in their understanding of God's will in their lives," she added.

With these lofty goals in mind, materials were distributed and classes begun. The thirty-four candidates were on their way to Confirmation which was held at 6:00 pm on Saturday, June 3, 2001. Although this was NOT an ending, but a beginning, it was a culmination of the efforts of Frs. Jerry Riney and Brian Johnson, Anita

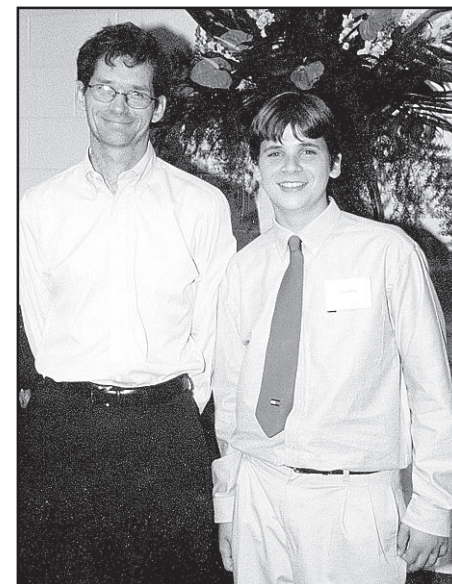


Thirty-four young teens, shown here with Pastor Fr. Jerry Riney, were confirmed at Holy Spirit Church on Saturday, June 3. Pat Smith Photo

Willoughby, Carol Kunkel, the catechists, candidates, sponsors, parents and godparents.

The ceremony was quite beautiful with two of the candidates proceeding in with doves and streamers on long poles, followed by the priests and Bishop McRaith. During his homily, the Bishop spoke openly and encouragingly to the candidates. He defined "Paraclete" for them, stating that literally translated it means, "Jesus within you."

Bishop McRaith, whose warmth and love of young people is always so openly demonstrated, told the teens that although hard times and decisions may come, think of the Paraclete, within and walking beside them. He said when tempted to do something wrong, to just visualize Jesus there to give them strength and guide them.



Dr. Gary Verst, a doctor of internal medicine and parishioner at Holy Spirit, posed here with his candidate Tony Smith. This was Gary's first time to be a sponsor. Pat Smith Photo

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Parish Hall which was coordinated by Peg Muchmore and Diane Hunton. Thus ended the ceremony, but began the next step on for the newly confirmed...high school and Life Teen on Wednesday evenings. Good luck and God's blessings to our newly Confirmed at Holy Spirit Parish.



Contemporary Woman Continuing Education Calendar August-December, 2001 "Celebrating Womens' Gifts"

All Sessions are held in the Science Building Room, 221, unless otherwise stated

August 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, Dec. 18 - **Faithful to the Journey** - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

August 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 - **Women and Short Stories I** - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8 - **Women and Short Stories II** - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, - **Strengthening Your Inner Self** - 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12 - **Partnership Group** - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

September 17, 24 - **Parents' Survival Kit for Substance** - 7-8 p.m.

September 20, 27, Oct. 4 - **Heavenly Dynamic Duos** - 7:00 - 9:00

October 1, 2 - **Calling your Spirit Home: Remembering the Joy!** - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Lechner Building, 3rd Floor.

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21 - **From Age-ing to Sage-ing** - 9:30 - noon

October 8, 15, 22, 29 - **Dream Journaling Workshop** - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

October 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4 - **Hatha Yoga** - 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

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"Thanks, Lord, I Needed That!"

By Pat S. Smith

The work week had been particularly bad...to say the least. On Saturday (my 6th in a row to work!) my boss called long distance to fuss at me, again. It seemed that for the last 6 weeks I had not been able to do anything right! Or so she thought. I was sinking into a deep depression. Although I had fought the "black sickness" many times since early adulthood, usually I had been able to shake it off eventually. But not today. I went home feeling anxious, tired and worried. I had had this manager's position at a large health care facility now for over a year... my first supervisory position... and had wondered over and over again WHY had I wanted to be a manager?

I lay down on the couch in the living room while my husband and son Tony went to do fun weekend stuff and grocery shopping for me. I slept fitfully all the rest of Saturday, waking only long enough to walk down the hall to bed. I couldn't eat. Sunday was the same. All I could do was lie in bed all day, in and out of sleep. I was weak, I was tired, I was

sick, but most of all I was hopeless. Was I failing? What did my boss want from me? What did I want from myself. What did God expect? What did HE have in store for my future NOW?

When Monday morning came, having still not eaten, I sat on the side of the bed trying to muster energy to stand up. My husband came out of the shower. I tried hard not to cry. "I don't think I can make it," I told him. He sat down beside me and in our 15+ years of marriage I have never felt closer, more supported, more loved. "You're not going to work today. In fact, you're quitting. I'll go talk to your boss myself. You're sick with the stress of all this. We'll scale back some way! Nothing is worth this. I want my wife back!" He was right. I hadn't really been "here" since taking this job. I worked some evenings until 7:30, arriving home just long enough to cook a quick dinner and "put the family to bed." Patting my arm, he added, "You go back to bed. Everything will be fine."

With the stress lifting like a 10 pound load off my head and with the help of some won-

derful medication, I began to feel better, getting out of bed by the third day and able to do most stuff around the house by the fourth or fifth.

My first two weeks as a housewife (I had worked 35 years outside the home) is a bit of a blur, as I continued to heal. I busied myself with creating a budget, watching Court TV and listening to my Catholic and other religious CD's. When I would really get down like this, and prayers would not come, my music was my form of praying.

By the third week, I knew I was getting better and better. I was humming away, spending 45 minutes or more drinking my coffee on the front porch and enjoying the smell of morning and God's wonderful sea-

son, summer. Soon I decided I needed to come back to the world of the living so I went inside and put on my walking shoes.

Our neighborhood is a great place to walk, with many older folks out piddling in their yards and friendly dogs on every corner. As I walked I listened to a favorite tape, "Healing Praise," which includes the song "You are my Hiding Place." Rounding the corner on my third mile I noticed a sign at the little Lutheran Church in our neighborhood. It was a Bible quote which read, "For I know well the plans I have for you, says the Lord." (Jeremiah 29:11) Sweating and hot, I turned off my Walkman and read it again. Then it hit me like a ton of bricks. (You just can't "hide" from God for long!)

I had been tossing and turning and fretting, asking "What does my boss want? What do I expect of myself? What am I going to do now?" Intrigued, I finished my walk and, reaching home, brought out my Bible to find what God was saying in the rest of Jeremiah 29:11. The verse in its entirety reads, "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your *welfare*, not for woe! Plans to give you a *future full of hope*." Whoa! And Wow! Thanks, God, I needed that.

Suddenly, my future did seem full of hope. I had been a slave to my job, giving 120% most days and having nothing left over for my family, let alone for God or myself, either! In a simple Bible verse, God was telling me, whoa,

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Free Concert

The Sojourners, an Ecumenical Interdenominational Spirituality Group for Men and the Owensboro Ministerial Association 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.

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KENTUCKY MAN. This man is only 54 years-old and was born and raised on the "other side of the river" in Butler County, Ky. He only has a third grade education but is very happy with his life. He has made the best of it by being a "handy man" throughout the years and has been very devoted to his church. Photo submitted by Galen Smith. Copyright, 2001. Upsouth Ventures. www.expage.com/upsouth

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St. John The Evangelist Family News

Hello, all you faithful readers of the Western Kentucky Catholic monthly news paper. For the most part it is, what I call old news, as it is reminiscent of what has gone on in the parish, or in the Diocese the past month or so. However we like to inform you of the important things that are soon to happen. The WKC paper, which is sent to all members of the parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky., gives us first hand information for your parish and all the parishes in the Western Kentucky Diocese. The Publisher is our Most Rev. Bishop John J. McRaith, D.D., The Editor is Mel Howard and I think they together with all the writers, columnists and photographers, do a good job for us. We can do our part by reading the paper and call your writer in your parish if you have a news story.

I want to remind you of the soon to be here, (September 8th) St. John the Evangelist Church Picnic and Barbecue to be held as in the past 41 years, on the school grounds, next to the church. We brag that it is the BIGGEST little picnic in the Diocese. We feature an all you want to eat Meal of Bbq pork, mutton, fried chicken, all home grown vegetables, home made pies and cakes and the drink of your choice. Serving starts at

11:30 a.m. and continues till 7 p.m. Sandwiches and meat by the pound, are available starting at 6 a.m. and continue all day. Hamburgers and hotdogs are a feature on the grounds as well. Candidate speaking will begin about 2 p.m. and live music for your listening pleasure will follow the speaking. We are raffling a brand new Pontiac Grand AM as the final activity of the day, about 10 p.m.. You are all welcome to come and enjoy the day and visit with friends you haven't seen since last year's picnic Y/ ALL COME The Knights of Columbus Council #10962 held Initiation of officers for the coming year and had a sit down meal following the Initiation. Officers from 3 other Councils took part in the activity.

Our new pastor Father Bruce McCarty is now settled in his RENEWED home, and it is a beauty, it looks just like a brand new house. An open house held 8/5/01 was well attended. Father Bruce seemed pleased as punch as he sat in the cafeteria where people gathered after viewing the rectory and he welcomed every one with a smile. I hope Father likes St. John as well as we like him. He has a long way to go by way of learning names and he is really working in that direction. He is now working to get a new

Parish Council and has asked for volunteers to help with ministries, like Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors and Servers. Mark your calendar for the upcoming Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, to be administered by our most Rev. Bishop John J. McRaith, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday October 6. All 7th and 8th grade students, and adults who have not been Confirmed should make plans for this great Sacrament. A Life Teen Mass will be offered every Sunday at 6 p.m. beginning on August 5th at St. Francis de Sales church (moved from Rosary Chapel), you are invited. St. Thomas More Church is offering a Bible study, from 8:30 to 10:30, on Tuesdays August 21 through October 30. The topic "Acts of the Apostles".

We have DOLLS, 75 of them, to be dressed for the picnic. Prizes of \$50.00, \$25.00 and \$15.00 will be given for the most attractive, best dressed doll. The dolls must be returned on the 1st or 2nd of Sept.. Judging will be on creativity as well as workmanship. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will resume classes in October. Contact the Rectory if you are interested. If you have a big heart and a love of your Faith you may Volunteer your help for the Paducah Faith Formation Program (CCD), as they are in need of teachers for 3rd and 4th grades.



At Fr. Ben Luther's going-away party sponsored by the St. John Knights. Geraldine Durbin was honored and recognized for her diligent and extensive research for information that went into our church, Jubilee 2000 Pictorial Directory. Fr. Ben was all smiles, but was emotional at times as the different speakers honored him with praise for his work here the past 12 years. We wish Fr. Ben good health and happiness in Central City. Photo by Richard Durbin

Call 443-0295 if you would like to help with this Ministry. The first day of school at St. John was August 6 and school opening Mass was August 7. Father Bruce came down the isle and spoke directly to the kids



Fr. Bruce McCarty, new pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Paducah, and Chuck Meier past, Grand Knight and now District Deputy of Our Msgr. Anthony G. Higond Council #10962, pose at the Rite of Initiation of Officers on August 5th. Fr. Bruce is now the Chaplain of our Council. Photo by Richard Durbin

and asked them questions pertaining to the readings. Happy Anniversaries to Debbie & Del Durbin, Susan & Michael Marlier, Kendra & Keith Ballard, Diane & Denis Wurth, Carolyn & Henry Beavin, and Susan & Richard E. Durbin. Deadline for entries in the St. John Sunday Bulletin is noon on Wednesday. He who controls others may be powerful, but he who controls himself is mightier still.

PRAYER BEFORE MEALS

From the Family Life Office, submitted by Betty Medley

Nearly all Catholic know the standard before-meal prayer. "Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive..."

But using a different prayer, or even one of your own creation, might be a nice change.

Here's a suggestion from "Family Prayer for Family Times," by Kathleen O'Connell Chesto (Twenty-Third Publications):

"Bless us, Lord, and bless this food. Bless especially our guests and their family. Thank you for.... Please be with ...(or pray for a particular need). Keep us always mindful of those who have less. Amen."

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don't worry and don't plan. I know what plans I have for you! Somehow none of the things I had been depressed over seemed worth a nickel compared to this simple Bible verse. We can get too caught up in the times now of two income families. We can get too caught up in material things. Did I really need all the "things" I bought? Did I really need to spend \$150.00 or more at the grocery store each week? Did our son really need all those expensive video games and me... did I need anything more than a pair of good walking shoes and a cheap Walkman to find some peace in life? To feel successful? I thought of more words of God, "Consider the lilies of the field," He said.

Well, it's been nearly five weeks now since I became "too sick" to work. I spend my days with my religious music and doing something most housewives take for granted...housework. I love it. I actually LIKE to iron. My laundry never piles up anymore (well, ALMOST never). And I love planning and cooking nutritious meals, fresh vegetables and wholesome foods. I haven't fed the family anything from McDonald's in a month. Some of my extended family feared I would be bored,

but I have not been. I listen to my music, pray, write good words, answer and write letters, too. (I re-discovered the lost art of letter-writing!) I had relied on e-mail to communicate and although I still DO use e-mail a lot, I find writing letters to be much more personal. And if I do find myself a little bored, I just go out into the backyard, sit in the swing and behold the wonders of spending some time with God and all that HE has given.

As a Catholic woman who is a first-time housewife, I am glorying in God, in my family and Church and friends, thanks to a message that was right-on and sent to me serendipitously from Someone bigger than a boss, a career, and depression. Maybe I have finally found my niche in life! But all work is good and holy, so I am not putting career women down at all. I just find that being at home and a housewife can be rewarding, too. As I struggle to live the sacraments, I will continue to pray and keep in mind... no matter what may come from my "early retirement," I know that God has a plan for me, and He alone knows what it is. It feels good to have hope again! And I'm looking forward to finding out God's plan for me. Whatever it is, I know it will be best for me.

Diocese

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

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

"Of Long Ago"

Nearly everyone has from time to time feelings of nostalgia, when we let our minds drift back to days that now seem to be so long ago and far away. At the time when these events were taking place most things were pretty ordinary, maybe even boring. What is it that makes these particular times seem so valuable in the pages of our memory? We have a term that many of us use called, "the good old days."

We often yearn for those times perhaps because we remember those who were close to us and are no longer here. Maybe it was a time when we seemingly had unending energy, when after a full day of work we still

had the pep and vitality to go out and play a softball game, a tennis match, or an hour or so of basketball. Or, we remember times when life was more laid-back and lived at a slower pace. In our villages and towns, when the neighborhood ladies would visit across the fence or stroll over and sit on the porch, chat for awhile, or maybe for an afternoon. The old men of the town would gather at the general store and sit for hours on the "martin bench," chewing tobacco, sharpening knives, and whittling. The day may have been hot, but hardly anyone had air conditioning so no one minded. But now most of the "martin benches" are gone, and



H.J. Rumage, Jr.

the porches are vacant on the hot afternoons and early evenings of summer. We all prefer to stay in where it is cooler. The pace of life has no doubt quickened almost to a point of warp speed. The sad part is that no one of us can slow it down. It is a high-tech world traveling at runaway speed, and we have to keep up or be trampled by the maddening crowd.

A friend of mine once said that the "good

old days" weren't really so good at all, they just seem that way. The modernistic world that we live in is part of the trade-off that we've made as a society, giving up a part of our traditions and culture for a life style of conveniences and progressive living that we now prefer. I don't advocate trying to turn back the hands of time; it just seems that it would be nice if we could blend the two together.

Comfort & Hope... a message about grief

By Jeannie Boone

Driving the 10 or so miles to the nursing home my mind is filled with thoughts of my neighbor, Opal. She has been in the nursing home since late April and longs to come home to the little house she and her husband bought so many years ago. He is now dead and their only son remains; thinking always of him she tries to keep a cheerful disposition and not complain. When I visit she cries.

I understand her need to be home in familiar surroundings. I understand that she mourns the loss of freedom, mobility, and independence. Loving her, I try to bring comfort in simple gifts; passages of scripture to read and ponder together, batteries for her small radio, an assortment of treats in zip top baggies. One holds fresh crappie fillets, breaded and fried and still warm, a second has homemade cookies and then one with the cherry tomatoes she loves. I cannot restore the losses nor alter her circumstances, but we talk, read, weep and share morsels of food. It is a holy ritual. She says I am a blessing from God — I am reminded anew of the power of love.

Returning home I'm confronted once again with all the clash and clamor of my own circumstances, but for two hours there had been peace and hope.

That same peace and hope I find in the counsel of nature; the soothing caress of the wind I imagine to be the touch of my deceased daughter; the grass and trees are friends to commune with and they renew my spirit.

When grief breaks your heart it robs you of the ability to think clearly and numbness dulls the ability to feel comfort being offered. Then a day comes when reality breaks through the haze, you desperately need to be touched and held, but the comforters have all gone home. The strength to summon them back is hard to gather, but you must because... You will find your own way through the sorrow, but oh, the blessing of friends at this time. The safety and compassion in a circle of friends is a sacred balm.

Henry Thoreau said, "Only that day dawns to which we are awake." Those who love and journey with us keep us awake when we'd rather sleep. They cannot change the event that brought the pain, nor lift the suffering; but they lighten the burden by sharing the sorrow. As my friend, Joyce, once said, "they keep ya from packin' it in."

This I have found to be the essence of faith: to simply live each day as fully as we can, awake and aware to the Divine in every moment. God is with us in every minute detail of every day. We have only to look at each other to see wonder; wrapped as we are in layers of divinity; our suffering, joy, illness, healing, heartbreak, love, betrayal, forgiveness, and so many more brilliant colors of living... like tissue paper around a gift. To see each other and life in this way is to find hope and peace; it is to love. There is no greater power... God is love.

When I share myself I am blessed and renewed, my yoke not so heavy and my wounds not so raw. It's a win/win situation, eh?

Look to this day and be blessed. Share your thoughts: Kyboones2@hotmail.com



Jeannie Boone

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Marian Retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Center

Msgr. Bernard Powers will offer a Marian Retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Center on the weekend of November 30-December 2, 2001, at Mount Saint Joseph Center. Please watch the Western Kentucky Catholic for further details. To be placed on the mailing list for this retreat, call the Center at 270-229-4103.



How Are You Evangelizing By Being A Welcoming And Inviting Community?

The Western Kentucky Catholic is always looking for ideas and things that have been used in parishes that do NOT involve high media expenses:

- On the topic of *Evangelizing By Being A Welcoming And Inviting Community* with your bulletin board spaces, hallways, and environments of parish meeting rooms, what welcoming and faith information are people seeing when they use your facility for their organization's meeting?

- How has your parish made *your parish bulletin* "more inviting" than a list of whom to call for what?

- How does *The Western Kentucky Catholic* respond to the "Good News of Your Parish" with feature articles and displaying your advertising of activities?

- What do you advertise that you could count as *Evangelization*?

- How does *your website* or link to the diocesan website promote Evangelization and attract newcomers to your parish?

Send us your photos of bulletin boards, rooms, billboards, highway signs, those thought-provoking marquee messages like Blessed Mother Parish loves to use, as well as a brief article about how your parish evangelizes by using some form of media (print, poster, billboard, Sunday bulletin, broadcast - newspaper, radio, TV, cable, web site, etc) to welcome and to invite people to share with your parish. Mail to Mel Howard, The Western Kentucky Catholic, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 or send it in by e-mail to mel@cpc.brescia.edu. --MDH

THANK YOU

An Open Letter to Anne Sims:

Thank you Ann and Staff, for seven years of dedicated service to the Catholics of western Kentucky. The Cornerstone store in Owensboro has been a wonderful source of books, music and gifts over these past five years. We commit ourselves to carrying on the precedent you have set for outstanding personal service to your customers. We hope to build on the foundation you set and expand to new areas. Thank you for paving the way.

And may God continue to bless you and your family.

*Sincerely,
Kay Timbrook
Claudia Ramisch
Marcy Allman*

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Letters to the Editor

Catholic Singles

Dear friends,

When you're a teenager, you have your youth group. When you're in college, you have your Newman Center. Once you graduate college, there is no specific ministry in the church for single Catholics. Some fall away from church and come back when they want to get married in the church and use the church to help them raise their children morally.

I feel that our society sometimes casts an evil vibe about singles. Our church believes that being single is a vocation in itself. I personally am finding it hard to find a community to share my vocation with.

So, I am interested in starting a Catholic

Singles group in Owensboro for all the churches in Daviess County. I would want it to be more of a ministry than a dating service (if you know what I mean).

What I am asking of you is ideas:

- Where to meet?
- What to do?
- What to name the group?
- How to recruit or advertise?
- Who (give me names and numbers) in

Owensboro do you know that would benefit from this group?

- Ideas for events?

- Ideas for prayer services? (I can lead a youth group but young adults would be different)

- Resources readily available for this type of ministry?

- How do you politely make it clear that this is for Single Catholics and not divorced grandparents?

- And everything else you might know.

I'm fired up and ready to make this happen, I just need a little direction. Thanks for your help.

- Love, Amy Jo Fogle, Owensboro, Ky. sent via e-mail

OCHS Opens New Elevator



OCHS Principal Harold Staples showed two freshmen students, Derek Minton, left, and Will Latta, how to use the new five-level elevator on the Hermitage wing. The elevator project was the project for a group of OCHS parents: Keith and Cathy Franey of Owensbor, David Jarboe, Shelby Thompson, Marty Bumm, Tom Lilly, Ernie Tailaferro, and Chip Pride who met many Saturday mornings with principal Harold Staples to plan how to raise the money and discuss construction plans. Staff Photo

A Found Letter

Dear Lord,

So far today, I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self indulgent.

However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes, and I will need a lot more help after that. Amen.

Spineless

Dear Editor:

We live in a time of tolerance. We tolerate terrible criminals. What is more terrible than those who destroy thousands of youth each year? Yet we are soft on drug dealers who do this.

If there were a law by which adults who sell drugs to youth were given life in prison, things would be much different.

Why are we so spineless in defending our children?

- Fr. Rawley Myers, St. Mary's High School, Colorado Springs CO 80903