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Fr. Daniel Dillard and Fr. Josh McCarty, Ordained May 30, 2009, Enter Priestly Service for Diocese of Owensboro

By Tami Schneider

"You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchisedech" the cantor sang and the overflowing congregation at St. Stephen Cathedral responded. Only a few minutes later, Daniel Dillard and Josh McCarty, lay men just 6 months prior and Transitional Deacons just seconds before, promised loyalty to God and the Diocese of Owensboro as they received the sacrament of Holy Orders on May 30th. Close to 100 priests joined John McRaith, Bishop Emeritus, in the laying on of hands. Bishop McRaith filled their hands with Holy Chrism, consecrating them and making them holy. The two prostrated themselves before the altar as all invoked the intercession of the angels and saints. Fellow clergymen vested them in priestly garb for the first time, and dressed in beautiful Marian chasubles they turned so that those present might congratulate them.

It has been a long road for both of these young men, but both of them have made it! Fr. Andy Garner, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians, led a Holy Hour on the eve of the Ordinations. From the heart of a father toward his sons, realizing that in less than 24 hours they would be his brothers, he gave a few final words of advice and support. With tears in his eyes, he implored Daniel and Josh to spend time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. "You spend time with those you love;" he said, "spend time with Christ."

Both Fr. Daniel and Fr. Josh began their journeys back in 1999, when they began

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Top: Fr. Daniel Dillard and Fr. Josh McCarty impart their first priestly blessing on the congregation present at their ordination, with Bishop John McRaith in closest proximity. Larena Lawson photo

Center: Josh and Daniel prostrate themselves before the altar as those present intercede for them by praying the litany of the saints. Jeffrey Estacio photo

Bottom: Bishop John McRaith, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Owensboro consecrates Josh McCarty's hands by pouring sacred chrism into them. Tami Schneider photo.



Disciples Response Fund continues to impact lives!

For seventeen consecutive years, the people of the Catholic Diocese of Owensboro, Ky have continued to make the DRF annual appeal their charity of choice. Thank You! On the weekend of September 12th and 13th the faithful will once again listen from their pews and have another opportunity to contribute to this wonderful cause. A packet of materials will be mailed to your home the week before DRF Sunday. You can return the commitment card with your pledge of prayer and/or financial gift or fill out a card in your parish on the weekend of September 12 & 13. There will be an additional two mailings in November and January to those we have not received a response from. (You will not receive another letter in this campaign year, if you have responded with a financial gift or a gift of prayer.) While the process seems routine, it is effective. The results of this effort continue to grow because so many homes choose to respond.

So what difference does the money make? Disciples Respond Fund dollars enable the Diocese to increase its investment in vocations, religious education and evangelization efforts. This appeal also supports the poor and indigent. Back in 1996, Most Rev. John J. McRaith, D.D. was quoted as saying, "I believe people want to see their money do great things and we are doing very important things for the Catholic Church with these dollars. My hope is that more will see the value of their gift and contribute." Those sentiments are still true today; your dollars contributed to the DRF appeal impact lives!

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Pope opens Year for Priests, says they must witness God's compassion



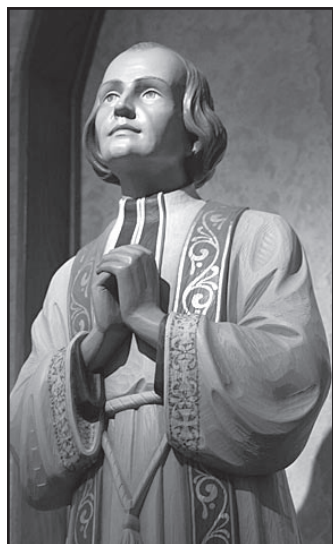
Pope Benedict XVI waves after leading an evening prayer service June 19 in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, formally opening the Year for Priests. (CNS photo/Giampiero Sposito, Reuters) (June 19, 2009)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Formally opening the Year for Priests, Pope Benedict urged all

priests to strive for holiness and said the ordained ministry was indispensable for the church and the world. "The church needs priests who are holy ministers who help the faithful experience the merciful love of the Lord, and who are convinced witnesses of that love," the pope said at a prayer service in St. Peter's Basilica June 19. At the same time, in an apparent reference to cases of priestly sex abuse, he warned of the "terrible risk of damaging those we are obliged to save." The pope said, "nothing makes the church and the body of Christ suffer so much as the sins of its pastors, especially those who transform themselves into 'robbers of sheep,' either because they lead them astray with their private doctrines, or because they bind them in the snares of sin and death." Thousands of priests packed the basilica for the evening prayer service, which was preceded by a procession of the relic of the heart of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. The pope proclaimed the yearlong focus on priestly ministry to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the saint's death.

Priesthood is 'an enormous gift,' says Cardinal

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- "Priesthood is such an enormous gift and we need to rejoice in it every day and renew it every day," said Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick June 19. "There is no sacrament, I think, more filled with love as the sacrament we took when we became priests," the retired archbishop of Washington said in his homily during a special Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to mark the beginning of the Year for Priests. Pope Benedict XVI announced the church's yearlong focus in March in an effort to further appreciation and support for priests around the world. Lasting almost 80 minutes, the Mass at the shrine in Washington was planned to occur simultaneously with a Mass Pope Benedict XVI celebrated at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to open the year. Thirty-one priests concelebrated the Mass with Cardinal McCarrick at the shrine. In his homily the cardinal stressed the importance of keeping a constant focus on love of God's gifts to his believers and maintaining a steadfast interest in self-improvement. "Priesthood is in all of us whether we are ordained into the priesthood or have been baptized into it," Cardinal McCarrick said.



A statue of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, is seen at Cure of Ars Church in Merrick, N.Y. The Year for Priests coincides with the 150th anniversary of his death. (CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz, Long Island Catholic) (June 19, 2009)

Fr. Daniel Dillard and Fr. Josh McCarty, Ordained May 30, 2009

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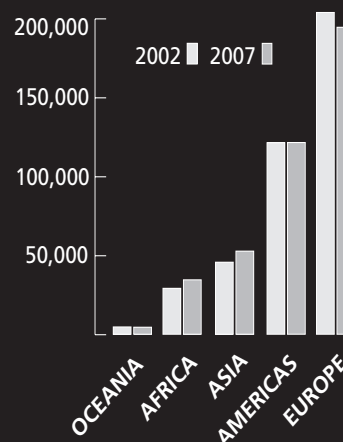
their bachelor's degrees. Fr. Daniel studied at St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul Minnesota, while Fr. Josh attended Brescia University. After completing their undergraduate work, they transferred to St. Meinrad Seminary for a Masters in Theology. Since formation of young men for the priesthood does not entail only intellectual aspects, but human, spiritual and apostolic as well, they took part in a variety of experiences throughout their seminary years. Fr. Daniel and Fr. Josh spent a summer doing Clinical Pastoral work in a hospital setting, a summer studying intensive Spanish in Guatemala, a summer studying Integral Priestly Formation in Nebraska and a couple summers ministering at parishes in the diocese. They each completed a Pastoral year in a parish after their second year of theology.

As smiling faces silently wished the best for the newly ordained, the two joined in the words of the Eucharistic Prayer for the first time. They would no longer serve at Mass as acolytes. They would no longer assist at the altar as Deacons. They were now ordained priests, spouses of the Church, who each day would act "en persona Christi" to feed souls who hunger and thirst for God.

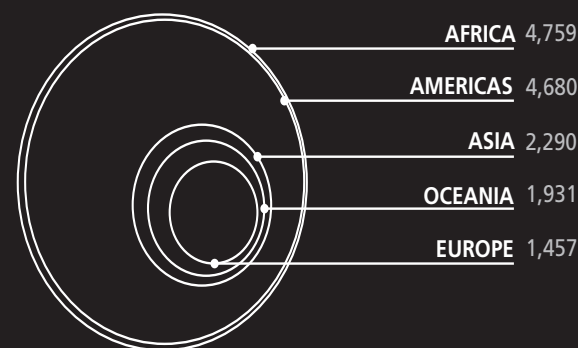
Serran Larena Lawson, dubbed as the "official Seminarian Cheerleader" who extended "tireless support and relentless optimism" to these young men, commented: "I have known these two young men, Daniel and Josh, for about six years or so. My involvement in the Serra Club has been a tremendous blessing to me. Because of its mission, I was afforded the opportunity to meet these men, along with all of our other seminarians, and it has truly been a gift to me to have been able to walk with them on their journey to the priesthood. I receive so much more than I have given to them through my prayers and support, so I am very humbled to have been included in their gracious remarks. I have learned so much about their vocation, their sacrifice and all that encompasses their courage to say yes to God's call in their life. They have taught me so much about my own vocation and how to love and be faithful. And now these two young men have made it to their ultimate goal, to be men of God, holy priests, and to serve others with love through the living out of their vocations."

TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIESTS WORLDWIDE stands at 408,000. That's one priest for about every 2,800 Catholics.

NUMBER OF PRIESTS



CATHOLICS PER PRIEST IN 2007



Source: Statistical Yearbook of the Holy See
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Prayer for the Selection of a Bishop for the Diocese of Owensboro

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, You are our eternal shepherd and guide. In your mercy, grant your Church in Western Kentucky a shepherd who will walk in your ways and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing. Send your Spirit of wisdom upon those who are to select a new Bishop of Owensboro. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your Name glorified. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Save the date!! Save the date!! Save the date!! Save the date!!



Celebrate What's Right With the World

"If you believe it, you will see it."

Sponsored by the Offices of Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, and Lay Ministry and Formation.

When: Saturday, August 22, 2009 Time: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Where: Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center

Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

All parish catechetical leaders, parish life coordinators, youth ministers, catechists, and Catholic school teachers are encouraged to attend this retreat and celebrate all the blessings that God gives to us.

The Certification for Religious Educators of the Diocese of Owensboro (CREDO) requires that catechist take part in at least one spiritual formation piece a year. This retreat will fulfill that requirement.



To make your reservations, call or e-mail:
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Glenmary Sisters

Answering A New Call, Sr. Aida Badillo Begins Her Newest Journey With Glenmary Sisters



The Glenmary Sisters celebrate with Sr. Aida Badillo as she made First Profession of Vows on April 18, 2009. The ceremony was held at Mount Saint Joseph Chapel, Maple Mount, Kentucky. Sr. Aida will be missioned in Millen, Georgia. **Glenmary Sisters Photo**

Responding To Today's Need And Tomorrow's Vision Diocese of Owensboro Capital Campaign Report

Goal:	\$9,000,000.00
Pledged:	\$4,220,869.53
Amount Needed to Meet Goal:	\$4,779,130.47
Paid:	\$1,684,322.20
Balance Due on Pledges:	\$2,536,547.33
Number of Pledges:	1,281

End of Fiscal Year 6/30/2009

DESIGNATIONS:

Diocesan Education Endowment Fund:	\$ 228,264.16
Gaspar River Catholic Retreat Center and Youth Camp:	\$ 298,801.17
Diocesan Charitable Trust Fund:	\$ 298,258.17
Saint Stephen Cathedral Restoration and Renewal:	\$ 57,416.50
No Designation:	\$3,338,129.53
Total:	\$4,220,869.53

For individual parish totals you can go to our website www.rcdok.org



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Help And Hope In Time Of Need

(This article is the first of a two-part series)

By David Galloway, VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America), Owensboro Catholic Charities of Owensboro

"There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell prey to..." poverty. He didn't plan on becoming sick or injured. He didn't want his car to break down. He had no intention of losing his job. But all of that happened, and he ended up in poverty.

His medical bills are astronomical. He can't afford to repair his car to get to work and therefore he lost his job. He is your neighbor, the one down the street, or across town.

Or she is the single parent trying to hold her family together with temporary work and assistance from other sources. Her husband left her for someone else. He doesn't help support the children anyway because he too is in debt. Their children suffer the stigma of being poor in America, of being shelter kids.

Black or white and all colors in between, poverty does not discriminate. It is an equal opportunity disabler. The primary cause of it is the lack of proper financial education. With a good financial education people would make better spending decisions. They would save some money each month. Statistics in 1995 have shown Americans saved on average a negative amount of money, meaning we spent more than we earned. The year 2009 has brought a positive sign for the longer term, our higher income and lower spending pushed our savings rate to 5.6% of disposable income. With a better foundation in financial affairs we would not use predatory check cashing businesses that charge outlandish annual percentage rates of up to 800%. We would divest ourselves of credit cards. Reports show a large number of us carry anywhere from five to eight credit cards with a balance on at least some of them. Paying just the minimum on each of them adds interest and lengthens the time for payoff. A consolidation loan does indeed allow you to make one payment instead of five to eight, but it does not change your spending habits. If your habits are not changed within a few years you will be in even worse condition.

Most Americans, especially in today's economy are one or two paychecks away from some sort of poverty. The loss of a job or spouse could place you in situational poverty, where that loss may delay your debt payments, which adds penalties and interest. As delayed payments mount up, you run the risk of losing your car, truck, boat, and any other "toys" you may have purchased. Once these assets have been liquidated, for a devalued amount you would still be liable for any outstanding balance due. So you are left holding the bag. No transportation or big screen television, just bills and heartache.

You still have your home to which to retreat, for a while unless you bought too much house for your income. The sub prime lending market created a large number of new home owners, which was the intention of a well meaning government, but it created at the same time a monstrous problem when the housing bubble burst. We now have a large number of foreclosures and an increased number of homeless families and individuals. Our next fiasco as far as personal wealth is concerned is the reverse mortgage, whereby we exchange our equity in the home for a loan that has to be paid off once the owner sells the home. This could be your parent if they go to a nursing home or you if you inherit the house. This could become an hefty sum of money someone has to pay back.

Hope, as found only in and through Jesus Christ, will be our next article that will outline ways and means to cope with and break this cycle. "Unless your faith is firm, you shall not be firm". Isaiah 7:9

PS: Dear Pastors and Staff,

I would like to thank each of those parishes that have responded with a contact name for me. Working together we will be able to raise people out of the doldrums of low income through education and asset building.

I realize some priests have moved and /or are in the process of changing committees; or, committees only meet on certain days of the



Celebrating With The Jones Father Tony Jones, who was raised in the Parish of the Immaculate, celebrated his 20th anniversary of ordination with an anniversary Mass May 31, 2009. A reception and lunch followed the Mass in Immaculate's Parish Center with more than 200 parishioners and several members of his family in the picture: John Jones, Adam Jones, Chris Jones, Bill Jones, Jeff Jones, Josh Jones, Susan Jones, Holly Jones, Mary Jo Jones, Wanda Jones, Father Tony's Mother, Marlena Jones, Theresa Jones, Michelle Jones, Amanda Jones, Ryan Jones, Nathan Jones, and Caitlin Jones. Dave McBride Photo



Celebrating With McLean County Catholics

The Catholic communities of St. Sebastian and St. Charles in McLean County are so proud of the confirmation class of 2009. Not only did we have 10 fine young men and women proclaim their faith as "soldiers of Christ," but our beloved Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith was there to guide them, along with our very own Fr. John Okoro. Pictured are (front row): Karissa Miller, Cody Hudson, Brody DeGraef, Jordan Wilson, Morgan Scott, (back row) Laurine Scott, Cody Badertscher, Heath Durbin, Bishop John, Chloe Dempsey, Fr. John, Courtney Hudson, Cecily Logsdon (server), Debra Hamilton (CRE), David Scott (server), Justice Hayden (server) and Sid Hayden (cross bearer). Submitted by Catherine Burden

month etc.; but, if I could hear from everyone else that has not responded I will be able to start working for you.

I work within the whole Diocese, and want to help your parish become a beacon of light and hope for your community.

Sincerely in Christ,

- David Galloway, VISTA, Catholic Charities of Kentucky

Honoring Bishop McRaith

By Father Marty Hayes

When the Church declares someone a saint she puts the saint on the calendar with a feast day. She assigns a category for the new saint. He may be designated as a Holy Man, Religious, maybe a Martyr, or a pastor. A pastor may be one who was a priest who had been given pastoral responsibility, a "Pastor" may have been a Pope. A "Pastor" may have been a bishop. Hold that thought. I promise I will come back to it later.

On December 15, 1982, I walked into the Owensboro Sports Center with a few thousand people to witness the ordination of Fr. John J. McRaith to become the third Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro. I can't imagine anyone who was there who can't remember the event. Unless Bishop McRaith is having a "Senior Moment", I am sure he remembers it well, too. The ordination of our third Bishop was an event open to the public. People came from every corner of the Diocese to be there. Suddenly, for all the people there the Diocese became much larger and at the same time, it became much smaller. Nobody there had ever been to a Mass that large, so the Diocese became larger. They realized they had a relationship with all of those there, so the Diocese became smaller than it had ever been before. Bishop McRaith had a way of both expanding and shrinking our Diocese in many different ways over the years. But, that is not the point of what I want to mention today.

Just a little more than six months later Bishop McRaith travelled to Cloverport on Saturday, June 4, 1983 for the purpose of ordaining me to the Diaconate. Even though he ordained three new priests two weeks earlier, all of the Clergy older than I were ordained by someone else. I was the first person he ordained both a deacon and a priest. I guess you could say that he and I "grew up" in this Diocese together.

Over my 26 years as a Cleric of this Diocese, and my 25 years as a priest, Bishop McRaith has given me several "interesting" assignments. I am grateful to Bishop McRaith for each of those assignments. I say these were "interesting"... Please allow me to offer some brief explanation. My Deacon assignment was in Beaver Dam, Fordsville and Morgantown under Fr. Joe O'Donnell. Several years later I had Fr. Joe live with me at Knottsville. My first assignment as a priest was at Blessed Mother in Owensboro with Fr. Charles Fischer. Fourteen years after I left there I was assigned to St. Paul outside of Leitchfield and St. Elizabeth in Clarkson where I replaced Fr. Fischer. A little over two years later Fr. Fischer died.



25 years ago this past June 2, Father Marty Hayes, left, stood outside the St. Stehen Cathedral with Bishop John McRaith as the first person Bishop John ordained both a deacon and a priest. Photo courtesy of Father Marty Hayes

My second assignment as a priest was at Sts. Joseph and Paul in Owensboro under Fr. Henry Willett. Seven years after I left there I was assigned to Knottsville where Fr. Willett was living in retirement. While I was at Sts. Joe and Paul I lived with Fr. Henry Willett as pastor, Fr. George Boemicke who was Director of Owensboro Catholic Cemeteries Office and Chaplain to the Passionist Nuns, and Fr. Howard Tucker who was a Parochial Vicar and chaplain to Owensboro, Daviess County Hospital.

Did I mention that Bishop McRaith had given me several "interesting" assignments? At Sts. Joe and Paul I was the only man in the house under 70 years of age...and I was still under 30. But, I learned something from each of these men and I "carefully observed" Bishop McRaith on different occasions.

As I recall, Fr. Tucker was about 85 years old when I lived there. Fr. Tucker had a 5:15 Mass every morning and 5:30 on Sundays. He never drove a car. He rode to the hospital and did Communion Calls on a bicycle. Later he got to the point where he went "high tech" and got a mo-ped. After that he stepped up to a Scooter. I remember him telling me "It will go 85!"...but he never saw it that fast. Several times people would cut him off and he wiped it out several times. One time he bummed his leg. Fr. Tucker didn't want to give up. He kept going to the Hospital.

One day Bishop McRaith came to the Church to visit Fr. Tucker. Bishop McRaith tried to convince him to stay off his leg until the doctor told him it was OK to get up. Fr. Tucker balked. When Bishop McRaith finally left he turned to me and said "I had to put him under an obedience to stay off his leg. I never knew how to do that before." Well, the next Sunday I went over to have that early Mass and had to introduce myself to the people. I had never met them and they had never met me, either.

In 1991 I was pastor at Fulton, Hickman and Clinton. I had to have heart valve replacement surgery. I had it done in Paducah, at Western Baptist Hospital. The night before the surgery Bishop McRaith visited the hospital to wish me well. Wouldn't you know he didn't have any Holy Oil with him? I always carry Holy Oil in my car and put, and the book, in my pocket every time I visit any hospital. I was taught that way. I guess they just train Bishops different from the way they train priests.

In 2001 I had moved to my current assignment at St. Paul and St. Elizabeth. We had already decided that I would take a sabbatical after my move. I moved and after about three weeks I went to North Carolina to baptize my little nephew. I got to my little Sister's house and I had a stroke on her front porch. The next day I sent an email to the Bishop to tell him what happened. I looked at it later and it

was basically unintelligible. Apparently Bishop McRaith was able to decipher it.

I was told that Bishop McRaith called my little sister's house to find out what was going on. Apparently Margaret answered the phone. She got flustered and said "Bishop McRaith is on the phone." She passed the phone to my Dad. She said she never had a Bishop call her house before. She said she didn't know Bishops called people. Well, ours does, or did. He called North Carolina every day until I was released. Margaret still got nervous and passed the phone as soon as she heard who was calling. But, he kept calling each and every day. That meant so much to my parents.

I can continue with my own personal difficulties, but this day is not about what I have been through. Today we are gathered to honor Bishop McRaith. Each one could offer his or her own stories about what our Bishop has been to all of us as Church.

Well, folks, I promised I would come back to my starting point. I guess it's probably about time I come back around. Bishop McRaith is the only Bishop I have ever ministered under. The way I count all the places I have been, I have been a priest for 25 years this month. For 48 of those 25 years I have been a pastor. When you figure out that I have been at more than parish in each assignment as pastor, the years add up more quickly than they do on the calendar. Seven years in Fulton, seven years in Hickman and six years in Clinton add up to twenty years of pastoral experience in seven years. That's how I figure I have 48 years of experience in being a pastor.

In my first twenty-five years, or forty-eight years, depending on how you count them, I have been pastor to several people. However, in all of those years, I have been lucky, or blessed to have had, for my first bishop, one who has truly been a pastor to his priests. Bishop John J. McRaith has truly been a pastor, a leader and a shepherd to his priests. We deserved that. More importantly, we needed it.

Nazareth Picnic

When: Sat, August 22, 12pm – 7pm

Where: Nazareth, KY

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth invite everyone to the Nazareth Picnic 2009 on Saturday, August 22, 2009, 2:00 – 8:00 p.m., Motherhouse Campus, Nazareth, KY near Bardstown,



A fried chicken dinner will be served in the air-conditioned Motherhouse dining room from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. Hotdogs and hamburgers will also be available on the picnic grounds. A variety of prize booths will be featured. Raffle items include monetary prizes (1st prize: \$2,000; 2nd prize: \$1,000; and 3rd prize: \$500) and a hand-made queen-size quilt along with other specials. Entertainment and children's activities will be offered throughout the day. If you would like to volunteer at the Nazareth Picnic and/or for more information about this event, please contact us at (502) 348-1578. Come and enjoy!



Sister Ruth Gehres, left, and Sister Mimi Ballard, second from right, Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, stand with a group of women in front of Casa Ursulina in Chillan, Chile. A grant just received by Casa Ursulina will allow the building to be renovated and expanded. Enrollment at Casa Ursulina has grown to almost 200 women in classes, workshops, and other activities that assist them in developing their talents in order to help support themselves and their families.

Ursuline Mission in Chile Receives Grant

The Dianna Ortiz Ursuline Center for Women, a ministry of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in Chillán, Chile, will receive funding from the Raskob Foundation for remodeling and expansion of its facility.

Familiarly known as Casa Ursulina, the Center serves approximately 200 women of low income in a poor area of Chillán, a city of 150,000 in south central Chile. Offerings include classes and workshops in which women can learn marketable skills such as spinning, weaving, and felting, and various types of needlework and crafts. Community and solidarity are a vital part of this ministry.

Casa Ursulina was founded in 1997, in a tiny house, by Ursuline Sister Mary Elizabeth Ballard and seven Chilean women. Through grants and donations the house has been expanded several times. Continuing growth in enrollment makes expansion once again crucial.

The Raskob grant, in the amount of \$12,000, will make it possible to raze a dilapidated part of the house and replace it with a practical classroom/workroom. A second story to be added above the classroom will house bedrooms for volunteers from the United States. The current bedroom area, now on the ground floor, will be transformed into work, office, and storage spaces.

The Raskob grant will primarily fund construction. Casa Ursulina continues to seek funds for furnishings, equipment, and much needed storage facilities. Construction will begin in December, the beginning of summer in the southern hemisphere.

"We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the Raskob Foundation," said Sister Ruth Gehres, who assists Sister Mary Elizabeth, particularly in the areas of communications and marketing. "Our spinning and weaving program, which has expanded constantly during the past three years, has outgrown our space for classes and storage of materials and equipment. With the new space, we can cut down the waiting lists and welcome more women to our classes."

The Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities Inc., based in Wilmington, Del., is an independent private Catholic family foundation which makes grants and loans worldwide for projects and programs associated with the Catholic Church.

Donations to Casa Ursulina can be made to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356, or through www.ursulinesmsj.org. Visit Casa Ursulina online at www.casaursulina.org



In Your Charity Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Father Anthony Howard, 97, retired pastor

*Whitesville native was oldest priest
of Louisville archdiocese*

Father Anthony Howard — the oldest priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville — died July 2 at Sacred Heart Village in Louisville, where he had been living.

He was 97 and was a priest for 72 years. He had been retired for 30 years.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m., July 9, at St. Thomas More Church, 6015 S. Third St. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Whitesville, Ky., Father Howard's hometown. He was born in Whitesville Aug. 14, 1911.

Father Howard attended elementary and secondary school in Whitesville before enrolling St. Meinrad college and seminary, St. Meinrad, Ind. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1937 — more than six months before Louisville became an archdiocese on Dec. 10, 1937. He offered his first Mass at Saint Mary of the Woods Church in Whitesville.

Following ordination, Father Howard served as associate pastor at St. Columba and Christ the King churches in Louisville. He also served at the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Motherhouse

in Nazareth, Ky.

He was pastor of three churches in the archdiocese: St. Ambrose in Cecilia, Ky., from 1945-1966; St. Vincent de Paul Church, New Hope, Ky., from 1966-1972; and Holy Name of Mary Church, Calvary, Ky., from 1972-1979. He also was chaplain at Sacred Heart Home and was chaplain for the Sisters of Mercy.

Survivors include two sisters, Anges Cecelia Howard and Paulette Petkus, both of Louisville, and several nieces and nephews.

In Your Charity

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sister Jean Carmel Howard, SCN, 97



Jean Carmel Howard, SCN, age 97, a native of Whitesville, Ky., died at Flaget Hospital, Bardstown, Ky., on May 13, 2009. She had been a Sister of Charity of Nazareth for 77 years.

Sister Jean Carmel served in the apostolate of elementary education in Kentucky, Ohio, Massachusetts, Tennessee and Virginia. Sister also served in child care in Memphis, Tennessee. In retirement at the Nazareth Motherhouse, Sister Jean Carmel worked in arts

and crafts, the Thrift Shop and served in the Apostolate of Prayer.

Survivors include a niece and her husband, Mary and Gordon Faulkner, and a grand-niece, Donna Roby, all of Owensboro, Ky.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, May 15, 2009, in St. Vincent Church, Nazareth, Ky., with burial in Nazareth Cemetery. Memorials may be made to SCN Missions, P.O. Box 9, Nazareth, KY 40048.

Diocesan Ecumenists Welcome KCC Executive Director

By Fr. Tony Bickett, Ecumenical Officer

Members of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission recently welcomed to the diocese the newly hired executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches (KCC). Rev. Dr. Marian McClure-Taylor was invited to attend the Commission meeting by me as the Diocesan Ecumenical Officer. Twelve members of the Commission and I listened as Rev. McClure-Taylor talked about the history of the diocese's membership and participation in the KCC. Soon after Bishop McRaith came to Owensboro the diocese joined the other dioceses of the state in gaining membership to the KCC. The Diocese of Owensboro has been a voting member of the KCC since 1984.

Rev. McClure-Taylor shared her long-term vision for the 3000 local congregations and parishes within the Commonwealth. She said she looks forward to the time when all 3000 churches and their respective members are "enriching others and being enriched in on-going efforts to know, to understand, to work with, and to worship with each other in the new creation."

The members of the Diocesan Commission and Rev. McClure-Taylor participated in a lengthy discussion about the diocese's vision of ecumenism. The Commission hopes to conduct in the near future a needs survey of the diocesan priests and other parish leaders. For some time we have known that Catholics in our diocese have been involved in ecumenism. The needs assessment will be a guide for the commission's envisioning. Rev. McClure-Taylor and I agree that the current movement for ecumenism seems to be coming from the grassroots of the various Christian communions.

There seems to be a felt need among many Catholics to be better able to talk about the basic tenets of the Catholic faith. Several members indicated a desire to be better informed about the essential of our Catholic faith before beginning to study the traditions and faith experiences of other denominations.



Rev. Dr. Marian McClure Taylor is the newly hired executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches (KCC). KCC Photo

One of goals of the diocesan commission is to have an ecumenical advocate in every parish of the diocese, in addition to the pastor. Since Vatican II, every Pope has indicated the primacy of ecumenical relations to the mission of the Catholic Church. Ecumenism, according to popes, is not an option, it is essential to our daily discipleship. I have been having conversations with a number of Catholics in the diocese, expressing support for and

an interest in ecumenism. A lot of the calls are from ecumenical marriages. Catholics married and living every day, successful ecumenical lives with a spouse from another Christian community.

The Commission meets quarterly. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are open to the public. Several members expressed the sentiment that Rev. McClure-Taylor's arrival at the KCC was providential as the diocese of Owensboro moves forward in ecumenical dialogue. McClure-Taylor said she was encouraged by the grassroots approach to ecumenism. She indicated she would be keeping an eye open toward the approach Catholics in western Kentucky are using.

The next meeting of the Diocesan Commission on Ecumenism will be held on August 31, in the parish center of Christ the King Church in Madisonville.

Come Celebrate Our Gold!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY: Our Lady of Lourdes parish at 4029 Frederica Street in Owensboro will be celebrating our Fiftieth anniversary as a parish on Sunday, September 20, 2009, at the 11 a.m. Mass. There will be a reception and meal immediately following Mass. The parish extends a special invitation to all former priests, religious, teachers, parishioners, students, and friends to be part of this special day.

Thank you.

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST - DECEMBER 2009

August 2009

- 7-9 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 8 Yarn Spinners
- 14-16 Retrouvaille
- 20-23 "Celtic Circle" Retreat for Spiritual Directors and those seeking to deepen their spiritual life
- 21-23 Yoga & Meditation Retreat
- 22 DRE & Youth Ministers Retreat

September 2009

- 13 MSJ Annual Picnic
- 14-18 Glenmary Retreat Week
- 18-19 Leadership McLean County
- 22-25 Runaway Quilters
- 28-30 Home Missions Leadership

Center-sponsored programs in bold.

To register or to schedule your event, call Kathy McCarty 270-229-0200, ext. 413 or e-mail kmccarty@maplemount.org

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October 2009

- 2-4 T.O.P.S. Retreat
- 3 Wedding Reception
- 9-10 Grace Fellowship
- 9-11 Marian Retreat focused on the Rosary with Msgr. Bernard Powers
- 12-16 Spiritual Directors Institute Week 5
- 16-18 Mount Hope Weekend
- 23-24 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 26-30 Priests Retreat Weekend
- 30-1 Regional Cursillo Encounter

November 2009

- 7-8 Academy for Young Leaders
- 14 Yarn Spinners

December 2009

- 8 Advent Day Retreat
- 12 Private Wedding Reception

Diocesan Review Board Members Ready To Respond To Calls

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Ms. June Bell, Chair, Mr. Ken Bennett, Dr. Charles Bohle, Ms. Susan Clark, Rev. Pat Connell, Mr. Jeff Ebelhar, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Ms. Teresa Henry, Vice-Chair, Dr. Carroll Howard, Mr. Dan Howard, Sr. Eula Johnson, SCN, Rev. Pat Reynolds, and Dr. Michele Thomas. Ms. Louanne Payne serves as the Diocesan liaison to the Review Board.

Any person who wishes to communicate with the Diocesan Review Board is asked to call the Catholic Pastoral Center at 1-270-683-1545 and ask to speak with a member of the Review Board. To speak with a particular member of this Board, tell the receptionist. In either case, the receptionist at the Catholic Pastoral Center will give the caller's information to the member of the Review Board for follow-up. Callers may choose to remain anonymous for the initial call to the Catholic Pastoral Center receptionist. The phone numbers of the members of this Board will not be made public.

You may also contact the Board via email at reviewboard@pastoral.org. Be sure to include your contact information. No direct response will be given by email because confidentiality is never guaranteed when using email. Follow-up will be made by telephone.



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Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon



Gertrude Flood
Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
Hopkinsville, KY

The moment Gertrude Flood speaks one word you know she must be from Massachusetts.

"I'm from Lowell, Massachusetts, and I've been in Hopkinsville for about 20 years. My late husband, Thomas, and I moved here to be close to our grandchildren." Gertrude said.

Gertrude told me that she met Thomas at a restaurant hangout called, "Ma Hogan's" in Lowell.

"I was in nursing school and he was a fireman for the schools. Everybody from

the school just kind of hung out at that restaurant. I think there were 4 marriages that came out of Ma Hogan's! Thomas and I got married and were married 49 1/2 years when he died 16 years ago. We had 2 children. One is still living. and has 2 children and 1 grandchild. Our son-in-law was transferred to this area with his job, and Thomas said he couldn't possibly live that far from his grandchildren. So, we moved too. He was retired. I am a nurse, but no longer working. I loved being a working a nurse and feel that nursing is a real calling - not just a job. I saw a lot of medical advancements during my working years. I saw penicillin come into medicine. I remember it took a Presidential order to give it to an individual for a while.

I do love it here. We were both retired I've always stayed busy with family and friends. Now, my family is no longer here, but I still have my wonderful friends. One of my closest friends, is Julia Borders. I met her at church when we first moved here and we've been friends since. Our daughters are friends and our grandchildren are friends so, our friendship will carry on for many years to come.

For many years I volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul store, but I gave that up awhile back. I still help on the bereavement meals however. I'm 89 years old and thought I might cut back a little. My daily routine is go to 8 a.m. Mass, and then go to Arbys for coffee with some people here from the parish. I also do Adoration. I like to be with people and keep myself busy and as physically fit as possible. I go to the "Y" three times per week, I play cards with a group one time per week and I am a member of the Pennyryle Players. I really enjoy the plays. I was never in a play in my life until I came here! I love to travel and Julia and I travel all over together.

My faith, health, family and friends are for what I am most thankful. I have absolutely no questions about my faith. It's always been there for me and always will be. I am very blessed by good health, good friends and family.

My advice is to get up every morning and be positive. Don't complain about aches and pains, because we all have them. Be glad for a new day and do the best you can with it.

Pope thanks doctors, well-wishers for treatment, prayers

By Catholic News Service

ROMANO CANAVESE, Italy (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI thanked the doctors who treated his broken wrist and thanked everyone who prayed and expressed their concern for him.

Before reciting the Angelus prayer in the town of Romano Canavese in northern Italy July 19, the pope greeted thousands of the faithful gathered outside the town's parish church, waving enthusiastically even though his right arm was encased in a plaster cast.

"As you can see, because of an accident, my mobility is a bit limited, but my heart is fully present," he assured the crowd

"I especially want to thank the doctors and the medical staff who treated me with such diligence, compassion and friendship. As you can see, they were successful ... we hope they were successful," he said. The pope fractured his right wrist after he accidentally fell during the night of July 16-17 in the residence where he has been vacationing since July 13. Using local anesthesia, doctors at the nearby hospital in Aosta performed minor surgery to stabilize and join the ends of the dislocated broken bones with wires. Doctors in Aosta told reporters the pope was in good condition and that he would probably have to wear the cast for a month. He was released a few hours later July 17.

Julia Borders
Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
Hopkinsville, KY

I first met Julia Borders on a bus trip to Washington, D.C. this past Spring that was sponsored by the Office of Wisdom. She was traveling with her friend, Gertrude Flood. They were so nice, and they were having so much fun I knew I wanted to talk with them. Recently they both met me at Sts. Peter and Paul church in Hopkinsville, and we sat down to talk awhile.

Julia and Arnold, her husband of 55 years, both lived in Lebanon, Ky.

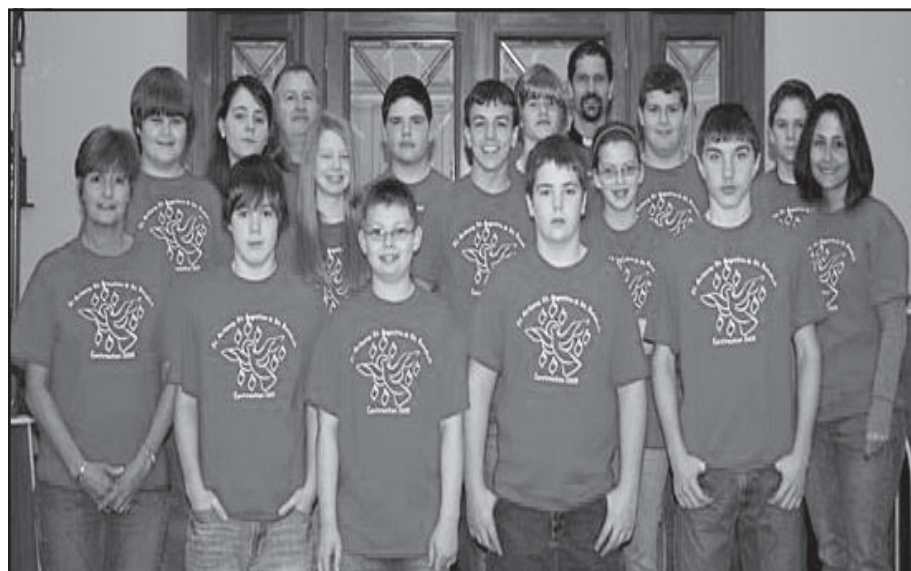
"We went to high school together and that's how we met. We dated and got married and we have 4 children and 9 grandchildren. Arnold was transferred to Hopkinsville with his job at a finance company and that's how we got here. Julia said, "When I was 13 my mother died and the only real thing I had to hold on to was my religion. I thank God everyday for my faith."

As I talked with Julia and Gertrude I learned that they had a lot in common with each other. "I thought I always wanted to be a nurse, but things just didn't work out for me. I had children and then my father got sick and I took care of him for about 8 years." Julia said "Oh, but you were a nurse!" said Gertrude, "taking care of you father and your children. Mothers are nurses."

Julia and Gertrude are great travel buddies. "She lets me control the temperature," said Julia. "I like it cold and Gertrude just adds covers. My husband and were watching TV one night and he got up and put his coat on!"

Julia goes to daily Mass and coffee at Arbys with a group from church too. She also takes food to a gentleman once a week. "I help the "Silver Streaks" (Sts. Peter and Paul's senior group) plan outings. We only have about 10 people involved, but we go out to eat and have short day trips. We are going to a play in Nashville in couple of weeks. I think it's important to have a senior group of people so that we can do things with people in our own age group." Julia said

Julia told me, "My greatest blessing is my family and friends, health and of course my Catholic Faith."



CELEBRATING the Confirmation class of Sts. Anthony, Augustine, and Benedict of Grayson County. On Good Friday, they did a re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross. They also presented a Variety Show to raise money for their annual Widows/Widowers' dinner. This year they raised \$1077.00. In the group picture left to right--front row: Rose Armstrong--Confirmation teacher, Corey Grant, Micah Spears, Tyler Jacobs and Keith Logsdon. Second row--Garrett Hall, Madison McKenna, Kyle Logsdon, Allyson Jarboe, Kelly Henderson--aide. Third row--Machala Perkins, Mason Decker, Wyatt Higbee, Brandon Armstrong and Caleb Johnston. Fourth row--James Clemons--R.E. Co-ordinator and Fr. Brian Johnson.



Maggie Langston receiving the SLIM Award from St. Thomas More Youth Minister Danny Thomas. Submitted photo

2009 Youth Slim Awards Named

By Melinda Prunty, Director, Office for Youth Ministry

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

We are proud to announce that for 2009, fifteen youth from around the Diocese of Owensboro representing eleven parishes and nine deaneries will be awarded plaques in recognition of their Servant Leadership In Ministry.

Youth, Parish

Maggie Langston, St. Thomas More, Paducah
Johanna Studzinski, St John, Paducah
Drew Probus, Holy Name, Henderson
Suzy Solorza, Holy Name, Henderson
Paige Farlino, St. Joseph, Central City
Adam Keyser, Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Brandon Trahan, Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Jaclyn Long, St. Columba, Lewisport
Tyler Powers, Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Scott Burch, St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Ethan Bennett, St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Kasta Rea, St. Stephen, Cadiz
Patrick Hughes, St. Leo, Murray
Jeremy Mahoney, Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
Luke Boarman, Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Deanery

Paducah
Paducah
Central
Central
Hopkinsville
Bowling Green
Bowling Green
Eastern
Eastern
Fancy Farm
Fancy Farm
Lakes
Lakes
Owensboro East
Owensboro East

Sixteen youth from the Diocese of Owensboro representing nine parishes and five deaneries were awarded Certificates of Recognition for being nominated for their Servant Leadership In Ministry.

Madison Carrico, St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Lindsey Thompson, St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Lauren Cates, St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Robert Ellegood, St. Denis, Fancy Farm
Jordan Anthony Elliott, St. Joseph, Mayfield
Edgar Oronia, St. Joseph, Mayfield
Adam Carrico, St. Joseph, Mayfield
Samantha Harper, St. Edward, Fulton
Emma Bridges, Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Samantha Mills, Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Jessica Wiggins, St. Joseph, Central City
Kelsey Ruth, St. Pius X, Owensboro
Collin Whitehouse, St. Anthony's, Browns Valley
Mark Ebelhar, St. Martin's, Rome
Kevin Thomas, St. Martin's, Rome
Nathan May, St. Martin's, Rome

Fancy Farm
Fancy Farm
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Fancy Farm
Fancy Farm
Bowling Green
Bowling Green
Hopkinsville
Owensboro East
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Nomination forms are mailed out to Youth Ministry Contacts in all parishes in the spring of the year. They may be nominated by Youth Ministers, Pastors, and Catechists...someone from the parish that knows about their involvement in the church. There is an effort to have equal representation from the different deaneries; however, sometimes no nominations come from some deaneries. Young people may be nominated more than once, but they may not receive a plaque more than once in order to recognize more young people from throughout the diocese. We ask that the awards and certificates be presented to the recipients at a special Mass or youth gathering.

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

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Next Spinning Day is Saturday, Aug. 8

Whether you are an experienced spinner, knitter, or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the Arts at the Mount quarterly spinning gatherings at Mount Saint Joseph (12 miles west of Owensboro on Highway 56). Enjoy the fellowship of those who appreciate this traditional skill. **Sessions begin at 10 a.m.** Lunch is available for \$10. The group plans to "spin, knit, and talk until we're done!"

The next date will be Nov. 14.

Contact Kathy McCarty to register:
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The normative challenge of our times

Editor,

Murder, n., "the unlawful and malicious or premeditated killing of one human being by another (Webster)." Ellen Goodman (Boston Globe), "The myth of the lone shooter" (M-I, June 7, 2009) asks whether the pro-life community was "shocked by the everyday mainstream rhetoric that casually refers to abortion as murder?" She follows up with an equally compelling comment and question: "But today, I can't help wondering whether rhetoric can justify a crime in the mind of a fanatic. Can't words provide the sort of perverse moral platform that jihadists stand on and the alternate universe in which a "lone nut" can find a home?"

Clearly, Ms. Goodman considers the killing of Dr. Tiller of Wichita, Kansas, murder. Rightly so. It fits Webster's definition exactly. It was unlawful civilly, morally, and, at least in Roman Catholic doctrine, religiously. She fails, however, to see how her own rhetorical questions apply poignantly to her own view. Apparently, she allows only a civil law definition of murder, manifesting a legal positivist ethic. By any objective standard of identifying "human being," the human embryo and fetus is the earliest state of what we all are, a state in which we all began.

In terms of moral and religious norms or laws, the direct killing of the human embryo or fetus, even if civilly legal, is "the unlawful and malicious or premeditated killing of one human being by another." Ms. Goodman's words in support of abortion "provide the sort of perverse moral platform" that abortionists and those who support the legal right to kill the tiniest and most defenseless of human beings "stand on and the alternate universe in which" pro-abortionists "can find a home." Her rhetoric, like her point of view, "justifies" an horrific crime against God and humanity. The only common ground that can possibly be found where pro-life and pro-abortion supporters might meet to abate the seething violence inherent to the killing of our times, she also names, i.e., that we all "denounce the murder."

The normative challenge of our times which neither the pro-life nor the pro-abortion adherents have addressed is how does a humane culture sanction life. Until we can morally answer that, the inherent violence of killing human beings will lawlessly sanction death.

- Rev. Richard Meredith, 3512 East 6th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303



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From Barcelona, Spain

aboard *Brilliance of the Seas*

June 20 - July 2, 2010



Fr. John Vaughan, Spiritual Director

Day	Ports of Call	Arrive	Depart
1	Barcelona, Spain		6:00 PM
2	Nice (Villefranche), France	10:00 AM	8:00 PM
3	Florence/Pisa (Livorno), Italy	7:00 AM	7:00 PM
4	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy	7:00 AM	7:00 PM
5	Cruising		
6	Cruising		
7	Santorini, Greece	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
8	Ephesus (Kusadası), Turkey	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
9	Athens (Piraeus), Greece	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
10	Cruising		
11	Naples/Capri, Italy	7:00 AM	7:00 PM
12	Cruising		
13	Barcelona, Spain	6:00 AM	

Itinerary subject to change.



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Holy Name School Academic Team Members Place At State Governor's Cup Competition

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HENDERSON, Ky. - May 26, 2009 - Congratulations to these recent Holy Name School 8th grade graduates for placing as top middle grade students at the 24th Kentucky Governor's Cup which was held March 14-16 in Louisville. The top ten middle grade competitors in the Commonwealth of Kentucky were recognized at the closing ceremony and received a medal and trophy from Steve Beshear, Kentucky's governor. They earned the opportunity of competing at the state level by placing in the top five first at the District level and then at the Regional level in their individual categories.

WAY TO GO! Carlo Casino – Arts & Humanities: 5th in State; Evie Beckert – Language Arts: 10th in State; Catherine Galbraith – Scenario Writing: 4th in State.

In the picture at right, state honorees: Evie Beckert, Catherine Galbraith and Carlo Casino with Coach Tom Tweddell. HNS Photo



Parish Program Helps Catholics Return Home

In the picture at left, is the Holy Name, Henderson, Parish Catholic Returning Home team. From left to right, John Hancock, Ellese Hay, Mike Woods, Debbie Gish. The teams prepared and offered three sessions of CRH each lasting six weeks. The first session began at the start of the school year, the second right after Christmas, the third immediately after Easter. Roughly 40 people went through the three sessions with about 30 returning to the Church and 2 spouses going through RCIA. The parish also distributed 800 yard signs that parishioners used to advertise the program. Holy Name Parish photo



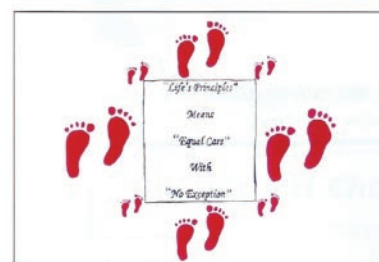
Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug 14-16, call 270-683-1545 ext 357, or email: dpretrowens@aol.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.com

Luke Dickens Earns Runner Up in National March for Life Poster Contest

Congratulations to Luke Dickens who placed runner up in the National March for Life poster contest in the Junior High division. Luke was awarded \$100 and his entry was included in the March for Life Annual Report.

Members of the FCA group from OCMS participated in the contest as part of their trip to the March for Life in Washington DC in January.

Luke, the son of Shane and April Dickens, is a member of Owensboro's Precious Blood parish and a 7th grade student at OCMS.



**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
RUNNER-UP WINNER
Luke Dickens**
Philpot, Kentucky

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Saint Meinrad youth program donates to charities

Participants in the "One Bread, One Cup" summer liturgical leadership conferences at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN, recently raised \$2,132 for Catholic-based charities.

The funds were raised as part of a project for one of the conference liturgical formation sessions, "Service in the Life of the Body of Christ." During the June 15-19 conference, participants raised \$289.36 for Catholic Relief Services.

The June 26-30 conference participants raised \$501.44 for the Tell City Catholic Charities. Participants in the last conference, held July 6-10, raised \$1,342 to help build a classroom for first- and second-grade students in Jimma, Ethiopia.

The "One Bread, One Cup" conferences are offered each summer at Saint Meinrad for high school youth and diocesan directors and campus and youth ministers. The conferences focus on teaching youth about their Catholic faith and the liturgy, with a theme of "Word – Sacrament – Mission."

The conferences are led by an experienced staff of Benedictine monks and catechists from throughout United States and Mexico. This summer, 327 high school youth and 125 adults participated in the conferences, which were staffed, in part, by 23 college interns.

OCMS Students Gain Real Understanding From Speakers About Helping To Slow Climate Change on Earth Day 2009

By Mel Howard

OWENSBORO, Ky. - A clip from an April 22, 2009 Catholic News Service story on climate change by Barbara J. Fraser struck the main theme of an early morning presentation that same day at Owensboro Catholic Middle School (OCMS) as the school celebrated Earth Day and invited students to give closer attention and care for our planet's air, water, soil, food production, weather patterns, personal health habits, electricity, recycling of metals, plastics, and paper goods, and being ever mindful that all this is a part of each person's stewardship of all God's creation.

CNS reported on April 22: "Paying attention to where your morning coffee comes from not only makes good consumer sense, but may also help stave off climate changes that increasingly affect poor farmers."

"Organic farming that prevents erosion and conserves water gives farmers extra income and helps preserve forests that absorb harmful greenhouse gases, said Jefferson Shriver, an official in the Nicaraguan office of Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency."

"For Earth Day, April 22, the U.S. bishops are urging Catholics to take action to help slow climate change. By choosing organic and fair-trade items, consumers can 'practice solidarity with the products they buy' and help protect the environment, Shriver told Catholic News Service."

"Most people buy (organic products) for health reasons, but the benefits are even greater" in the countries where the products are grown, because organic farming methods promote better land and water use, he said."

At OCMS, seventh and eighth graders were not given the luxury on Earth Day of saying, "Big problem" - and focus on something else. This age group of Americans are being taught that mindless consumption of the earth's goods is bad for the planet and does much harm for people living today and in the future, and not just in their home state or country, but in the world. The ancient biblical insight that humanity and the earth are inextricably connected has been forcing itself higher into Americans' growing awareness that all must conserve and steward nature's goods. We Americans enjoy thinking that we own nature's goods, but in fact, God does, and calls each of us to take good care of His creation in our lives. Each presenter at OCMS for Earth Day provided students some information to come closer to this realization.

Most speakers for the day provided information about the specific topics from their career interests in ways to help the environment, and Sister Amelia Stenger, OSU, of Mount Saint Joseph, gave the students a theological underpinning of why humanity must face and solve environmental crises in our homes and world. On the board behind her in the classroom, she had written 1 Corinthians 4:7, which states, "... What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why



In Stacy Ramming Potts' 4-H, presentation on Soil Conservation about how soils react in water. Daniel Fulkerson observed how clay and sandy soils react differently in water.

do you boast as if it were not a gift?"

OK, one might think, but can I trust God? He gave everyone gifts, and many live and act as if the gifts just keep coming, waste them, and they make money, prosper. Why should I go to the trouble to care, for example, to recycle, to conserve water, electricity, and the soil? Why is this doing what God asks of me? Sister Amelia guided her audiences toward this question and others by asking questions about how objects in everyday use in their own classroom came to be, asking each time how the item began, from where (Whom) it came.



Scott Heath, left, from Kenergy, talked about "Energy Use/Conservation" as Mason helped him crank a generator. Mel Howard Photos



Daviess County Naturalist Joe Ford showed Shelby Carwile a corn snake, how gentle it is, but Shelby only felt its scales around her neck!



Ron Rhodes, right, a WTVW Fox 7 Meteorologist, spoke about how he knows which way the wind blows and can predict the weather as his brother, Bart, at left, told him time was up. Bart teaches at Owensboro Catholic Middle School.

To their credit, the OCMS students responded, many times a step ahead of where Sister Amelia's question directed them. One example: Sister Amelia pointed to a wooden frame around a display board in the room and asked, "How did that get there?" Hands shot up: loggers cut the tree for the wood; a woodworker made it; a store sold it to the school (our parents paid for it!); and a carpenter put it there. Sister redirected, "But what was its first source?" Quiet. "The sun," she said, and many heads nodded yes. "All of our energy comes from the sun. And our sun is only one little speck in the universe. God gives energy for free," she said, "We waste so much of it." Then the talk went on to the plastic water bottle in Sister's hand. The message got clearer.



John Wright, Owensboro Grain, talked about the production of BioDiesel.

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Earth Day Activities at OCMS

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Also on the board in the front of the room was a quote from Kenneth Boa, Conformed To His Image: “God has entrusted us with attitudes and abilities and as good stewards, we must use them for His glory, and not our own. This is true not only of musical, artistic, athletic, academic business, and persuasive talents, but also of the spiritual gifts we have received.”

Sister Amelia had brought two green pickle buckets with her and filled them with water. She asked one of the girls in a session to come up and pick up the buckets, raising them as high as she could. Haley lifted the buckets to about her knees. Sister Amelia then told the class a story about girls their age whom live in Nigeria or Kenya, Africa. Their daily job is to walk six miles or more with a container like a five gallon bucket filled with water for their family's daily ration. “We have good water where we live,” she said. “Clean water, and we get it easily from a faucet or a bottle like this one. We take it for granted, even waste it. But others in our world do not even have clean water to drink.”

That is the kind of challenge that our diocesan history has shown can lead Catholic School students to organize a communal project to help other people in need even in parts of the world about which the students know nothing except that the people there need our help. As reported in earlier editions of *The Western Kentucky Catholic*, one need only ask Father John Okoro or Father Titus Ahabyona, African priests serving in the Diocese of Owensboro, about how Catholic School students have collected money and goods for them to take home with them when they return for a visit.

Earth Day activities at OCMS have had other effects. Principal Ann Flaherty said, “The OCMS BETA club sponsored a recycling of electronics, ink jet cartridges, etc. during Lent, 2009. This most likely will be an annual event. They collected boxes of these items and sent them in to be recycled. FCA sponsored a ride-your-bike or walk-to-school day 2 days after our Earth Day speakers visited us. Faculty recycle aluminum cans and paper. Faculty plan to decrease the use of water bottles, Styrofoam, and the use of incandescent light bulbs.”

Mrs. Flaherty concluded, “OCMS faculty member Jennifer Payne organized the entire event. It was her idea. She presented it to me and I thought it was an excellent way to educate our middle school students.

“This project had been in the works for 2 months before coming to fruition. Jennifer even did an informal evaluation of the faculty. They loved it for the most part, and asked to be rotated with the students in the future.”

Sister Ameila said, “Children at this age level can make a difference in the good stewardship of Earth. They are creative and enthusiastic. If given the knowledge and the opportunity, they will be the ‘green’ leaders of tomorrow.”

Jacqueline Pitino Volunteers Time At Shelter Named For Her Brother Daniel

In the picture at right, as the founder of the Daniel Pitino Shelter, Father Ed Bradley, supervises, Jacqueline Pitino, 17, and her friend Eva Nunley, 17, Louisville Sacred Heart Academy seniors, began the second day of their service for the Daniel F. Pitino Shelter in Owensboro April 26, 2009 by helping cook in the St. Stephen Cathedral Soup Kitchen located in the shelter's basement. They were completing their 20 hours of junior year service hours requirements in order to enroll in classes for their senior year. Jacqueline's brother Ryan also served high school service hours at the Daniel Pitino Shelter in 2006. The shelter which opened in 1994 was named for their brother Daniel who died in 1987; they are children of Rick and Joanne Pitino of Louisville, Ky. Mel Howard Photo



My thoughts of the value of Earth Day Activities at OCMS

By Jennifer Payne

I believe that the Earth Day activities were an amazing opportunity for our students to hear from leaders in our community how they conserve and the importance to them and their companies. The presenters took the information that the students learned about conservation and stewardship out of the classroom and placed it into real-life context. This gave the students a sense of responsibility and determination to do their part to help our Earth which is an invaluable gift that was given by the presenters.

I was able to attend the Save Energy, Save Money, Save Gods Earth conference that Sister Amelia and Scott Heath gave the day after Earth Day at the Mount and they spoke highly of our students. With the information I gained from their conference, I plan to incorporate conservation our school activities next year.

Each presenter at our OCMS Earth Day Celebration had a time when they allowed students to ask questions. The presenters also asked the students questions about the information that they taught. All 221 7th and 8th graders participated in the Earth Day presentation.

When asked what word or phrase did students hear most on Earth Day, they replied, “Energy, Recycle, Reuse, Reduce, Conservation, Go Green, Good Stewardship.”

Also, OCMS Students were asked, “What are you doing with the knowledge you gained from Earth Day?”

Some responses were:

- “I now unplug my phone charger,” Sam Lily
- “I am now turning off lights when I leave the room,” Elizabeth Cason
- “We are going to start using a timer on the shower and turn off the lights when we leave the room,” Stephanie Wall
- “The day reminded me of the importance of recycling that my family already emphasizes,” Rachel Hamilton
- “I put the compact florescent light bulb that Scott Heath gave us in my room,” Haley Lanham
- “We are getting a Brita Water filter at our house to cut down on the amount of plastic bottles that we use,” Caitlin Coomes.
- “I take shorter showers and am talking to my family about starting to recycle,” Rebeca Gross
- “Reusing water bottles,” Seth Tignor



OCMS teacher Jennifer Payne got closely acquainted with a corn snake which Daviess County Naturalist Joe Ford brought along for his Earth Day presentations at OCMS April 22. Staff Photo

Danny May Honored With the Bishop John J McRaith Catechetical Award

Special to the Western Kentucky Catholic - On May 11, 2009 the Diocese of Owensboro recognized one of its parish youth ministers by bestowing the Bishop John J McRaith Catechetical Award to Danny May. Danny has served in Youth Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Church since his graduation from high school. He became the full-time minister in July, 2000 after graduating with a BA in Pastoral Ministry from Brescia University. He is married to the former Kelly Conn and they are parents to a one-year old son, Luke.

This award is conferred annually to a minister within the diocese to recognize outstanding leadership and passion within the catechetical ministry. Nominations are solicited from the faithful of the diocese each year. A committee then selects the recipient from the nominations.

Danny's accomplishments were described by many of those who nominated him. He was instrumental in beginning the Eucharistic Life Camp held each year at Gasper River Youth Camp and Retreat Center which is for college students to grow in service and living a life centered on the Eucharist based on the instructions given by John Paul II. He is active in LYNC, an ecumenical group of local youth ministers who gather to plan and coordinate various activities in the Owensboro area. He has served on the TEC board in various positions. This year he helped to start Microfest which is a concert held at Gasper that raises money for various charities like the H2O project and Soles-4Souls. In addition, he helps to teach the youth to play various instruments in order to lead music at Sunday liturgy. He is highly respected by his ministerial peers, priests, and the people he serves.

Reflecting the communication means of the young generation, a video was submitted that interviewed many individuals to reflect on why Danny deserved this award. One said, "Danny is the youth minister's minister." Another youth called Danny "my Catholic dad" because his own father was not Catholic. A



Danny May is congratulated by Fr. Mike Clark, diocesan administrator and retired Bishop McRaith as he accepts the Bishop John McRaith Catechetical Award. Diocesan Director of Religious Education Elaine Robertson is at left. Submitted Photos

fellow youth minister commented that Danny's drive to always be better makes everyone else want to achieve. By his example he leads other youth ministers to greater heights. His pastor, Fr. Brad Whistle, illustrated that Danny's passion becomes expressed not only in words but in grandiose hand gestures. He added that you just can't say no to Danny "when those hands get moving."

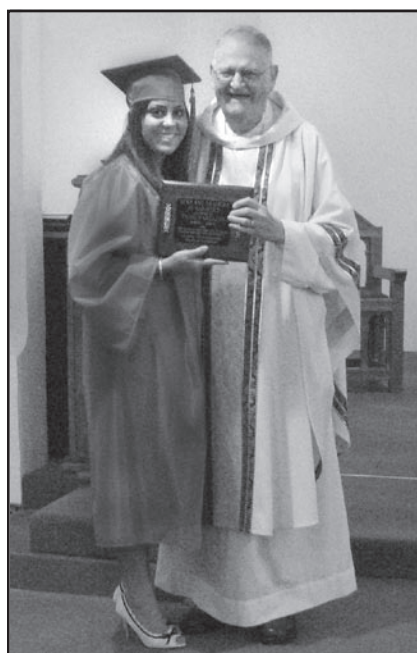
Finally, it can be said that Danny lives, eats and breathes youth ministry. Not only is his mind on the job, but also his heart and soul. It is for this reason that he is deserving of the John J McRaith Catechetical Award.



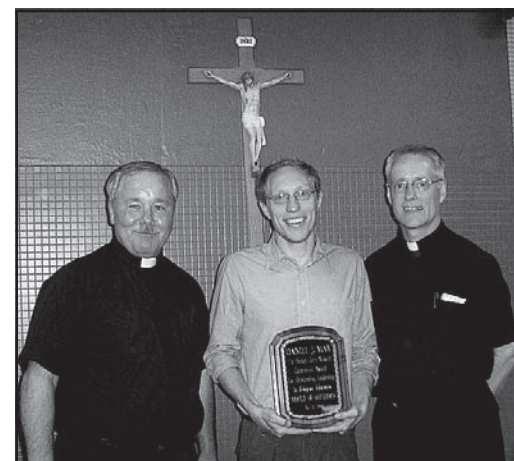
Ministry is a family affair. Danny stands with his family from left to right: David & Anna Conn (Danny's in-laws), Kelly, Luke, Danny, Donna & Pat May (Danny's parents).

Paige Farlino Receives SLIM Award

Paige Farlino from St. Joseph, Central City, with Fr. Ben Luther received her SLIM Award, Sunday, May 24, 2009 Paige graduated from Muhlenberg South High School. She attended CLI, TEC, NCYC, the Youth Ministry Convocation was active in her parish and helped put together and lead the retreat for her peers this past Feb. at the Mount. YM Photo



Danny displays his award as he stands between Fr. Brad Whistle (left), his current pastor, and Fr. John Meredith (right), his former pastor.





A multicultural congregation, clergy and choir celebrate unity in diversity at the Diocesan Migration Celebration at Christ the King Parish in Madisonville on June 6th. Photo by Luis Ajú.

Colorful Congregation, Clergy and Choir

By Tami Schneider

We Western Kentucky Catholics have many reasons to celebrate. Life, love, faith, family, friends and daily blessings remind people of all cultures of God's perpetual presence. In fact, each unique culture is a reason in itself to celebrate. Differences in languages, traditions, dress, and skin color teach much about life. They teach us that despite what may divide, each person has the same basic needs and each person desires to love and be loved. Unity in diversity is possible!

Members of many parishes throughout the Diocese came together in fellowship and prayer at Christ the King Church in Madisonville on June 6 to demonstrate just that. As the choir sang in English, Spanish, German, Swahili, Polish, Portuguese, and a myriad of other languages, the congregation responded joyfully. Even the clergy present on the altar illustrated that the Church is one body, regardless of the origin of its members. Fr. Jerry Calhoun and Fr. Mike Clark hailed from the United States, Fr. Carmelo Jimenez from Mexico and Fr. Jean René Kalombo from the Congo.

During his homily, Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Mike Clark, compared the human race to an expansive garden. He told us how his neighbor's red hollyhock had pollinated his white one and the next year his flowers came out pink. "The combination makes something completely new," he stated. The following year, some blossoms were white and others red. He noted that the variety was beautiful and despite it, they were hollyhocks, all the same flower. He recalled how the monarchs flew all the way from South America and pollinated his garden. He related this to the migrants and immigrants who come from distant areas to harvest crops. Fr. Clark closed by extending an invitation to all present: "We are all part of the same garden...to make what **God** would have in our world. Let's marvel at what new things happen when we are brought together."

Those present then gathered for a meal in the parish hall. Decorated with banners and flags and complete with an abundance of food from different cultures, the group ate, listened to music and took pictures by their country's flag. Truly, we are all united in Christ.



Members of the Diocese enjoy a meal comprised of foods from many cultures during the Diocesan Migration Celebration in Madisonville. Photo by Luis Ajú.

Congregación, Clero y Coro de Múltiples Colores

Por Tami Schneider

Tenemos mucho que celebrar. La vida, el amor, la fe, la familia, los amigos y las bendiciones diarias nos recuerden de la presencia perpetua de Dios nuestro Señor en nuestras vidas. De hecho, cada cultura específica en sí nos da razón para celebrar. Las diferencias en el lenguaje, las tradiciones, el vestido, y el color de la piel nos enseñan mucho sobre la vida. Nos enseñan que a pesar de lo que nos pueda dividir, cada persona tiene las mismas necesidades básicas y cada persona desea amar y ser amado. La unidad en la diversidad es posible!

Algunos miembros de las parroquias por toda la diócesis se reunieron en la oración y la convivencia en la Parroquia de Cristo Rey en Madisonville el 6 de junio para demostrar ese hecho. El coro cantó en inglés, español, alemán, swahili, polaco, portugués, y varios otros idiomas y la congregación respondió con alegría. Incluso el clero que concelebró la Misa ilustraron que la Iglesia es un solo cuerpo, a pesar del país de origen de sus miembros. El P. Jerry Calhoun y el P. Mike Clark son de Estados Unidos, el P. Carmelo Jiménez es de México y el P. Juan René Kalombo es del Congo.

Durante su homilía, Administrador Diocesano, el P. Mike Clark, comparó la humanidad a un jardín expansivo. Nos contó como su vecino tenía una planta de malva loca que había polinizado al suyo blanco y el próximo año, sus flores salieron rositas. "La combinación de las dos creó algo completamente nuevo," dijo el Padre. El año siguiente, algunas flores de la planta salieron blancas y otras rosas. Notó la belleza de la variedad y que a pesar de la diferencia de colores, todos eran malvas locas, todos eran el mismo tipo de flor. El Padre también contó como las mariposas monarcas volaban desde America del Sur y llegaron a polinizar su jardín. Comparó eso a la realidad de los migrantes e inmigrantes que venían de lugares lejanos a recolectar la cosecha. El P. Clark terminó extendiendo una invitación a todos los presentes: "Todos somos parte del mismo jardín...para hacer lo que **Dios** quiere en nuestro mundo. Maravillémonos en las cosas nuevas que puedan surgir cuando nos unamos."

Después de la Misa, todos los presentes se reunieron en el salón parroquial para compartir y disfrutar una comida. Habían decorado el salón de estandartes y banderas y las mesas se veían llenas de una abundancia de comida de diferentes culturas. El grupo comió, escuchó música y sacó fotos cerca de la bandera de su país de origen. Verdaderamente era ocasión para celebrar. Verdaderamente todos somos unidos en Cristo. .

7th Annual Rural Life Celebration "A Heritage of Service to a Hungry World"



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Giving Thanks for the Gift of Priesthood

By Larena Lawson and Tami Schneider

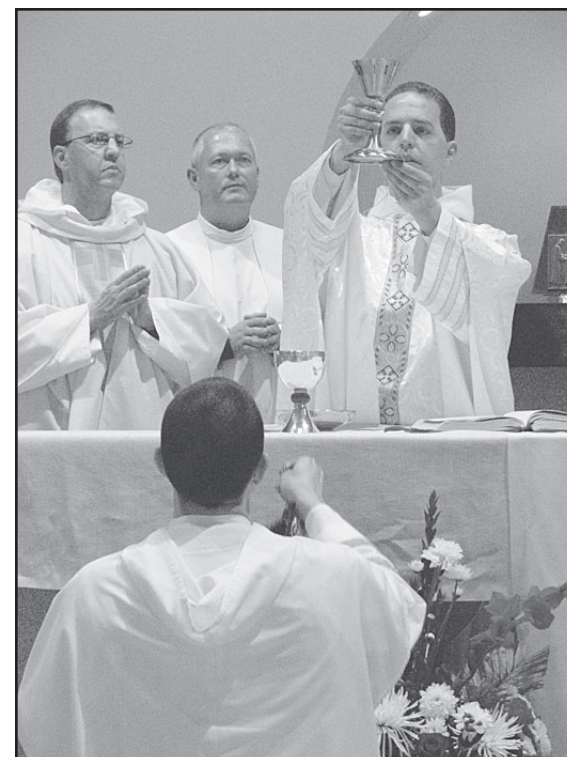
Father Thomas Petri, O.P., a native of Madisonville, Kentucky and Christ the King Parish, was among this group of Dominicans who were ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit on May 29, 2009. Newly ordained Father Thomas was born in Detroit as Jacob Petri. He grew up in Madisonville however, and after high school entered the seminary for the Diocese of Owensboro. After six years of discerning his vocation, the Lord led him to believe that he was called to the Consecrated Life, and therefore, he entered the Dominican Order. He was then given the religious name of "Thomas," after St. Thomas Aquinas. He made his solemn profession of vows as a Dominican in 2007. Then called Brother Thomas, he was ordained to the transitional diaconate in January 2008. Thirteen years of discernment and study led to the culmination of his vocation, Father Thomas' ordination to the Holy Priesthood. On the afternoon of his ordination Father Thomas expressed his feelings in this way, "I am very grateful to God for my ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ this morning. And I'm also thrilled to have family and friends from all over the country present for this great event. God blesses us far beyond what we could ever hope for."

Nine days after his priestly ordination in Washington D.C., Fr. Thomas returned to his home parish to celebrate a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on June 7th. Concelebrating with the newly ordained were Fr. Mike Clark, Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Andy Garner, Director of Vocations and Seminarians for the Diocese, Fr. Jerry Calhoun, Pastor of



Newly ordained, Fr. Thomas Petri, O.P. extends his priestly blessing to Larena Lawson and diocesan seminarian Basilio Az Cuc.

Christ the King Parish, and fellow Dominican, Fr. John Langlois, O.P. During his homily, Fr. Langlois confirmed that "a priest is set apart by God...only so that he can be given back to us." He reminded the congregation that just as a priest is for the people,



Father John Langlois, O.P. (left), Fr. Andy Garner (center), Fr. Mike Clark (not pictured) and Fr. Jerry Calhoun (not pictured) concelebrated the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving with newly ordained Fr. Thomas Petri. Fellow Dominican, Br. Austin Litke, O.P. (front) served as Master of Ceremonies for the Liturgy.

in the same way, the priest depends on the people. Because of their calling, priests are often the object of Satan's attacks. "We need your prayers," Father Langlois continued, so that we may "come to such a close union with Christ that we speak with God's mind, act with God's hands and love with God's heart."

As the clergy and congregation together enjoyed a meal in the Parish Hall, Fr. Petri stood up to say thanks to many who were instrumental in his vocation and to give thanks to God. "For the past nine days since my ordination, I wake up, and as I come to consciousness, for the first 30 seconds I realize and am stunned by the fact that I am a priest of Jesus Christ. Then, I am thankful..." After these words, he invited all those who wished to come and receive a blessing from his newly consecrated hands. In turn, those present thanked God for sending palpable signs of His presence through the priesthood and the Holy Sacraments.

Seminarian Ryan Harpole Will Be Missed at St. Thomas More

PADUCAH, Ky. - "What a blessing our seminarian-intern, Ryan Harpole, has been," said pastor Rev. J. Patrick Reynolds, JCL.

"He has experienced many aspects of ministry these past nine months. He has a quieting and comforting presence which are great priestly qualities. His insights and reflections are both deep and refreshing. Ryan is proactive and a tireless worker. He's as comfortable holding a bible in his hand as he is a hunting bow, a chain saw or a food mixer. It has been a pleasure to have him live at the rectory with me this past year. I wish him all the best in his last two years of theology studies prior to priesthood ordination. Ryan will always be welcomed back here - and who knows, he might be pastor here someday!

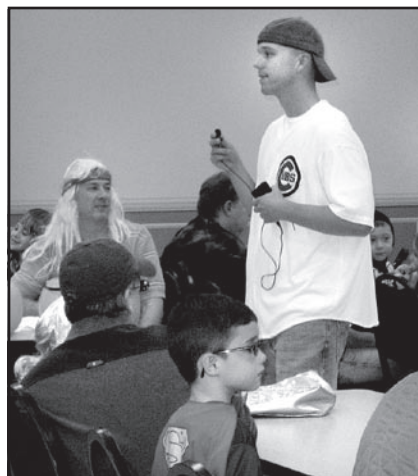
Ryan's Message to the Parish: As my last few weeks at St. Thomas More begin to fade away I cannot help but think about the many blessings I have experienced during the past nine months or so. Although there have been many, I feel obligated to name a few or perhaps several. I would like to first thank you all for your hospitality, especially in the beginning. It is

not always easy being inserted into a community and feeling welcomed and comfortable, but that was exactly the feeling I experienced.

I want to also name the following blessings:

- Food including Italian Cream cake, Asian cuisine, everything Sr. Lucy cooks or bakes, everything Fr. Pat and I received during Christmas, and many more.
- Parish support including the many invites to dinner and receiving so much at Christmas along with the many beautiful cards and pictures.
- Staff interaction including the chance to work with a great people, everyone that helps with the liturgies, Danny Thomas and the youth, and Michael Chestnut and the RCIA program.

- Ministry involvement visiting those in the hospital, sick, or homebound and the graces I was shown by their strength, for the many friendships I have devel-



Seminarian Ryan Harpole praying at Trunk or Treat, a parish party. Missy Eckenberg Photo

oped, and for the many prayers I know that I have benefited from, especially the Serra club whose primary purpose is to promote vocations through prayer.

- School opportunities including working with the boys' basketball team at St. Mary's and the hospitality shown by the coaches and players.

Last, I want to thank Fr. Pat for

being a true father to me and to this parish. A true father can be defined as one who gives when the one who receives deserves nothing. I see this example everyday in the person of Fr. Pat, and can attest to not deserving but always receiving. I feel truly blessed to have him as my pastor and friend for the past few months. Throughout my life God has filled me with many blessings and my experience at St. Thomas More has been no different.

Thank you and God bless each of you, Ryan.

Charity Concert Affords Quality and Quantity

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By Tami Schneider

June 5th shone bright and clear, the perfect weather for a new Diocesan event. On the tail of Eucharistic Life Camp, an experience tailored for young adults to combine service and prayer, MicroFEST was born. For all who may wonder at this unique name, this event combined celebration (FEST) and music with help to microfinance (Micro) underprivileged individuals. As Danny May explained, "Just 50 cents may help someone in a different country get back on their feet. It may allow them to buy the supplies they need to begin a small business and care for their family's needs."

So, Hadley Jagoe and Christina Best, refreshed and renewed from Eucharistic Life Camp, sat at the entrance to Gasper River Catholic Retreat Center to fill jars with loose pocket change. Of course they

willingly accepted cash as well, and shoes. What? Shoes!? Yes. Those who came to the concert were asked to donate to Soles 4 Souls. This organization collects shoes to distribute them to people in poor countries who otherwise would go barefoot. So, instead of buying a ticket to a great concert that night, those who came offered opportunity to countless unknown others.

As a reward for their charity, participants heard from a talented line-up of musicians and performers including: Paul Finley and Peter Nevland from Austin, TX, local duo "All Around the Dinner Table", Johnna Day from Owensboro, "Redfoot" from Bowling Green and "The Lee Roessler Band" from Covington. During one of his deeper moments, in between jokes and down-to-earth poetry, Peter Nevland reminded the audience that "It's not quite as important to be right as it is to be friends." Definitely something to ponder...

Dawn Dones of Louisville also went up on stage to say a few words. Dawn had the



Christina Best and Hadley Jagoe hold up signs at MicroFEST asking for donations for Catholic Relief Services and Soles 4 Souls. Tami Schneider photo



"How Can Such Poor People Be So Happy"

A quote from 18 year old Kaycee Motley who accompanied her aunt and uncle on a mission awareness trip to Guatemala.

Pictured from left to right is Joyce Rezac, Joshua, Joshua's mother, father, grandmother, Kaycee, and Darryl Rezac. Joshua is sponsored by the Murray, KY. Fr. Saffer Council Knights of Columbus.

Their donation of \$30/mo provides basic necessities such as food, education, clothing, medical care, and livelihood programs for parents. This gives them

an opportunity to live a dignified life, become self-sustaining, and break the cycle of poverty.

Can you imagine the impact if all KofC councils could sponsor a child? As advocates for CFCA (Christian Foundation For Children and Aged) Darryl and Joyce are available to provide more information to your group or individuals. Contact them at 270-436-2022 or contact CFCA @ www.cfcausa.org or 800-875-6564.



Local musician, Johnna Day, and Erin Payne sing a number they created, during the MicroFEST concert on June 5th at Gasper River Catholic Camp and Retreat Center. Tami Schneider photo



A Visit To Kentucky's 'Little Holy Land'

On May 14, 2009, the St Sebastian, Calhoun, Altar Society sponsored a trip to the little Holy Land in Bardstown, Ky. 29 people enjoyed the bus trip. We toured St Thomas Church, Gethsemane, Nazareth convent and St Joseph Proto Cathedral. We had Dixie Hibbs, a very knowledgeable guide who is the former Mayor of Bardstown and the author of 10 books on the History of Catholicism in the Little Holy Land. Submitted by Jerry Abney

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Pope urges
workers' voices be
heard, unions adapt
to global economy

By Chaz Muth,

Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- When Pope Benedict XVI released his third encyclical -- "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth") -- he stressed that the voice of workers must be heard as heads of state, industry moguls, labor union leaders and environmentalists develop long-term solutions for the ailing global economy.

The pope's encyclical -- released in early July -- reemphasizes the Catholic Church's continuing support of workers associations going back to Pope Leo XIII's encyclical, "Rerum Novarum," in 1891, but it also challenges labor union leaders to adapt to a growing global economy to remain relevant. Though "Charity in Truth" does support the workers movement, it's far from being just a pro-labor document. Pope Benedict calls on labor union leaders to address the needs of workers, industries and nations beyond the scope of their membership.

PRAYER DAYS

St. Joseph School students, faculty and staff truly exemplify their Catholic faith daily as shown by the strong Catholic Identity present at Saint Joseph School. Some of the religious education students receive at SJS include: daily religion class, weekly Eucharist celebration, morning assembly and prayer, classroom prayer, Catholic traditions of praying the Rosary and Stations of the Cross and service projects to help the school, parishes, and community. Beginning in the fall and going throughout the school year all classes have a "Prayer Day" retreat away from the classroom. The classes this year have almost completed their "Prayer Days". These days are a time of reflection, bonding, interaction and deeper understanding of faith for students of all ages. The following classes have held their prayer days and have shared what they were all about:

Second Grade: The year started with the second grade having the first prayer day in August. Their theme was "Serving Others" which coincided with the theme of the National Catholic Education Association for the year, "Celebrate Service". The second graders went to Gasper River Retreat Center here in Warren County for the day.

They enjoyed making crafts for people in the local nursing homes, celebrated mass, hiked through the Stations of the Cross, and collected sticks as a service project for the Retreat Center.

Third Grade: "Peace" was the theme for the third grade prayer day. The third graders acted out ways to solve problems peacefully. Father Darrell Venters celebrated mass with the students. Team building activities completed the day.

Fourth Grade: The fourth grade celebrated a day of prayer using the theme "Forgiveness". Students completed many theme based activities, including making pretzels, based on this theme, since monks originally made pretzels during the Lenten fast, resembling crossed arms in prayer. Father Jerry Riney celebrated Mass for the students.

Fifth Grade: The fifth grade prayer day was held on October 6, 2009 at the Gasper River Retreat center. Their theme for the day was "We are Living Saints". The fifth graders gathered together to praise God for all the saints and holy people who have died and are now rejoicing in heaven.

Their day consisted of activities that brought them closer to God as well as to each other. Fr. Darrell Venters presided at an outdoor mass with the classes.

Kindergarten: Our two kindergarten classes held their prayer day activities in the St. Joseph Church parish hall. Their day began with a prayer service. Their theme for the day was "Jesus Loves You". The students broke into groups and rotated to a puppet show, craft station, storyteller, and tour of St Joseph Church all of which exemplified Jesus' love.

Eighth Grade: The eighth grade class held an overnight retreat at the Gasper River Center in the fall. In keeping with the theme of the school year their retreat theme was simply "Service". Along with team building activities, folk dancing, a class prayer service and using the zip line at the camp,, the class made a "Scripture Search" for the retreat center to use with future groups attending retreats and camps there.

Sixth Grade: The sixth grade classes recently held their prayer day at Gasper River. Their theme for the day encompassed "Living in Relationships, with God, Self and Others". The classes explored

virtues and how they help one live a holy life. A prayer service and several hands on activities completed the day.

Seventh Grade: The Seventh grade will be holding their prayer day on Friday April 17 at the retreat center. This will be a very special day for the seventh graders as their theme will be "Transitions", focusing on the transition that this class will make next year as they become 8th graders and the leaders of Saint Joseph School. They will hold a prayer service and follow the Stations of the Cross.

The last class to hold a prayer day for the year will be the First Grade. Their special day is scheduled for Friday May 8 and it will be held at Holy Spirit Church. The theme for the day is "People and Stories of the Bible". The first graders will have stories, act out skits and enjoy hands on craft projects all based around the Bible. They will attend noon mass at Holy Spirit that day.

Prayer Days have been a very integral part of Catholic Identity at SJS as they definitely let our students re-affirm their faith and discover the many blessings God has bestowed on them, their families and classmates.





Cursillo Turns 40

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On April 26, 2009 at Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall fifty-four Cursillistas met to celebrate Cursillo turning 40 in the Diocese of Owensboro. Three women attending made the first women's weekend in May 1969.

Some 2,640 men and women of our Diocese have participated in the Cursillo weekends and their lives were changed by

What Cursillo Means to Me

By Mary Lee, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Cursillo is more than just a 3-day weekend. It is a way of life. It is a personal encounter with Christ that lasts the rest of your days. That's why, after the weekend, every day is the "4th Day".

The weekend introduced me to people who now form a support network. It opened my eyes to my purpose in life: to live forever with Jesus and to help others live with Him too. The weekend armed me with knowledge of our faith and a new method of living it daily through prayer, study, and action.

Cursillo is learning about God and His will each day, loving Him, and giving that love to others. This doesn't happen overnight and it is not without effort. It takes a lifetime to become the person God created us to be.

When I spend time with members of the Cursillo community, the "4th Day", I am filled with joy. It renews my sense of purpose and allows me to be my 'true' self. -The person God created me to be: kind, creative, joyful, and generous. I am the person I could be if I didn't get in the way. I am more open to the Spirit of Love and Truth.

The 4th Day is God's whispering voice to me. They urge me to forge ahead, to be brave, and to grow. They encourage me to pick myself back up and begin again. When I'm discouraged the 4th Day remind me that although I'm not where I need to be, I'm further than I was. Just as we can't perceive a tree's daily growth, our growth does exist and is valuable.

The 4th Day challenges me to follow God's call to grow closer to Him. They hold me accountable for all my 'big' plans. When I want to tell God "No", they help me say "Yes" by reminding me that whatever I am truly called to do, I can do with God's help.

The 4th Day is a visible sign of God's invisible love and encouragement. He calls us to go forth, to persevere, to be a light wherever we are and according to our talents. Without the support of this Christian community my personal encounter with Christ would have been just another nice weekend instead of a way of life.



Workshop on Centering Prayer

For four Saturdays in May St. Suzanne Sims lead a workshop on contemplative prayer for Holy Name Parishioners. The workshop was held each Saturday morning beginning with Mass. It was followed by a breakfast in silence the a 20 minute group contemplation prayer session this was followed by so presentation by Sr. Suzanne or a video by Fr. Thomas Keating on contemplative prayer. The parish hopes to keep the contemplative prayer group meeting on a monthly basis. Submitted by Fr. Anthony Shonis

the experience. The weekends started in the basement of St. Stephen's Cathedral and have moved to Paducah, then Princeton, then Mt St Joseph's and currently are held at the old Immaculate Conception school in Hawesville.

Gerry Frey opened the Celebration with a welcome and Sister Mary Thomas Simon let us in prayer. Sidney Ebelhar, the first Rectora, gave a history of the movement in our diocese during its first 20 years and Fr. Joe Mills, who has worked many weekends, talked of his Cursillo experiences. Nancy and David Wolfe shared their memories of the last 20 years and encouraged others to do the same. Retired Bishop John McRaith thanked the Cursillistas for the services they have given the Diocese throughout the years and encouraged us to continue our work. Cecelia Hamilton, the present Lay Director, shared how the Cursillo Movement is looking Ahead and plans to involve more Cursillistas in various activities. Fr Phil Riney wrapped up the day with his thoughts on the Movement. Time was found to share in some fun songs and fellowship.

The Cursillo Movement in our Diocese has been the proud associates of many important priests. A few mentioned Fr Peter Damien who was head of the Franciscan Friary now head at the Vatican. Also mentioned was Fr. Ivan who has started Cursillo in Honduras, Ysabecanstan and working with starting Cursillo in Moscow, Russia.

The participants were treated to slide shows of the group weekend pictures (about 12 group shots of the 132 are missing). Plus they looked at the Scrapbooks that were full of activities of the past 40 years.

The recurring themes of "No man is an island" and "It is not good for man to be alone" {Gen 3:18} were emphasized with the comment that unless we go into the fields and bring the candidates to Cursillo the movement will die. The genius of the apostolate is learning how to Love - do others see the love you have for Christ in your life everyday? Are we ready to carry on for another 40 years? I hope that your answer is yes, mine is!



The Sacrament of First Communion

Celebrated at St. Thomas More Church

Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds with the First Communion Class, April 26, 2009: Nolan Robert Averill, Kimberly Lynn Bosh, Hope Marie Brownfield, Claire Marie Carrico, Alexis Lorraine Carter, Luise Helena Concepcion, Sophie Huber Cook, Abigail Michelle Cope, Jacob Michael Eckstein, Adisyn Kate Fleming, Nicholas Issac Hatton, Carter Ann Kemp, Cannon Andrew LaFont, Joshua Lehman Lang, Madeline Rose Lorch, Katherine Grace Loyd-Webster, McKenzie Paige Lynn, Ashleigh Grace Mast, Cash Kristopher Mayo, Anthony Joseph Milliano, Jr, Meredith Marie Petter, Briana Maria Phelps, Kyle Evan Rea, Eric Michael Riffe, Victoria Brooke Sherron, Allie Elizabeth Swift, Elizabeth Grace Via, Mary-Kate Scout Via, Aaron Kial Waldon, Faith Gabrielle Williams, John Douglas Wilson. Submitted by Missy Eckenberg



Priests and Deacon representing 3 Deaneries and 19 parishes concelebrate the Mass with Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith, at right.

St. Joseph Catholic School in Mayfield Celebrates Vocations!

On April 17, 2009 St. Joseph Catholic School dedicated the day to learning about vocations and celebrating those who have answered God's call. The day started with School Mass said by a Rev. Ken Mikulcik, Pastor at St. Joseph and concelebrant Rev. Andy Garner, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Owensboro. He was accompanied by Sr. Alicia Coomes, Director of Vocation Ministry for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph. After Mass, the two visited each classroom, sharing about vocations and inspiring the students to pray about the vocation Jesus' is calling them to pursue. A lunch was held for Rev. Garner and Sr. Coomes, along with other religious, who were invited from the Fancy Farm & Lakes Deaneries. Lunch was catered by Pauline Russelburg, owner of Happy House Restaurant in Mayfield, KY, and Mary Jo Cash. As a sign of their gratitude, Ms. Susan Brinkley's 6th grade class volunteered to serve the lunch.

Pictured on the right are Rev. Andy Garner and Sr. Alicia Coomes with Mrs. Karen Tyler's Kindergarten and 1st grade classes. Students from left to right include: front row – Caleb Crosslin, Leah Bruns, Clair Lamb, Rebekah Brown and Bethany Spraggs, back row – Emma Purcell, Nealy Jackson, Keaton Elliott, Ethan Barnett and Tara Magee. Pictured on the left, from left to right are Rev. Ken Mikulcik, Sr. Alicia Coomes, Rev. Mike Williams and Rev. Andy Garner. Pictures taken by Ms. Susan Brinkley. Submitted by Shanda Purcell, School Secretary, St. Joseph Catholic School



Mass of Thanksgiving Honoring Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith

By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. -The western most Catholic parishes of the Diocese joined together at St. Thomas More, Paducah to host a Mass of Thanksgiving and reception honoring The Most Reverend John J. McRaith, DD for his 27 years of leadership on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Bishop McRaith served the Diocese of Owensboro from 1982 through 2009.

Nineteen Catholic parishes, two schools, and a hospital representing the Lakes, Paducah, and Fancy Farm Deaneries gathered to thank Bishop McRaith for his service including: Rosary Chapel, Paducah; Sacred Heart, Hickman; St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers; St. Charles, Bardwell; St. Denis, Fancy Farm; St. Edward, Fulton; St. Francis de Sales, Paducah; St. Henry, Aurora; St. Jerome, Fancy Farm; St. John the Evangelist, Paducah; St. Joseph, Mayfield; St. Jude, Clinton; St. Leo, Murray; St. Mark, Eddyville; St. Mary, LaCenter; St. Paul, Princeton; St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City; St. Stephen, Cadiz; St. Thomas More, Paducah; St. Mary School System; St. Joseph School; and Lourdes Hospital.

Liturgical music was provided by the Festival Choir composed of musicians from St. Charles, St. Francis de Sales, St. Jerome, St. John the Evangelist, St. Joseph, St. Jude, St. Mark, St. Mary, and St. Thomas More accompanied by a brass quintet and oboe under the guidance of Jim Hess, Director of Music/Liturgy at St. Thomas More. The St. Thomas More Ringers also provided several hand bell pieces throughout the liturgy.

Representatives bearing the banner of their parish, school, and hospital led the opening procession of the Mass, followed by the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guard, along with twelve priest concelebrants, Deacon Joseph Ohnemus, Seminarian Brandon Williams, Master of Ceremony Michael Chesnut, cross bearer and servers representing the Deaneries involved. Processional music included Fanfare in C and The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune.

Rev. J. Patrick Reynolds, JCL welcomed all guests to St. Thomas More and Sr. Clara Schotzko, a former student of Bishop McRaith in Minnesota, provided the first reading in English. The second reading was spoken in Spanish representing the important growing Hispanic presence in the represented parishes. The scripture readings (Isaiah 55, 1 Corinthians 3, and Matthew 13) proclaimed the power of God's word and sowing the seeds of faith which our Bishop has done so faithfully through the years.

Bishop McRaith provided the homily noting the great blessing it has been to serve the people of the Diocese of Owensboro and he especially thanked the priests present for their diligent efforts in ministering to the Catholic population of western Kentucky. He finished by humbly thanking all those who filled the pews for being present on a Wednesday night. The concelebrants included the Reverends J. Patrick Reynolds, Mark Buckner, Masilamani Suvakkin, Tom Buckman, Mike Williams, Ken Mikulcik, Al Bremer, Babu Kulathumkal Joseph, David Willett, Julian Ibemere, Brian Roby, and Frank Roof.

A monetary gift of contributions gathered from all represented parishes, school, and hospital was given to show appreciation for Bishop McRaith at the conclusion of Mass. People crowded the Gathering Space to shake his hand after the recessional and a reception in the Parish Hall, with an array of food provided by facilitators from all the parishes, was coordinated by Cathy Elliott and Kaye Haas. Those in attendance had the opportunity to personally thank the Bishop for his years of faithful service and wish him a blessed retirement.

St. Thomas More Parish Welcomes the Ojeda Family

By Missy Eckenberg
PADUCAH, Ky. - What a blessing it is to witness those who join the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil. Multiple reasons are given when asked why Catholicism has been embraced as the religion of choice, and many describe their family as playing an important role.

In the case of the Ojedas the whole family made the decision to join the church after their journey of discovery. Todd, Beth, Isabella, and Emeline live in Marion, Kentucky and found their



Beth, Todd, Isabella, and Emeline Ojeda

way to St. Thomas More in an interesting way.

The family was yearning for a religion to share and they were actively seeking possibilities. They explored several options and continued to search. Their research led them to the St. Thomas More website where they found information that guided them to the first Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) class. Todd and Beth described the website as helpful in their understanding of the process of RCIA and joining the church.

When asked why they decided to join, Todd responded, "I agree with all the teachings. St. Thomas More is a very well organized, consistent, and friendly church." Beth and Emeline related "It just makes sense because it is the one "true" church." and Isabella stated she joined "Because I thought it would be a good time to learn more about Jesus." The Ojedas also described enjoying all that Catholicism involved including the rituals, prayers, readings, and candles, and the fact that the Sunday Mass is a tiny piece of the devotion that it can be carried home as part of daily worship. The family also noted an appreciation for the security and freedom that are possible within the rules of the Catholic Church.

They noted feeling welcomed by Fr. Pat Reynolds and described the RCIA classes lead by Michael Chesnut and Seminarian Ryan Harpole as being very helpful. When the information could have become overwhelming and intimidating, they made it understandable and applied it to daily life.

Todd's RCIA sponsor, Ernie Mitchell, smiled with admiration as he talked about the family's journey to Catholicism. He was impressed by the faith the family showed throughout the process. Their travel from Marion to Paducah for RCIA and weekend Mass was noted as one small example of their great commitment and devotion.

St. Thomas More welcomes the Ojeda family into our parish. We hope their faith journey will inspire others to join the Catholic Church.



Spreading the right to life message

Beverly Todd and Rita Black, both of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, volunteered to work in the Pennyrile Right to Life booth at the Western Kentucky State Fair held in Hopkinsville from July 3 – 11. Todd, Black and other volunteers worked to spread the right to life message to fair goers by handing out balloons to children, selling t-shirts and bumper stickers, and distributing literature. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Boulware Mission
A Home for New Beginnings

Requests for Boulware Services Escalate During Economic Crisis

Today's economic situation poses serious financial hardship for many people throughout our country, particularly in our own community where businesses have closed or laid workers off, resulting in broken families and home foreclosures.

Boulware Mission is all too familiar with the destructive nature of homelessness, after serving the homeless in this community for 88 years. According to Boulware's Admissions Counselor, Kim Montgomery, requests for services have increased by approximately 30%, particularly from people who are homeless for the first time.

She added, "Treatment is full with a waiting list. If we had Phase II completed, we would fill it today." Montgomery is referring to the second renovation phase of Boulware's Wing Avenue Campus which is not scheduled to begin until funding is raised.

Most importantly, Boulware does not want to pursue further renovation until it is determined that operating costs for both facilities are secured. Operating expenses have more than doubled since the Wing Avenue Campus expansion. Therefore, private donations are critical to the continuation of Boulware services, as they make up the majority of Boulware's funding source.

Boulware reaches out to the community "now" asking for prayers, and for financial donations to help cover these costs. If you would like to schedule a tour and/or make a donation, call Stephanie Keelin at (270) 683-8267 or via e-mail at skeelin@boulwaremission.org. Online donations can be made on our website @ www.boulwaremission.org.

Wisdom

by Ginny Knight-Simon

Wisdom goes to Washington, D.C.

On April 30th, 50 people from all over the Diocese traveled together by "motorcoach" to Washington, D.C. to see the sites at our Nation's Capital. The bus trip was sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro through the Office of Wisdom. The group visited all the war memorials, the Lincoln and Jefferson monuments, the Capitol, the White House, a Smithsonian, Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and a host of other sites along the way.

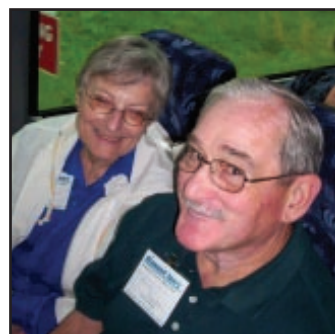


Above is pictured the group on the steps of the United States Capital Building.

Left are travel companions Joyce Toon of Mayfield, and Betty Redden of Fancy Farm, Ky.

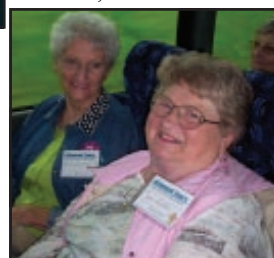
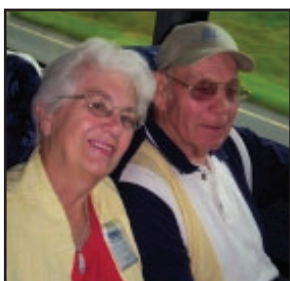


Left are Peggy Boggess, of Mayfield, and Sheila Schneider of Indianapolis. The two met on a trip several years ago and have been traveling together since.



Left smiling nicely for the camera are Richard and Jan Yasko of Paducah, KY

Below are friends Josie Haberklock and Jean Riiddle both of Princeton, KY



Above is Robert and Simone Taylor of Hamilin, Ky. Robert is a WW II veteran and was at Pearl Harbor and also in Korea. The group bought Mr. Taylor a hat with "WW II Vet" on it. He wore it very proudly.

Pope encourages unemployed not to be discouraged

ROMANO CANAVESE, Italy (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI told the jobless of northern Italy that with faith and a commitment to justice and hard work they could be sure of a brighter future.

The pope traveled by helicopter to Romano Canavese, about 50 miles from his Alpine vacation home in Les Combes, for the recitation of the Angelus prayer July 19. The town, near Ivrea, once was home to hundreds of employees of Olivetti, famed for its portable typewriters. Now owned by Telecom Italia, the company has gone from a high of 33,000 employees in 1970 to about 1,200 today. Unemployment in the Piedmont region, which includes Romano Canavese, has grown to 7 percent this year; the rate was 4 percent in 2007. Pope Benedict told the estimated 10,000 people gathered in front of the parish church that the region's people are known as enthusiastic and hard workers. But, he said, today "many families are experiencing economic difficulties because of the lack of employment." He told them, "Dear friends, do not be discouraged." The pope said their fundamental values are the secret to building the town's future, "giving life to a society

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BUILDING DEDICATION

After nearly two years in planning, Saint Joseph School proudly dedicated the newest addition and renovation to the school campus, the "Art Barn" on April 14 prior to the annual Spring Art and Music Program. The "Art Barn" project came to fruition when the Building and Grounds committee of the School Council recognized the need for additional classroom space. Across the street from the school stood a vacant warehouse built for the St. Vincent DePaul Conferences for their works of charity by the Knights of Columbus. With the visions of Deacon Bob Imel and Father Stan Puryear and the vacating of the building to another location by the conferences, the structure was transformed into a classroom/meeting room for the school. Many generous businesses and people gave time, treasure and talent to turn the former warehouse/storage building into a bright, functional classroom complete with extra storage and restroom facilities. A treated wood deck was added to the building in order to have an outdoor instructional area. All of the art classes 1st through 8th grade are held in the building. It is a welcome addition to the school campus. "THANK YOU" to everyone involved from conception to completion!

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Talking With Your Kids About Funerals

By Betty Medley

Parents often wonder whether they should include their child in the funeral and burial services when a friend or relative dies. They worry that their child may be too little to understand, or that seeing the body will be too traumatic.

Excluding your child from the funeral can make him/her feel that he/she is not a real part of the family, and that his/her feelings about the death somehow doesn't count. Including him/her on the other hand, gives them the opportunity to grieve and begin to let go, within the comforting arms of family and friends. The key to making funeral services a positive, meaningful, and healing experience for a child is preparation.

With children ages 4-7, including them in funeral rites helps them to accept the reality of death and begin the process of letting go. This is especially important for younger children, who may expect the deceased person to come walking through the door at any time, or may continue to

search or wait for that person.

With children ages 8-12, be especially attentive to your older child's security needs. He/She is not a "little kid" and so feels funny about crying or clinging or sitting on your lap. But he/she is not yet a "sophisticated," self-sufficient teen. Find age-appropriate ways of giving him/her love, support, and reassurance.

Preparing your child to attend a.....

First, let your child know exactly what to expect.

Understand any reluctance, and talk about it.

Never force your child to attend if he/she refuses.

Explain the significance of the various rituals.

Reinforce your beliefs about life after death.

Allow him/her to participate in the services.

Let him/her visit the cemetery during the next year.

New Student Orientation at Brescia University

Owensboro, KY – Brescia University's New Student Orientation program this year begins Saturday, August 15. More than 200 guests are expected to register for this event.

Similar to last year, Saturday's schedule includes an 8 a.m. morning move-in into residence halls with registration beginning at 9. In Brescia's Quad, informational tents will be set up where students are given access to their email account, receive their identification card and parking permit, learn about Campus Ministry, Student Support Services, Financial Aid, the Fr. Leonard Alvey Library, Counseling, and the Alumni Association to name a few.

New for this year is BU 101, a mandatory class for all freshmen. Orientation is the first course requirement for BU 101. During the student's first year, they'll learn the rich heritage surrounding the founding of Brescia, how to acclimate from high school to college, good study habits, the importance of servant leadership, and so much more. The culmination of New Student Orientation includes a service project. The last day of Orientation is Tuesday, August 18 with classes beginning August 19.

For a New Student Orientation registration form, please visit our website, www.brescia.edu, or contact the Office of Student Activities at (270) 686-4332.



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WHEN:

Saturday, September 26th, 2009

Training - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Check-in from 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Friday, September 25th, 2009

Free Information Session - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

(For priests, parents, or others interested in learning more about Theology of the Body. There is no need to attend this information session if you are participating in Saturday's training.)

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Fr. Daniel Dillard Celebrates His First Mass



By Tami Schneider

HENDERSON, Ky. - On Pentecost Sunday, 2009, the Assembly in Holy Name Church here waited in joyful expectation as newly ordained Fr. Daniel Dillard prepared to celebrate Mass for his first time. He went from the sacristy to the altar, speaking with the servers and his Deacon friend, making sure everything was in place.

Fr. Daniel Dillard had finally reached that great milestone. He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro on May 30th. In his homily during the Ordination Mass, Bishop Emeritus John McRaith invited the newly ordained to "imitate what you celebrate." Just as Christ became flesh and lived among us to show us how to live, through his priesthood, Fr. Daniel is called to be another Christ to us. He did that on this wonderful day by bringing Christ to us in the Holy Eucharist. Here, at Holy Name Parish, as on the day of his ordination, he was surrounded by family and friends. They wished to show their love and support through their presence and their prayers.

How appropriate to celebrate a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on Pentecost Sunday. The Holy Spirit was present in all of us, but gave Fr. Daniel the grace to celebrate the Holy Sacrament, and will continue filling him with grace, that He might be a holy priest.

Not only did we celebrate the birthday of the Church, we also celebrated the birth of a vocation that had been growing, not for nine months, but for over nine years. Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, a spiritual father to Fr. Daniel and the Rector of St. Meinrad Seminary, concelebrated the Mass.

During his homily, Fr. Denis Robinson said "Father Daniel Dillard is here today as a witness to the Holy Spirit's Power, because he has made a radical choice and decided to turn his life over to the Church, the Body of Christ. He knows the cost of discipleship and yet has decided to stand up and be counted, to be a man who, through his ordination to the priesthood desires with all his heart to make a difference in an indifferent world... Fr. Daniel, your ordination made you an ambassador of [God's] fire, a man of Pentecost. Be alive, be passionate, be a fire in this diocese, in the communities that you will serve, a fire to burn throughout this town, throughout this state, throughout our world, the fire of Jesus."

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From the Parish Nurse's Desk

By Catherine Roberts RN, BSN

Simply, What is Swine Flu?

There has been a lot of talk of Swine Flu, or N1H1, lately. Most of it has been very confusing. Simply, what is it? First of all, Swine Flu is a like the seasonal flu that this area of Kentucky gets each winter, a respiratory illness. This illness is caused by a virus.

Swine Flu gets its name because it was first thought that it was very similar to a flu virus that is passed from pig to pig in North America. At this time there is no reason to think that people could get the flu from eating, touching, or raising pork. Pork in the United States is safe to eat.

Infected people are contagious 1 day before their onset of symptoms, as long as they are displaying symptoms, and for up to 7 days following the onset of the symptoms. Children can be contagious for longer periods.

All viruses, including the Swine Flu, can be spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches their mouth, their eyes, or their nose. Droplets, from a cough or sneeze of an infected person, usually move through the air then often land on a solid surface. Viruses and bacteria can live 2 hours or more on surfaces like grocery store baskets, cafeteria tables, or doorknobs.

To protect people, yourself, and others from the Swine Flu, it is important for people to wash their hands with soap and warm water often. Use enough soap to cover the hands and rub briskly. Hand washing should last for approximately 15 to 20 seconds or long enough to sing "Happy Birthday to You" twice. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are effective too. It is also very important for everyone to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash immediately after each use-never reuse a tissue and remember to do hand washing often. Those who do not have a tissue handy when a cough or a sneeze arises can cover their cough with their hands or turn their heads and cough or sneeze into their sleeve. During active flu season it is a good idea not to re-wear clothing, washing them after each single use. People should always avoid touching their eyes, their nose, or their mouth, because germs spread this way. Avoid being around sick people and if someone is sick, advise them to stay home.

Signs and symptoms of the Swine Flu may include: fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, trouble breathing, chills, fatigue, diarrhea, vomiting. You can contact the CDC at www.wkcd.org for more information.

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Bishop Says Farewell with Humility

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - "I have no legacy," proclaimed Bishop John J. McRaith during his homily on June 14, 2009, at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. "But I have a prayer," he continued. "I pray that I have in some small way, that in some small part, made a difference."

The Mass held at Sts. Peter and Paul was one of many held throughout the Diocese of Western Kentucky as a way of saying farewell to Bishop McRaith who has shepherded the diocese for 26 years. Although hosted by Sts. Peter and Paul, the entire Deanery was invited to attend, and many did from other parishes in the Deanery.

As is not uncommon for Bishop McRaith, his homily once again exposed his humility. "I know I have not been a perfect bishop," he stated. "I ask for your forgiveness. I also ask for your prayers for me."

Bishop McRaith summarized his ministry in western Kentucky with a reference to scripture. "To all the people of these 32 counties, we've been about increasing the good soil and decreasing the bad soil. Our goal has been to improve the harvest," Bishop McRaith explained.

Reminiscing on the past was only part of his message. He also looked toward the future. "I ask you now, as I move on, that you give the next bishop the welcome you gave me," implored Bishop McRaith. "The new bishop has no idea how lucky he will be coming to the Diocese of Western Kentucky," he added.

Bishop McRaith also spoke of a favorite quote of his during his homily. The quote is from St. Augustine and it's one the bishop kept on his desk during his 26 years as bishop. The quote reads: "With you I am a Christian. For you I am a Bishop." Bishop McRaith expounded, "I come now to join you in giving thanks to God that I am still able to say 'With you I am a Christian.'"

In his conclusion, Bishop McRaith once again gave thanks. "I would like to say a profound and sincere thank you to the Diocese of Western Kentucky that I love so much. God bless you," he concluded.

"I'm kind of sad that he is retiring. He's been a very good bishop," said Rosa Coffey of Resurrection Parish in Dawson Springs. "I hope the new bishop has some of his qualities; the personal touch he has with each person he meets," she added.

Another member of the deanery fondly recalled the Bishop's personal touch. "When the bishop was first ordained,

he attended a celebration in Madisonville," explained Sherrell Calhoun of Christ the King in Madisonville. "I invited him to come by the house and visit later that day. At 9:30 that evening, the doorbell rang and the bishop said, 'I've come by for that visit,'" Calhoun recalled with a laugh.

"I am very sad that the bishop is retiring, but I'm also happy for him," said Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. "He will be missed. I love him. Our parish loves him. He's been a great leader in our diocese and we'll miss him as our bishop," Fr. Thomas added.

"He is one of the most humble persons in his position I've ever met," claimed Phil Carsone of Sts. Peter and Paul. "His homily, his farewell speech, demonstrated that," Carsone added.

"I walked up to him (Bishop McRaith) and I said, 'As Jesus would say, well done my good and faithful servant,'" said John Hall of St. Stevens in Cadiz. "He will be missed. He is such a holy man; such a good man," Hall concluded.



Imelda Gorman, parishioner at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, poses for a moment with Bishop John J. McRaith. Gorman took time to express her appreciation for Bishop McRaith during a reception honoring him for his 26 years of service to the diocese. Bishop John J. McRaith preached his homily with familiar humility during a retirement celebration at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on June 14, 2009. The bilingual Mass and reception was one of many celebrations held throughout the diocese honoring Bishop McRaith who retired on January 5, 2009. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



Bishop John J. McRaith prays the Eucharistic prayer during Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on June 14, 2009. The celebration was one of many held throughout the diocese honoring Bishop McRaith who retired on January 5, 2009. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



Bishop John J. McRaith visits with Donna Phillips at a reception held in the bishop's honor at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on June 14, 2009. Phillips, along with several other parishioners of Christ the King in Madisonville, traveled to Hopkinsville for the celebration. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



Learning The Little Way's Virtues

Little Flowers Girls Club from Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus held its year-end awards ceremony on May 16th. The girls, grades 1 - 3, and their mothers met monthly throughout the school year to study the virtues of the Catholic Church and the lives of the saints. Each monthly meeting included prayer time, study of a virtue, discussion of a saint who exemplified that virtue, a craft and social time. This year's group leaders were: Kathy Dixon, Heather Clemens, Suzanne Padgett and Anne Higgins. Submitted by April Dickens

Fr. Josh McCarty Celebrated First Mass to a Full House

The Western Kentucky Catholic, August, 2009 27

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - It was a grand celebration. The 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on Sunday, May 31, 2009, was filled nearly to capacity for Fr. Joshua McCarty's first Mass as a newly ordained priest. Fr. McCarty had been ordained into the priesthood the day before, on May 30. To honor his accomplishment and commitment to Christ's calling, the church was filled with parishioners, friends and family members.

The Mass, which was held in Fr. McCarty's home parish, was planned in great part by Fr. McCarty. In addition to the traditional three altar servers, whom Fr. McCarty personally asked to serve, another 24 honorary altar servers also participated. The honorary servers included ten high school students and 14 middle school students all from the parish's youth program. Also present were six Knights of Columbus members in their full fourth degree regalia, eight additional priests and one seminarian.

After the procession, Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, greeted the congregation. "We gather today to celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost and Pentecost is about the birth of the Church.

Today we also recognize the birth of a new priest. Welcome Fr. Josh McCarty," Fr. Thomas said. A resounding round of applause then filled the church.

Adorned in a new chasuble and stole, which was handmade by a parishioner and given to Fr. McCarty as an ordination gift, he seemed composed and well prepared, although admittedly nervous. "Flawless is the word I would use to describe the Mass," commented Jody Romano, a parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul. "I thought he wanted to do his best and he succeeded," she added.

While many in attendance hoped to hear Fr. McCarty preach the homily, Fr. McCarty joined others in listening to the homily delivered by fellow priest, Fr. Richard Powers. According to Libby Downs, Pastoral Associate at Sts. Peter and Paul, it is not customary for a priest to say the homily at his first Mass. "A new priest is already nervous enough," Downs explained. "It wouldn't be fair to also ask him to preach the homily."

The priest who did deliver the homily provided a significant role model in McCarty's formation. "It is customary that a priest who has mentored the new



Fr. Joshua McCarty sprinkled the congregation with holy water on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009, at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. Fr. McCarty was ordained into the priesthood on May 30, 2009, and was celebrating his first Mass on Pentecost. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



Grand Knight Bart Hulsmeier presented Fr. Joshua McCarty with a new chasuble and stole during a reception following Fr. McCarty's first Mass on May 31, 2009, at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

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priest, or has somehow helped him along the way, preaches the homily at the new priest's first Mass," explained Downs.

In his homily, Fr. Powers implored the congregation to continue their prayers for Fr. McCarty. "It's very scary being a priest," he said with a laugh. "He is going to need your prayers from now on," Fr. Powers said more seriously. Fr. Powers also gave thanks during his homily. "We say to God, thank you for giving Joshua to us as a priest. And we say thank you to Joshua, for becoming a priest."

After consecrating the body and blood of Christ, Fr. McCarty first distributed the Eucharist to his immediate family. In addition to his parents, all four of his siblings were present for his first Mass.

At the conclusion of Mass, Fr. Thomas asked the congregation, "Didn't he do

great?" Another roaring round of applause followed the question.

"I was so proud of him," said another parishioner, Sue Wassmer. "I felt like a proud parent even though I'm not his parent," she exclaimed.

The celebration didn't end with the Mass. The members of Sts. Peter and Paul hosted a reception in the parish hall immediately following Mass. The meal included smoked pork, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans and many desserts. More than 200 people attended the reception.

During the reception, Fr. McCarty received many gifts from individuals and groups. Among the gifts were another chasuble and stole given by the Msgr. Willett Knights of Columbus Council 7847, and a travel Mass kit from the Sts. Peter and Paul School's PTO.

Happy Anniversary

Marriage Celebrations for June Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and Over 50 Years of Marriage

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Donnie & Mary Ann Blanford, 25
Phil & Josie Hagan, 40
David & Jennifer Henderson, 40
Robert & Connie Hood, 51
Joseph A. & Lena Aull, 52
Frances & Bob Osborne, 53
Joan & Ernest Adams, 59

Paul & Carol Hodskins, 54
James & Teresa Conder, 52
Thomas & Martha Payne, 58

Christ the King, Madisonville

Doug & Liz Hoard, 25
Larry & Rita McBride, 51
Bernie & Rita Rich, 53

Christ the King, Scottsville

Bob & Sandy Blencoe, 50

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

Roger & Ruth Gail Decker, 40

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Jon & Christi Edwards, 25
David & Dolores Raleigh, 25
Paul & Phyllis Berberich, 40
Richard & Joann Dziubich, 40
Kenneth & Judy Lapradd, 40
Tony & Martha Royster, 40
James & Dorothy Alvey, 53
George & Ginny Austin, 60
Bobby Joe & Betty Christian, 51
James & Jeanette Hollowell, 57
Laddie & Carol Jankura, 51
John & Agnes Marchand, 56
Pat & Mary Emma Mellen, 69
Roger & Gloria O’Nan, 64

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Rick & Kathy Adams, 25
Dan & Roni Crocker, 25
Raymond & Joyce Cloutier, 40
James & Martine Fisher, 67
Anthony & Marie Meffert, 56
Albert & Helen Skees, 55
William & Ruth Thierl, 58
Richard & Shirley Jakel, 53

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Steven & Lisa Case, 25
David & Sheila Hayden, 25
Elbert & Bonnie Tindle, 50
Donald & Gloria Tharp, 50
Charles & Marita Bozarth, 52

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Phillip & Betty Cissell, 40
Donald & Patsy Coomes, 40
Thomas & Barbara Hagan, 52
Phillip & Kim Hyland, 25
Donald & LeAnn McCarty, 40
Edwin & Barbara Merimee, 52
Thomas & Mary Thompson, 52
Edward & Thelma White, 50

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Chris & Gaye Isbell, 25
Jeffrey R. & Loretta L. Winstead, 25
William Louis & Sally Ann Buford, 40
Charles & Lucy Adams, 52
Donald E. & Jo Ann Augenstein, 54
Bernard & Betty Jo Blandford, 55
William R. & Elizabeth Jane Cavin, 63
James H. & Martha Louise Clark, 63
Leander & Janet Goff, 52
Clifford & Bettie Hall, 56
Charles & Margaret Smith, 59
John & Florence Thompson, 57
Joseph Leroy & Mary Jean Yeand, 62

Precious Blood, Owensboro

James & Linda Bowlds, 40
Roger & Barbara Bucklin, 40
James & Carol Crisp, 40
Dean & Mary Hartz, 40
Jeff & Kelly Husk, 25

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Norman & Imelda Thomas, 51

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Victor & Mary Blackwell, 63

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Robert & Elizabeth Mason, 57

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Lawrence & Nadine Willett, 52

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Marty & Martha Warren, 25
John M. & Louise Mulligan, 60

St. Ambrose, Henshaw

Mark & Carol Martin, 25

St. Ann, Morganfield

Blake & Elizabeth Lott, 40
Charles & Wilma Brown, 50
James & Margie Smith, 50
Thomas R. & Margaret Clements, 54
Charles & Mary Lou Duncan, 51

St. Anthony, Axtel

Frank & Lois Bowlds, 55

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Wallace & Margie Howard, 50

St. Anthony, Peonia

Glenn & Etta Pierce, 54

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Dick & Martha Huffington, 51

St. Augustine, Reed

James & Betty Davis, 56

St. Columba, Lewisport

Leo & Eileen Basham, 56

St. Elizabeth, Clarkson

John & Eula Gross, 50

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Leroy & Kathy Willett, 40

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Paul & Ellen Anderson, 25
William E. & Cathy Ray, 40
Elmer & Dorothy Breidert, 62
George W. & Joan Cooper, 54
Cletus & Mary Ettensohn, 63
Joseph & Barbara O’Nan, 51
Mike & Patricia Sullivan, 52
John & Donna Trogolo, 54

St. Henry, Aurora

William & Mary Blossfeld, 55
William & Pat Forster, 54
Milton & Mable Keifer, 58
Ray & Pat Lenz, 63

Richard & Rose Logsdon, 40
William & Jean Roth, 52
Frank & Annette Sopcak, 59

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Joseph P. & Lois Burch, 58
Robert & Sara Elliott, 54
Rudy & Judy Elliott, 56
Douglas & Hazel Thomas, 58
Randy & Jill Thompson, 25
Albert Louis & Jane Toon, 56
Bernard & Dolores Toon, 62

St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

Paul & Mary Rose Rusher, 54

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Chris & Alberta Wurth, 61

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Allen & Dolores Dodd, 58

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Don & Diane Lee, 40
Harold & Delphine Brown, 64
Lenn & Faye Wright, 54
John & Eula Gross, 50

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Joseph & Jackie Skinner, 50
John & Inez Lee, 55

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Joseph & Faye Hughes, 51

St. Leo, Murray

Steven & Helen Jezik, 72
John & Eleanor Cavanaugh, 60
Robert & Marge Garland, 54

Paul & Pallie Kurz, 52

Charles & Henriella Montgomery, 51

Ronald & Margie Ratliff, 50

Norman & Jorae Peiffer, 50

Rocky & Debbie Shapla, 40

David & Shannon, Cohoon, 25

St. Mark, Eddyville

Tim & Susan Wiley, 40

St. Martin, Rome

Preston & Barbara Fulkerson, 51

St. Mary, Franklin

Douglas & Joyce Alvey, 54

St. Mary, LaCenter

Billy Don & Shirley Marshal, 58

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Joe & Jean Blanford, 40
Bob & Margie Elder, 52

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Chester & Tricia Masterson, 40
Herman & Edith Payne, 54
Sylvester & Mary Higdon, 52

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Lorenzo & Nancy Cruz, 25

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Sherman Paul & Rita Cripps, 56

St. Peter, Stanley

Milton & Joan Wimsatt, 54

St. Peter, Waverly

Eddie & Rose French, 52
Joe & Juanita Hagan, 64

St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City

John & Jean Bailey, 57
Charlie & Jerretta Cash, 51
Earl & Shirley Henderson, 53
Dick & Joan Ross, 59
Lou & Marilyn Stockbridge, 55
Merle & Marilyn Wysock, 57

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

William Douglas & Agnes Crowe, 57
Hugh & Theresa Higdon, 58
Doug & Margie Sloan, 53
Donald & Annette Wimsatt, 51

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

David & Shirley Bland, 40
Beavin & Ginna Thornsberry, 58

St. Rose, Cloverport

Tom & Pat Hayes, 56

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Mike & Vickie Vollman, 25
Alvin & Betty Bickett, 57

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

William & Helen Blanford, 63
Paul & Dorothy Pearl, 59

Sy & Brenda Clark

Maurice & Roberta Schaefer, 67

Larry & Gene Lyon, 40

Leo & Melba Schemmel, 52

Paul & Betty Staples, 53

James & Connie Demarest, 40

Joseph & Olivia Murphy, 61

Daniel & Mary Dawson, 63

James & Kathy O’Bryan, 25

Joseph & Rose Bender, 57

J. R. & JoAnn Roberts, 52

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Mike & Cecelia Farrell, 25
Dan & Lynn Brown, 40
James & Patsy Carroll, 51
John & Nancy Smith, 51
Louis & Elvira Theobald, 53
Frank & Marietta Alvey, 54
Raymond & Patricia Kramer, 54
Fredrick & Brigitte Strobe, 54
Robert & Cleo Higdon, 56

St. William, Knottsville

Ernie & Martha Payne, 52
Hilary & Catherine Higdon, 59
John & Brenda Haynes, 40
Patrick G. & Dana Lindsey, 25

St. William, Marion

Tom & Barb Hughes, 25
Paul & Shirley Manker, 52

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Junior & Barbara Byrne, 40
John & Barbara Emberton, 40
Richard & Barbara Newcomb, 40
John & Bonnie Horn, 50
Tony & Virginia Glahn, 53
Herbert & Martine Millay, 57
John & Margaret Smith, 62

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Marriage Celebrations for July Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and over 50 years of marriage

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Chris & Jenny Glaser, 25
Glenn & Mary Ann Snyder, 40
James & Pal Fitzhugh, 56
William & Martha Hayden, 56

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro

Jeff & Pam McCarter, 25

Christ the King, Madisonville

John & Peggy LaMure, 52

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Robert & Alice Frields, 40
Joseph & Vera Mattingly, 40
Joseph & Zelda Alvey, 54
Paul & Iris Drury, 52

Robert & Dorothy East, 67

Raymond & Peggy Ervin, 55

Bobby & Sue Liles, 55

Mark & Eleanor Martin, 51

Charles & Rosie Shade, 57

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Donald & Nancy Canary, 25

Gene & Peg Walchon, 56

Robert & Carole Lastufka, 55

Eugene & Gladys Faller, 58

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Cora Lee & Tom Carroll, 59

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Rob & Lisa McCormick, 25

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

George Thomas & Marie Margaret
Clark, 63

Anthony Joseph & Margaret Cox, 63

Eugene Harold & Ruby Lee Estes, 61

William Joseph & Laura Jean Goins, 61

Donald Earl & Mary Teresa Hayden, 52

Leonard & Patricia Anne Norcia, 51

Joseph & Barbara Payne, 51

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Herbert & Bernice Bertke, 51

Wilfred & Mary Lois Hagan, 58

Wayne & Grace Mattingly 51

John & Billie Rogers, 60

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Marvin & Kay Hayden, 25

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Gene & Maureen Bandelin, 40

Bernard & Lolita Bryan, 58

Patrick & Megan Hayden, 25

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Tommy & Marilyn Jenkins, 51

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Doug & Mary Girtten, 54

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Eugene & Dorothy Fleischmann, 51

St. Ann, Morganfield

Donald & Barbara Smith, 40

Henry & Margaret Watson, 58

St. Anthony, Axtel

Alvin & Margie Martin, 58

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Gene & Pauline Wink, 50

St. Anthony Padua, Grand Rivers

Maurice & Alice Hustedde, 63

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

Greg & Laura Hughes, 25

St. Columba, Lewisport

Jim & Lillie Lanham, 52

St. Edward, Fulton

Conrad & Neva Antosiak, 63

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Phillip & Brenda Hatton, 40

Tommy & Patsy Hayden, 40

Louis & Janet Metzger, 59

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Ronald & Sue Cook, 25

Ross & Elizabeth Curtsinger, 64

Steve & Jana Elliott, 25

William Dewey & Mary Ruth Hobbs, 58

Will Ed & Charlene Mills, 51

Joseph E. & Marietta Spalding, 54

William J. & Donna Thomas, 54

Raymond & Norma Thompson, 56

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Patrick & Karen Cafferty, 25

Joe & Barbara Felts, 57

Maurice & Frances Scheer, 62

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Jerry & Jodie Fulkerson, 63

James & Lois Cummings, 59

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Daniel & Phyllis Payne, 40

James L. & Mary Davis, 57

Dean & Ruth Basham, 40

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Marvin & Ollie Lee, 51

Ralph & Barbara Pickard, 61

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Ira & Ruth Ann Hardy, 59

Ed & Mag Kaelin, 58

St. Lawrence, Philpot

John V. & Wanda Lanham, 55

William L. & Merici Carrico, 50

Greg & Theresa Howard, 25

St. Mark, Eddyville

James & Margie Hibbard, 50

St. Mary, Franklin

J. Major & Joann Bradford, 52

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Kenneth & Norma Guillory, 52

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Herman & Dorothy Higdon, 50

Henry & Mary Jo Higdon, 60

Joseph Cecil & Frances Payne, 52

Carl & Teresa Logsdon, 67

St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City

Jim & Elizabeth Brumlow, 62

Frank & Flo Tomsic, 67

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Steve & Linda Dixon, 25

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

James & Wilma McManaway, 55

Frank & Skippy Hayden, 60

Delbert & Margaret Mattingly, 65

Roger & Mary Jane Rafferty, 40

Mills & Monika Logan, 51

Gene & Nancy Clark, 57

David & Mary Lou Haycraft, 51

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Robert & Jo Ann Ingram, 54

Glen & Mary Ellen Soucy, 54

Fred & Jayne Erdmann, 56

Louis & Frances O'Bryan, 61

St. William, Knottsville

Raymond & Mary Jo Smith, 56

Robert & Anna Turner, 58

Walter & Mary Isbill, 50

Marriage Celebrations for August

Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and over 50 Years of Marriage

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

David & Vicki Frey Thompson, 25

Mark & Laurie Elliott, 25

Terry & Kathy Riney, 25

Steve & Brenda Hagan, 40

Thomas & Julie Whitten 57

James & Louise Hodskins, 63

Christ the King, Madisonville

David & Ellen Waters, 50

Holy Name of Jesus, Owensboro

Chase & Marjorie Fulcher, 25

Charles & Sonya Mauzey, 25

Richard & Lynn Payne, 25

Gary & Kim Powell, 25

Thomas & Ann Klaffer, 40

Keith & Diane Utley, 40

Robert & Dorothy Taylor 50

Thomas & Dorothy Barron, 62

James & Wanda Gibson, 52

Paul & Sharon Hagan, 54

Preston & Suzanne Johnson 56

Charles & Virginia Knight, 60

David & Diana O'Nan, 59

Donald & Carolyn Whitmore, 52

Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam

Mike & Rhonda Jones, 25

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Gregory & Mercedes Mills, 25

Gary & Rita Larimore, 25

Roger & Theresa Baalke, 40

Robert & Jenny Keiswetter, 40

John & Jocelyn Knepler, 40

Robert & Christine Bowlds, 58

James & Sylvia Weis, 53

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

M. C. & Patsy Barber, 51

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Mike & Cindy Garvin, 25

Clay & Shirlene Quinn, 54

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Thurman & Margaret Bennett, 25

Donald & Mary Cundiff, 50

Roy & Wilma Howard, 53

Joseph & Frances Lewis, 52

William & Adell O'Bryan, 51

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Jaime Navarrete & Yolanda Gonzales, 25

Paul & Mary Hamilton, 52

Joseph G. & Wilma Payne, 62

Fred & Joan Roberts, 55

Louis P. & Bertha Wedding, 60

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Franklin & Mary Josephine Selph, 40

Jerry & Bernadette Thomas, 40

John & Norma Downs, 56

Donald & Mary Ann Moore, 52

Karl & Shirley Prunitsch, 51

Pedro & Olga Montejos, 55

William K. & Linda Sue Hardesty, 25

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

William & Mary Wathen Foor, 52

J. Richard & Alma K. Gaw, 57

David Lee & Mary Natalie Jones, 51

Paul & Mary Juanita Kaelin, 53

James Robert & Sharon Gaye Logsdon, 52

Paul & Carol Payne, 52

Bill & Hattie Potts, 51

Marvin & Shirley Rushing, 51

Lester Ray & Martha Reed, 63

John & Margie Wathen, 53

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Billy & Lillian Taylor, 52

Jerry & Margaret Birge, 51

Otis & Rita Webb, 25

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Steven Earl & Juliette Renee Scott, 25

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Robert & Pheba Elizabeth Kerstiens, 57

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Walter & Jean Stockton, 53

Paul & Florence Clements, 69

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Bobby Dale & Irene Jennings, 53

Gary & Jill Utley, 25

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Marvin & Shirlene Dant, 55

St. Ann, Morganfield

James E. & Dorothy Buckman, 52

Bill & Helen Ann Dixon, 53

H. E. & Marylyn Ervin, 53

Thomas P. & Allegera Luckett, 69

John & Kay McShane, 56

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Mark & Margaret Whitehouse, 25

Mike & Theresa McCarty 59

St. Anthony Padua, Grand Rivers

William & Chris Rodgers, 54

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

David & Doris Simon, 51

St. Columba, Lewisport

Stewart & Joyce Howard, 50

St. Edward, Fulton

Ben & Joy Davis, 51

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Happy Anniversary

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St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Bob & Faye Greenwell, 51

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Michael & Julia Ward, 40

William T. & Judith Hayden, 51

Glenn & Phyllis Munro, 51

Ray & Barbara Skinner, 53

St. Henry, Aurora

Walter & Wilma Bunner, 55

James & Ethel Cantrell, 54

Gary & Lavonne Hanlon, 51

Edward & Charlene Heery, 40

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

John & Rose Pendel, 51

Elmer & Catherine Toon, 65

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Robert & Anna Kinkade, 53

Mike & Patricia Boone, 50

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Thomas & Sondra Cissell, 40

Kenneth & Rosemary Clem, 52

Frank & Ursula Elliott, 52

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Daniel & Dorothy Edge, 40

St. Leo, Murray

Gerald & Judith Novak, 40

Ales & Mary Paluch, 63

Bertrand & Beatrice Bleemel, 61

Eldridge & Carolyn Haas, 52

Ronald & Dorothy Urbon, 51

St. Mary, Franklin

William & Doris Andrew, 63

Allan & Adrianna Lebbin, 52

St. Martin, Rome

Kenneth & Alice Drochter, 55

Otho & Mary Durbin, 64

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Edward & Kathleen Leming, 52

Larry & Benita Riney, 55

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Lewis & Regina Jean, 40

David & Iona Clark, 40

St. Peter, Waverly

Joe & Tammy Blue, 25

St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City

Joe & Barb Cirrito, 53

Joe & Marilyn Hayden, 51

Ray & Alice Lucas, 52

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Edgar & Michele Wright, 25

Harry & Willa Roberts, 50

Tommie R. & Janet Hayden, 58

Herbert & Audeline Johnson, 69

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

David & Jeanne Lee, 25

Eugene & Marilyn Miller, 69

Joe & Irene O'Reilly, 53

J. W. & Lorena Bland, 63

Alton & Thelma Richards, 55

St. Rose, Cloverport

Thomas & Rose Rogers, 59

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

David & Conie Clary, 25

Jerry & Earlene Abney, 50

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Bernard & Juanita Clark, 59

Harold & Marilyn Clements, 59

S. B. & Geraldine Payne, 72

Robert & Joan Englert, 57

John & Mary Alice Crowe, 40

Raymond & Barbara Trogolo, 52

Edward & Jacqueline Jaskolski, 55

Bill & Angie Drury, 25

Ed & Gloria Cecil, 40

St. Thomas More, Paducah

David & Sally Roof, 25

Ray & Mikel Fields, 51

Bill & Carlene Dannenmueller, 53

James & Margaret Elder, 61

St. William, Knottsville

Gerald & Wanda Mattingly, 63

St. William, Marion

Tommy & Ruth Harris, 50

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Joe & Carolyn Lyddane, 40

Paul R. & Sarah Jane Johnson 54

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Anthony & Diane France, 25

Michael & Bonnie Haney, 25

Glenn & Michelle Roeder, 25

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Presents:

Branson Christmas Extravaganza

Featuring Daniel O'Donnell

November 16 – 19 2009

Join us for a three day getaway to Branson, MO where there is something for everyone in the family to enjoy! \$599.00 per person includes: transportation on a comfortable coach bus; three night stay at The Carriage House; six meals; tickets to Five Amazing Shows; historic downtown & Branson Landing

• **November 16:** Meet at 7:30AM at Our Lady of Lourdes to depart for Branson. Arrive in Branson and check-in to The Carriage House. After a delicious meal at Giley's Texas Café we will go to The Osmond Family Theater for an Osmond Brothers Christmas show!

• **November 17:** After continental breakfast we will depart for historic downtown Branson for shopping and lunch at your leisure. At two in the afternoon we will enjoy Daniel O'Donnell! Daniel O'Donnell is Ireland's top entertainer and male vocalist! He will be joined by his band and Ireland's top female, Mary Duff. After the show we will have a wonderful dinner buffet at The Paradise Grill & Steakhouse. We will finish this fun-filled day with the Pierce Arrow Christmas Show complete with music, comedy & more!

• **November 18:** After breakfast enjoy a morning on your own in the Branson area to shop, sightsee, or perhaps a show on your own. At two in the afternoon we will gather for the SIX Christmas Show! You won't believe what comes out of these 6 real brothers mouths: percussion, instruments, and harmonies. Just SIX human voices! Your eyes won't believe your ears! After the show we will have a sit-down dinner at the famous McFarlain's Family Restaurant famous for their homemade pies, unique atmosphere and entertaining hospitality! Start your Christmas season enjoying the spectacular Miracle of Christmas at The Sight & Sound Theatre! You'll have the opportunity to interact with characters and animals from the Nativity story. The Millennium Theatre will be grandly decorated with lights, greenery, Nativity scenes and a spectacular thirty-foot Christmas tree. But all of the holiday finery is only a prelude to the thrilling story of Christmas - Jesus the Messiah coming to earth in human form. Miracle of Christmas is the touching story of kings, angels and a simple, faithful couple used by God.

• **November 19:** After a continental breakfast we will depart for home.

For more information or to make your reservations contact Kenny Trowbridge, 270-389-1002



Cassie Arboleda and Grace Babbs Attend D.C. People to People World Leadership Forum. Submitted Photo

Arboleda and Babbs Return from World Leadership Forum in Washington DC

Submitted by Sheri Babbs

PADUCAH, Ky. - Seventh Grade students from St. Mary Middle School, Cassie Arboleda and Grace Babbs, recently returned from Washington DC where they attended a People to People World Leadership Forum. Arboleda and Babbs, along with 700 other delegates from around the world, had dinner with the Ethiopian Ambassador at the Ethiopian Embassy, spent a day in Gettysburg and Jamestown learning about

the American Revolutionary War and Civil War, experienced the Holocaust through Daniel's Story at the Holocaust Museum, toured several national monuments, memorials, and museums. Throughout the course of the program in Washington, they learned about leadership and how great leaders throughout history handled word events. Various hands-on activities, professional speakers, workshops gave Arboleda and Babbs a new perspective

on the importance and essential need for informed, professional world leaders.

"The rest of the world is a lot different than Paducah", was an observation made by Babbs.

"The program allowed us to practice the leadership ideas that we were exposed to" commented Arboleda.

While in Washington, Babbs and Arboleda formed many lasting friendships with other Student Leaders from around

the world. Participates in these programs often experience life-changing shifts in their attitudes toward individual and shared responsibilities, global leadership, and appreciation of cultural diversity, while they also return home with enhanced skills and self-confidence.

Arboleda and Babbs were nominated for the People to People World Leadership Forum by St. Mary Middle School Language Arts teacher, Sue Fletcher.



Kasta Rea, daughter of Thomas and Staci Rea, of the St. Stephen Catholic Church in Cadiz, Kentucky was recently presented the S.L.I.M. (Student Leadership in Ministry) Award. She was nominated by her Youth Leader Pam Wimsatt. She is shown receiving her award from Fr. Babu Kulathumkal Joseph. Submitted by June Hensley

A Scout is Reverent

This year's Boy Scout retreat will take place at St. Meinrad on the weekend of October 3rd and 4th. We will arrive Friday, October 2nd in the evening and depart Sunday Morning after Mass around 10:00AM. This year Fr. Andrew Garner, our vocation director, will be with us. Activities include: tour of the Archabbey Church, talks by seminarians, recreation, prayer, introduction to religious emblems and patches, and cracker barrel. Our religious emblems mass is tentatively scheduled for March 14, 2010 at 2:30 P.M., location to be announced.

A basic review of the various religious emblems is below:

- Light of Christ, designed for 6-7 years old Cub Scouts
- Parvuli Dei, designed for 8-10 years old Cub Scouts
- Ad Altare Dei, designed for 13-14 years old Boy Scouts
- Pope Pius XII, designed for Venturing Crew Members and Boy Scouts 15 years old and older

Other patches include the Rosary Patch Series, Footsteps of American Saints and the International Awareness Award.

You can find more information on emblems at: nccs-bsa.org. More specific information regarding the retreat will be made available soon.

Girl Scouts also have the following religious emblems:

- Family of God designed for grades 2-3
- I Live My Faith designed for grades 4-6
- Mary, the First Disciple designed for grades 7-10
- The Spirit Alive designed for grades 9-12

More information can be found at: nccgscf.org

If you have questions you may contact Fr. Ken Mikulcik at 247-2843 or at fr.ken@newwave-comm.net.



The Owensboro Catholic Schools: A Special Blessing

OWENSBORO, Ky. - In my short seventeen years of existence, God has blessed me with many gifts that have been vital to my growth as a young Christian. If someone had asked me a year ago what I was thankful for I would have responded with my family, my friends, my health, and my faith. Yet with graduation fast approaching, I feel as if there is one item I left off the list, my education in the Owensboro Catholic School system.

My journey through the Catholic school system began as early as my finger-painting days at the Cathedral preschool and has continued until now, the end of my senior year at Owensboro Catholic High School. Like most adolescents, I had the tendency to complain about going to school, but until now I did not realize how lucky I was to be apart of something so special.

The Owensboro Catholic Schools have so much to offer a young Christian. First and foremost, OCS gave me the opportunity to get closer to God. Everyday begins and ends in prayer, making God the focal point of my education. Every school participates in weekly mass, allowing each student to partake in the Eucharist. On top of all this, each student is required to take and pass a religion class. This gave me the opportunity to learn about and grow in my faith, an opportunity that should not be overlooked.

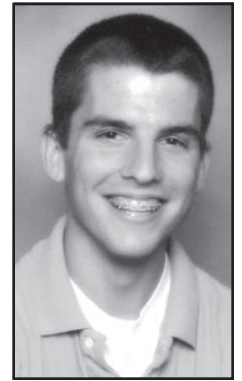
The OCS also offers an immensely friendly atmosphere. We are such a tight-knit group but we always accept new students with open arms. For example, our senior class president did not join us until his sophomore year. I confidently say that I know the names of all my classmates and could have a friendly conversation with every one of them.

And of course, the education is top notch. Every year, Catholic High exceeds national and state averages on every standardized test. Small class sizes allow for a better learning environment and more one-on-one time with teachers. The curriculum is geared towards helping the students excel on the ACT, the standard entrance exam for most colleges in the southeast. For me personally, I know that Catholic High has prepared me for the next level of my education.

In conclusion, the Owensboro Catholic Schools have been such a blessing for me. They have prepared me to be a better student and a better adult. Most importantly, they have helped to mold me into a better Christian, instilling the values in me that I will need to resist temptation in college and beyond. The Owensboro Catholic Schools will always be close to my heart for all they have done for me. I want to thank my parents for putting me in the system even though the financial commitment was a sacrifice. I also want to take this opportunity to encourage any parents in "school selection limbo" to consider the Owensboro Catholic School system no matter your financial situation. This parish will be there to help, not only financially but spiritually as well.

God bless,

Alex Tignor, OCHS Class of 2009



Alex Tignor, OCHS Class of 2009. Alex is the son of Kevin and Kim Tignor or Sts. Joseph and Paul Church. Alex was given the Christian Attitude Award from his teachers. He also received the Commonwealth Diploma, was named "John McRaith Distinguished Graduate," and was voted "Best All Around Guy" by his peers. Submitted Photo

Fans of patron saint of clerics see him as patron of 'handgunners'

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- From lost causes to the unattractive, patron saints are associated with virtually every occupation, ailment and activity. St. Gabriel Francis Possenti, a 19th-century Passionist monk and patron saint of Italy's Abruzzi region, clerics and youths, is gaining a line of followers who feel he should be recognized by the Vatican as the patron saint of "handgunners." The St. Gabriel Possenti Society of Arlington, Va., is an interdenominational society dedicated to promoting the public recognition of the saint and advocating his Vatican designation as patron of "handgunners."

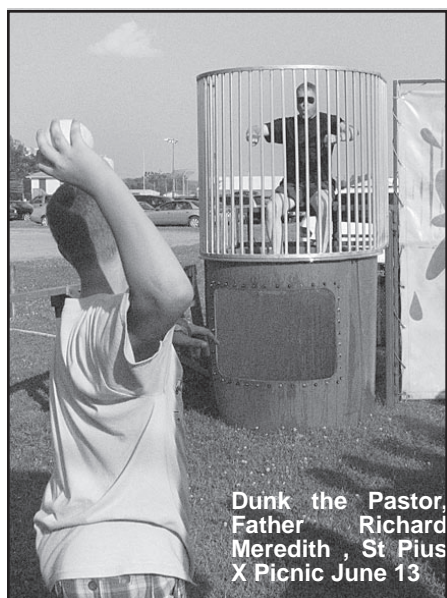
It emphasizes historical, philosophical and theological bases for the right to self-defense. Advocates of the designation base their argument on an often-told story -- not historically documented but believed by many -- of St. Possenti using a handgun to rescue a woman from marauders attacking his village in Italy but without killing any of the attackers. John Snyder, founder of the society and author of "Gun Saint," has advocated for the official patron saint designation of St. Possenti for more than two decades.



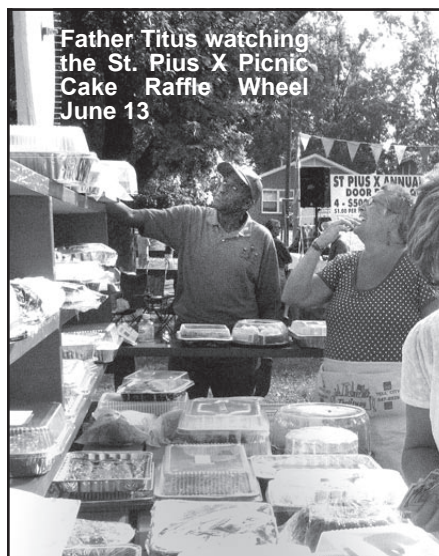
Debbie Gish helped Emma Freels (5) pick her paddle numbers for the cake raffle July 18 at St Peter Picnic.

Diocese of Owensboro Parish Picnic Schedule Fall, 2009

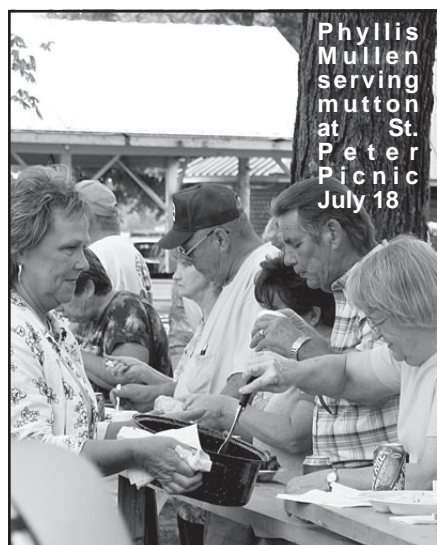
Aug. 1	11:00 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Aug. 1	Noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Aug. 4	5:00 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
Aug. 8	4:00 p.m. Mass;	5:00 p.m. serving begins-St. Ann, Morganfield
Aug. 8	4:00 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Aug. 29	3:00 p.m. (EST)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Aug. 29	4:30 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
Sept. 12	4:00 p.m. Mass;	4:30 p.m. serving begins St. Agnes, Uniontown
Sept. 12	11:00 a.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 13	11:30 a.m.	Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Sept. 19	Noon	St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Sept. 19	4:00 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
Sept. 20	Noon	St. Thomas More, Paducah
Sept. 25-26		Holy Name Fall Festival, Henderson, Ky.
Sept. 26	3:00 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
Sept. 27		St. Leo, Murray
Sept. 27	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Sept. 27		St. Joseph Cenytal City, Ky



Dunk the Pastor, Father Richard Meredith, St Pius X Picnic June 13



Father Titus watching the St. Pius X Picnic Cake Raffle Wheel June 13



Phyllis Mullen serving mutton at St. Peter Picnic July 18



Pastor Fr. Suresh greeting former pastor Fr. Pike Powell at St Peter Picnic July 13.

Picnic Photos this page by Mel Howard



A New Generation of Picnic Workers: Jess Settles (14) drove the fork lift as Luke Cecil (18) rode the pallet with trash containers ready to be lifted into the trash hopper for St. Peter Picnic July 18 in Stanley.



Josh Booker, left, and his friend Lyndsey Stogdsill, far right, helped serve burgoo for St. Peter Picnic July 18 in Stanley

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Saint Joseph	Central City	\$3,542
Saint Joseph	Leitchfield	\$3,379
Saint Stephen	Cadiz	\$3,241
Saint Michael the Archangel	Oak Grove	\$2,679
Saint Edward	Fulton	\$2,659
Saint Mary	LaCenter	\$2,639
Newman Center	Bowling Green	\$2,525
Saint Mary Magdalene	Sorgho	\$2,440
Saint Henry	Aurora	\$2,428

(Parish size more than 250 homes)

Precious Blood	Owensboro	\$53,226
Saint Thomas More	Paducah	\$28,341
Saints Peter & Paul	Hopkinsville	\$27,163
Holy Name of Jesus	Henderson	\$25,130
Holy Spirit	Bowling Green	\$16,336
Saint Stephen Cathedral	Owensboro	\$15,526
Saints Joseph & Paul	Owensboro	\$13,848
Blessed Mother	Owensboro	\$13,136
Immaculate	Owensboro	\$12,325
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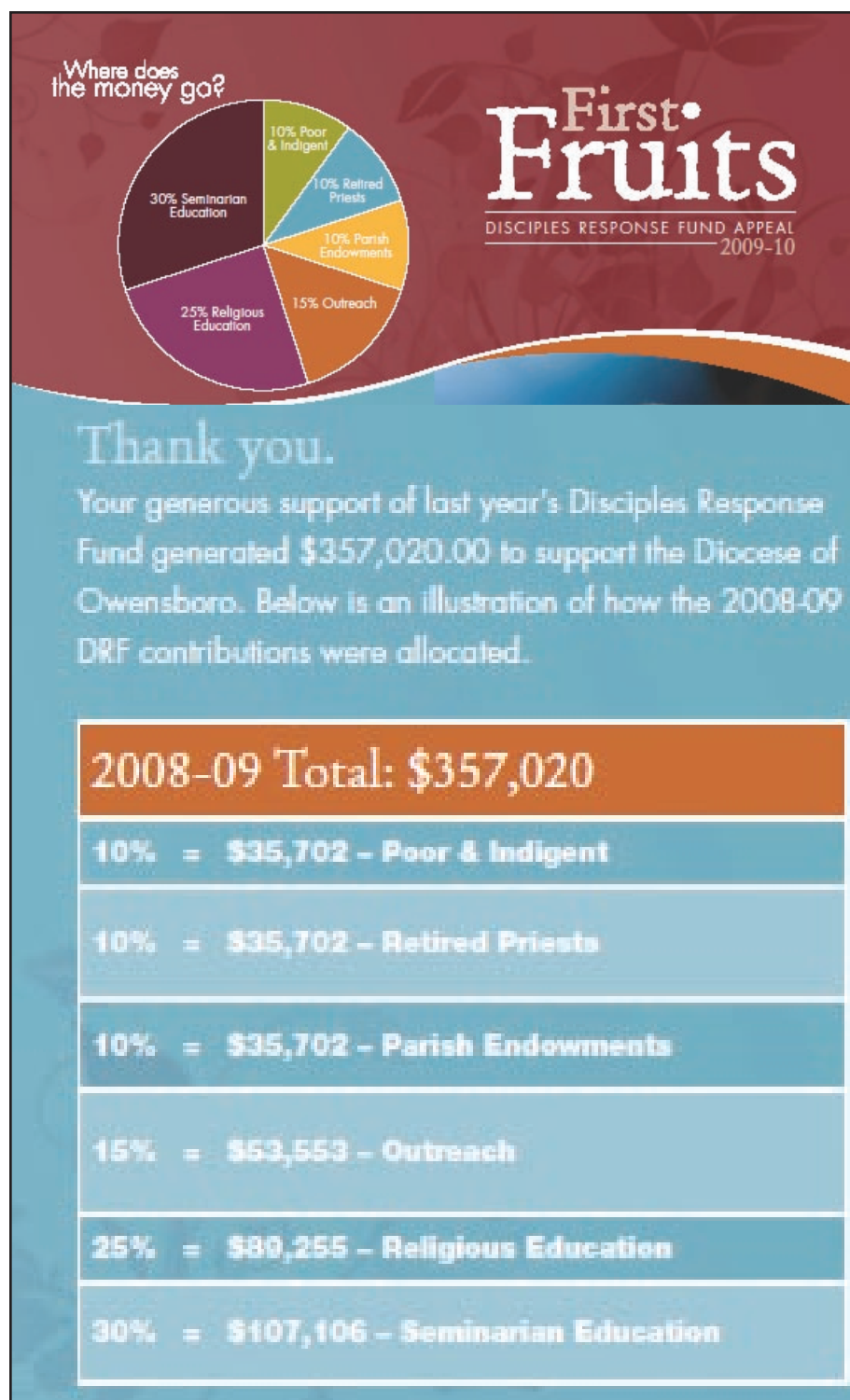
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<i>(Parish size less than 250 homes)</i>		
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Saint Stephen	Cadiz	\$147
Saint Edward	Fulton	\$140
Sacred Heart	Russellville	\$135
Saint Mary	Franklin	\$130
Saint Anthony of Padua	Grand Rivers	\$125
Saint Joseph	Central City	\$118
Saint Michael the Archangel	Oak Grove	\$116
Saint Susan	Elkton	\$114
<i>(Parish size more than 250 homes)</i>		
Precious Blood	Owensboro	\$782
Saint Thomas More	Paducah	\$177
Saints Peter & Paul	Hopkinsville	\$171
Saints Joseph & Paul	Owensboro	\$155
Saint Stephen Cathedral	Owensboro	\$108
Saint Leo	Murray	\$107
Christ the King	Madisonville	\$103
Holy Name of Jesus	Henderson	\$96
Holy Spirit	Bowlin Green	\$95
Saint Joseph	Bowling Green	\$92

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(Parish size less than 250 homes)

Saint Anthony of Padua	Grand Rivers	44%
Saint Joseph	Central City	38%
Saints Mary & James	Guthrie	35%
Saint Charles	Bardwell	35%
Saint Mary	LaCenter	32%
Saint Henry	Aurora	31%
Saint Charles	Livermore	30%
Newman Center	Bowling Green	28%
Saint Edward	Fulton	28%
Resurrection	Dawson Springs	27%
Saint John the Evangelist	Sunfish	27%

(Parish size more than 250 homes)

Saints Peter & Paul	Hopkinsville	34%
Saint John the Evangelist	Paducah	28%
Saint Joseph	Mayfield	28%
Saint Stephen Cathedral	Owensboro	28%
Christ the King	Madisonville	26%
Immaculate	Owensboro	25%
Holy Name of Jesus	Henderson	23%
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Saint Ann	Morganfield	21%
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Contemporary Woman Program Announces Programs for Fall 2009

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

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

- The Several-Storied Merton, exploring the life and writings of Thomas Merton, is presented on four Thursday evenings in October from 6:30-7:30.
- Women and the Bible, begins on October 5 and continues through November 9 on Monday mornings from 10:00-11:00.
- The Cantic Group, exploring the wisdom offered by world religions, meets on Friday mornings from 10 till noon, beginning on September 4.
- The Partnership Group, in its 21st year, will soon announce its choice of a new book to focus its study and discussion on the second Wednesday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m., beginning September 9.
- Soul Gardening, a special opportunity for four Tuesday mornings in November from 10:30-11:30, consists of guided reflections, journaling, and silence.
- The Return of the Global Sex Trade and How We Can Fight It, which begins September 22, from 1:30-2:30, continues for four Tuesday afternoons through October 13.
- Women Doctors of the Church, a program exploring the life and writings of the three woman doctors of the Catholic Church, is presented on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30-11:20 a.m. (exception: the first session begins on September 19, the third Saturday.)

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



Sister Monica Seaton made her final vows to become an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph during a special liturgy June 28 at the Motherhouse Chapel, Maple Mount. She received her final blessing from Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith, far right, in which he called her to be "a sign of God's love for all people."

Sister Monica is a graduate of Owensboro Catholic High School. She earned an associate degree in accounting from Owensboro Community College, then a bachelor of science degree in education from Brescia University. Since January 2007, she has served as a teacher at Daviess County High School. Sister Monica is the daughter of Yvonne Hayden Seaton and the late Joseph M. Seaton and is a member of St. Stephen Cathedral Parish.

A PROFILE IN FAITH

Through her Conversion, Music Ministry, Divorce, Parish Work, and Daily Mass She Heard God Calling: "Live ut Your Faith."

By Edie Keeney

PADUCAH, Ky. - Susan Myrick is presently the Administrative Assistant at St. Francis de Sales in Paducah. She converted to the Catholic faith in 1972. She was active in her own church, but when she married she felt it was important for all her members of a family to attend the same church. She explained, "After attending Mass, I began to feel a closeness and a peace that I had not felt in the Protestant church. I wanted to be a part of that." Susan went on to say, "But what really turned my life around was the Cursillo that I attended in 1980. Several of our friends also had made a Cursillo and we formed a prayer group that met weekly. Our prayer group evolved to become a musical group. There were 10 of us in the group, members of St. Francis and St. Thomas More. I played a keyboard and there was another one, also a piano, a guitar and sometimes a bass player would join us. We played and sang at the Masses St. Francis and St. Thomas More, alternating Sundays. The churches did not have paid music ministers at that time. Also, we sang and played at all of the Cursillo closings, even those out of town and Missions and other special times at both churches. We even played and sang at many other churches in the diocese. This was a Ministry to us, did it for the Lord. It was an enjoyable and busy time."



In 1996, Susan and her husband were divorced. At that time, their daughter was in college and their son was a senior in high school. "Through the divorce, the Lord was with me and helped me through a very difficult time. I had many friends, I was active at St. Francis, I had my job, I really felt things would work out and I felt He would take care of me," Susan said. She was working at USEC in Paducah so she

was able to support herself but in November of 2005 due to a reduction-in-force, she was laid off. She had some resources but she knew that she would have to find another job. "I am someone who worries about uncertain things and I was concerned but again I felt that things would work out," Susan said. About that time, the long-time secretary at St. Francis (Gladys Lambert) died and the church was looking for a replacement. Susan applied for the job and in April she became the new Administrative Assistant. She remembered, "Before I started working at the church, I had my work life and my church life but now it was together. At first I questioned what was my work and what was my volunteering for my church since I was doing both at the same place. Some of things I volunteered for were things that were after work hours but pertained to my job that I was getting paid to do. I felt it really didn't count as volunteering because I was getting paid. Now I feel like it is blended and it is just my whole life, all of it is work for the Lord. Working at St. Francis gives me the opportunity to go to daily Mass during my lunch time. it really makes a difference in my life, I need it. It keeps me centered. I love to go to daily Mass." She continued, "Working for the church has allowed me to see how much of themselves the priests give to the church and to its people. Not just the hours but the effort they put into it. We come and go to church as we need to, but they are always here and available for all of us. "I believe we all should work for the church if we are members because that is how you live out your faith."

Answering A Call To Be A Sign Of God's Love For All People



After the liturgy where she took her final religious vows, Sister Monica is congratulated by Sister Rosalin Thieneman. Sister Rosalin is celebrating her 60th year as an Ursuline Sister. MSJ Photos

Dozen sisters from Paola make the move to Kentucky

The move of Ursuline Sisters from Paola, Kan., to Maple Mount, Ky., was completed June 15, with 12 former Paola Ursulines now at home in Kentucky.

Sisters Susanne Bauer and Marie William Blyth arrived on June 15 to a bevy of welcoming Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph holding signs and offering hugs and prayers. Just as the 10 sisters who arrived earlier, they were each escorted to their rooms by their "angel" sisters, who then blessed their new rooms.

Sisters Virginia Sturlich, Raymond Dieckman, Rita Lavigne, and Rita Redmond arrived in Kentucky June 1, joining Sisters Emerentia Wiesner, Kathleen Dueber, Celine Leeker, Judith Osthoff, and Grace Swift, who arrived at Maple Mount on May 15. Sister Helen Hermreck was the first Paola Sister to move to the Motherhouse in January.

A total of 23 sisters from Paola became Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph on Oct. 21. Nine sisters will remain in ministries in the Paola area, and two others will remain there until discerning their next call to ministry.

A special liturgy celebrating the merger of the Ursuline Sisters of Paola with the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph took place July 8 at the Motherhouse Chapel, Maple Mount. During the ceremony, each of the Paola Ursulines stopped before the altar to sign the Book of the Company of Mount Saint Joseph. It is a tradition that dates back to when Saint Angela Merici formed the Company of Saint Ursula in 1535, and asked each of the 28 women to sign a book to signify their commitment.

Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith celebrated the merger Mass, and read from the Gospel of John. Afterward, Sister Cheryl Clemons delivered a reflection on the unifying moment of this Mass, with the melding of the former Belleville, Ill., community, along with Paola and Mount Saint Joseph. She referred often to the C.S. Lewis book, "The Great Divorce," which includes the line, "I am in love, and out of love I will not go."

The ceremony concluded with the song, "Bind Us Together," with Sister Rita Lavigne, a former Paola Sister, playing accompaniment on the piano. Others who provided music for the Mass were Sister Lorraine Lauter and Sister Nancy Liddy.



Sister Pat Lynch, a former Paola, Kan., Ursuline, signs the Book of the Company of Mount Saint Joseph during a special July 8 liturgy at Maple Mount. She was accompanied to the altar by Sister Pam Mueller, left. Congregational Leader Sister Michele Morek, right, helped as each Paola Ursuline came forward to sign the book. MSJ Photo

St. Mary 3rd Graders Mean Business

Submitted by Nikkki Fuller

PADUCAH, Ky. - The students in Mrs. Morrow's third grade have proven their business sense by setting up and running their own business. The "Snack Shack" closed Thursday, March 19 following its fourth day. The Shack was conceived as part of a class project on business and commerce. The entire class went through the major activities involved in forming and running a business.

The class began with resumes. Each person submitted resumes to various selection committees. Based on the resumes, specific candidates were invited to an interview for particular jobs. The new company had a CEO, CFO, COO, advertising and service positions. The executive board then did market research to decide what need the company might meet.

After surveying the student body, the company identified after school snacks as an area of need. The executive board then prepared a business plan and applied for a business loan through USBank where Mrs. Morrow's husband is an executive. Once the loan of \$295 was approved, everyone got down to work. Purchasing agents bought supplies, advertising agents made posters and wrote announcements to be included in the announcements at the beginning and end of each day. Finance people kept track of expenses and income, and negotiated with After School, Library, and Cafeteria for the use of tables and space. Finally, operations branch students conducted sales.



The St. Mary Elementary School 3rd graders from Ann Morrow's class presented an oversized check from US Bank for \$200 to Karen Thomas, Executive Director of Hope Unlimited, last week. This money is the profit the students made from the "Snack Shack," the business that they designed and ran for four days in March as part of a class project on economics. After they repaid their loan from US Bank and paid all of the business' bills they were left with a profit of \$200 which the students in the class decided to donate to Hope Unlimited rather than spend on themselves. In a special check presentation ceremony in front of the entire Elementary School, Karen Thomas thanked the children for their hard work and generosity and told them that their gift would be used to buy a baby bed for a baby that would otherwise be sleeping in box.

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CLI 2009

By Dustin Grillon

When it comes to the experience at CLI this year it is very difficult to put such a meaningful experience into words. Not because there are no words to describe it (terrific, meaningful, enriching, powerful), but because there are not enough words. CLI (Christian Leadership Institute) is a week long leadership training experience for high school age youth in the diocese, and has been an ongoing program in the diocese for over 20 years, with Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center being the usual host. As a participant of the 2009 CLI, I can say without hesitation that this program has changed lives and strengthened bonds of friendship for many people. When I first arrived at the retreat center I was pretty nervous, mainly because I really didn't know many people there, but that changed sooner than I expected. A combination of good attitudes, friendly atmosphere, and uncontrollable laughter put to rest any doubts or worries I had. And that was only a great beginning to an outstanding week! But we were not only there to play, we were also there to learn, and learn we most certainly did. CLI consists of activities that focus on recognizing and strengthening the leadership qualities that God has given us, and learning more about how to utilize them in our schools and parishes. Activities ranged from role-playing games to group discussions. Most of these activities were done within small groups that were formed on the first day, which consisted of four participants and two team members. Every day was different, and each activity strengthened

our abilities, and helped us to better know ourselves. It is surprising how much you can learn about yourself in a week, and how that knowledge can change you. All through the week I watched as we grew in both ability and spirituality, and witnessed the bonds of friendship that were formed there. But it was the people who made it happen, both staff and participants. I was genuinely surprised by the good attitudes that people had there, and at the genuine kindness that everyone showed toward each other. The staff, which consisted of youth ministers, volunteers, and a spiritual director, was always there to give inspiration and support, and encouraged us in all that we did. The participants, who consisted of high school students in the diocese, were nothing less than outstanding in creating a sense of fellowship that exemplifies the idea of love that Christ taught us to live by in our day to day lives. Whether it is by air guitar, dance competitions, or a loving rendition of the hymn "This Little Light of Mine," I think that we can all agree that CLI was an experience that has made us better people, both socially and spiritually. I can say with confidence that the worst part of CLI was having to say goodbye at the end, but we've agreed to keep in touch, because such bonds can't be broken by distance. The most important conclusion, I think, is knowing that if the future of the diocese is the youth who attended CLI 2009, then it is a very bright future indeed.

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Melinda Prunty, at right front, director of youth ministry for the Diocese of Owensboro, and participants of Christian Leadership Institute enjoyed a week of prayer, activities, and good fun at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center June 21-26. MSJ Photo



Faith Quest 2009

Submitted by Fr. Anthony Shonis

HENDERSON, Ky. - Holy Name of Jesus opened Quest with a multi-cultural Mass. Holy Name has 31 different nationals worshipping at Sunday Mass. A representative of each country carried their flag in an opening procession. Faith Quest is a week of Vacation Bible School and adult education. This year included an evening for all Catholics who are new to the parish within the last year., followed by evening of Hispanic Cultural and food, then an evening in which members of the parish who have gone through Just Faith explain its' impact on their lives, then Thursday night was youth night with pizza followed by a ping pong tournament and Rock Band. The Last evening was a parish supper and Talent/no-Talent Required Variety Show. The adult education which was from 120-12 each morning was on the parables.

Above photo, Holy Name of Jesus parishioners gathered in front of the church as they opened Quest 2009 with a multi-cultural celebration of the Mass. At left, Fred Litke, the Chair of Faith Quest 2009, serving tamales at the Mexican Banquet.



El Sacerdote Que No Tenía Alma Misionera

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Por Mar Muñoz-Visoso, USCCB

En los primeros años de mi anterior vida como directora de pastoral hispana, me encomendaron la tarea de llevar a un sacerdote inmigrante recién llegado a su nuevo puesto en un pueblo de las montañas a dos horas de Denver.

Aparentemente, el hombre, de unos cincuenta años, había escuchado el llamado de nuestro recién instalado arzobispo para que los obispos de Latinoamérica consideraran la arquidiócesis como tierra de misión. El rápido crecimiento de la comunidad hispanohablante estaba desbordando a los pocos sacerdotes hispanos que en aquel entonces había en la diócesis y estaba erosionando la buena voluntad de los que hablaban algo de español.

Al sacerdote se le había informado antes de su llegada sobre su asignación. Sin embargo, pronto resultó evidente que la idea que se había formado de las necesidades pastorales y de cómo desempeñar su ministerio en Estados Unidos estaba lejos de la realidad.

El saludo afable en el aeropuerto se fue tornando rostro de preocupación conforme nos empezamos a alejar de la ciudad y co-

mencé a explicarle las características de la comunidad donde se le había asignado: una comunidad incipiente con muchos hispanos en el área. Un porcentaje alto eran hombres y la mayoría trabajaba en la construcción y los servicios turísticos. Muchos eran inmigrantes indocumentados y vivían dispersos por pueblos y aldeas del valle. El párroco había hecho lo que podía por aprender español.

Había una necesidad grande de ir a buscar a la gente e invitarlos a la iglesia. Dadas las distancias y que muchos tenían más de un trabajo, la pastoral requería de una buena dosis de empeño y creatividad. Apenas nos bajamos del auto, el sacerdote se decidió a expresar su incomodidad. Me dijo que él —era párroco en su país— acostumbraba a tener horario de despacho durante el día y que, además, eso de ir tocando en las puertas no era digno de un sacerdote católico.

Recogí mi mandíbula del suelo y balbuceando le respondí: “Pero padre, Jesús caminó por pueblos y aldeas predicando el evangelio y llamando a la gente a seguirlo”. Insistió en que quería ir a una parroquia en Denver.

Le animé a que se diera quince días para conocer a la comunidad y hacerse una idea del trabajo a realizar. Si no estaba a gusto siempre podía pedir al arzobispo que lo asignara a otro lugar. Me ofrecí a ayudarlo en lo que pudiera.

Aquella fue la última vez que lo vi. Exactamente dos semanas después recibí una llamada urgente del párroco avisándonos que el sacerdote iba de camino al aeropuerto para regresar a México. Ni siquiera dijo adiós.

Todos aprendimos mucho con este episodio. Los procedimientos para admitir y asignar a sacerdotes extranjeros en la diócesis ciertamente cambiaron. Y la ac-

titud de este sacerdote quedó grabada en mi memoria como la antítesis del espíritu misionero, especialmente porque contrastaba con la mayoría de los sacerdotes que conozco —y he trabajado con bastantes.

Son muchos más los que trabajan sin descanso —sin importar las horas o donde tengan que ir a buscar a sus ovejas— para que no les falten los sacramentos, un buen consejo, una palabra de consuelo o una voz que clame justicia.

Sin embargo, también he visto a muchos sacerdotes quemarse por la falta de descanso, de tiempo para la oración, de convivencia fraternal con otros sacerdotes y por causa de la soledad.

Admiramos a nuestros sacerdotes pero, a menudo, tam-

bién los damos por hecho. En este Año Sacerdotal que comienza, y cuyo tema es precisamente “La identidad misionera del presbítero en la Iglesia”, recemos por nuestros sacerdotes y busquemos formas de acompañarlos en su camino de fe y en su ministerio.

Benedicto XVI nos recuerda que esta identidad misionera es una “dimensión intrínseca” al desempeño de su llamado. Un sacerdote católico sin espíritu misionero es, por tanto, una contradicción.

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La comunidad de San Miguel en Sebree tuvo que despedirle al P. Jason McClure este verano también. El Domingo de Pentecostés, celebraron esa gran fiesta de la Iglesia, junto con una celebración multicultural y la despedida del Padre. El Padre Jason era Pastor de esta comunidad durante los últimos cuatro años y también era ministro sacramental para la comunidad hispana en la parroquia de Cristo Rey en Madisonville. Su espíritu de generosidad y servicio humilde a la gente se veía en sus acciones y en sus palabras. Según seminarista Julio Barrera, quien tuvo la dicha de pasar la Semana Santa en su parroquia este año, el Padre Jason a veces se desvelaba hasta las 2:00 o 3:00 de la mañana para ir a la pollería a ministeriar a los trabajadores de tercer turno, para escuchar sus confesiones y celebrarles la Misa. Verdaderamente es ejemplo de ministro desinteresado. El Padre McClure ha sido transferido al pueblo de Murray, donde va a servir a la comunidad de la Parroquia de San Leo. Patti Gutiérrez queda como Administradora Parroquial, con el P. Al Bremer como Ministro Sacramental.

Al mismo tiempo, tenemos la dicha de dar la bienvenida al P. Jean René Kalombo que es el nuevo Pastor Asociado de la Parroquia de Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro. Va a estar trabajando principalmente con la comunidad hispana. El P. Kalombo es del Congo en la África. Trabajó por 13 años en Guatemala y más recientemente, ha trabajado por un año en una parroquia en la Ciudad de México. Trae consigo un espíritu de alegría, disponibilidad y entusiasmo para servir en nuestra diócesis y estamos muy contentos de darle la bienvenida. Peggy Wilson, miembro de la parroquia comentó que “Dios podría haberle mandado al P. Jean a cualquier rincón del mundo... [pero] el hecho de que Dios haya elegido compartir a este hombre multilingüe, multi-talentoso con nosotros es un gran don para nuestra parroquia.” Le damos gracias al P. Ray Clark, quien ha servido a la comunidad hispana de esta parroquia como Ministro Sacramental por los últimos tres años. El P. Clark seguirá celebrando la Misa en español en diferentes parroquias en la diócesis donde se le pide.

También le damos la bienvenida al Señor Bayardo, el nuevo Ministro Hispano de tiempo parcial en la parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús. Bayardo vive en Henderson con su esposa y sus cuatro hijos. También es estudiante de Brescia University. Anterior a eso, Bayardo trabajaba para Sights Denim en Henderson y ha ayudado en el Ministerio Hispano en la parroquia a nivel de voluntario.

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Los miembros del Comité quienes tratan las alegaciones de abuso sexual abuse en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Ms. June Bell, Chair, Mr. Ken Bennett, Dr. Charles Bohle, Ms. Susan Clark, Rev. Pat Connell, Mr. Jeff Ebelhar, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Ms. Teresa Henry, Vice-Chair, Dr. Carroll Howard, Mr. Dan Howard, Sr. Eula Johnson, SCN, Rev. Pat Reynolds, and Dr. Michele Thomas. Ms. Louanne Payne sirve como enlace Diocesano al Comité de Revisión.

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Despedidas y Bienvenidas

Por Tami Schneider

La temporada del verano se ha vuelto en tiempo de muchos cambios en el Ministerio Hispano para la Diócesis. Mientras todos seguimos buscando encontrar y seguir la voluntad de Dios en nuestras vidas, algunos se quedan donde están y otros, guiados por el Espíritu Santo, emprenden una nueva misión. Eso ha sido el caso para varios individuos a nuestro alrededor.

Queremos despedir a algunas personas que han trabajado arduamente para ayudar y apoyar a sus hermanos en Cristo. Les queremos agradecer de todo corazón y les deseamos lo mejor en lo que queda por venir en sus vidas. Que Dios les mande muchas bendiciones.

Primero queremos agradecer y despedir a Paul Witte. Durante los últimos 6 años, se ha dado generosamente, sin pensar en sí mismo, dedicándose a visitar a las familias, incluso los más lejanos del Condado Todd para responder a sus necesidades. En las palabras del P. Frank Ruff, "En lo más profundo de su ser, es un misionero. Entiende el llamado misionero de cada cristiano y quiere que todo el mundo conozca a Jesucristo y que viva del poder de Su vida, muerte y resurrección." Se ha dedicado a preparar a las personas para los sacramentos y educarlas en la fe. Ha ayudado a muchas personas con asuntos migratorios, legales y médicos, abogando, apoyando y ayudando a todos los que se presenten en frente suyo. Patti Gutiérrez dice que, "Pablo era una voz incansable para los que no tenían voz, aún cuando parecía que nadie la escuchaba." Antes de venir a la diócesis, Paul y su esposa sirvieron en una parroquia nueva en Madisonville, Tennessee por 4 años y anterior a eso, estuvieron en Colombia y Ecuador por 20 años. Ahora, Paul se va a jubilar, y él y su esposa se mudarán a Pensilvania, para estar cerca de su hija. El Señor José Gallegos y su familia, se transferirán desde la comunidad de San José en Bowling Green a Elkton para servir al Condado Todd, ocupando el lugar del Señor Witte.

También le despedimos a la Hermana Adelina Rito Saavedra, quien realizó su vocación de mujer consagrada en la parroquia de San José en Mayfield por dos años. Ella se dedicó a la preparación sacramental y las celebraciones litúrgicas en la parroquia. Su espíritu de docilidad y bondad para con todos brillaba en su trabajo, y la comunidad la va a extrañar mucho, como se vio en su Misa de despedida el 24 de mayo. Antes de venir a la Diócesis, la Hermana Adelina trabajaba en escuelas en

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Tami Schneider, asistente del Director del Ministerio Hispano, le presenta a Paul Witte y a su esposa un certificado de agradecimiento de parte de la Diócesis. Paul ha servido en el Condado Todd para los últimos 6 años y ahora se jubilea. Foto por Pedro García.



El P. Carl McCarthy extiende una bendición sobre el P. Jean René Kalombo junto con Melvin Fleishman (izquierda) y Juan Fernández (derecha) y todos los presentes durante una comida de bienvenida en la parroquia el 31 de mayo. El P. Kalombo ahora sirve como Vicario Parroquial de Stos. José y Pablo. Foto por Tami Schneider



Arriba, el Sr. Luis Ajú le entrega un certificado de agradecimiento a la Hermana Adelina Rito por sus años de servicio en la comunidad de Mayfield. Foto sometido por Luis Ajú.

Abajo, los hispanos de la Parroquia de San Miguel en Sebree le cantan "Amigo" por Roberto Carlos al P. Jason McClure durante su Misa de despedida el 31 de mayo. La celebración tomó lugar en el gimnasio y cafetería de la escuela elemental de Sebree. Foto por Patti Gutiérrez.



Muchas Culturas, Una Sola Iglesia

Una Reflexión sobre la Diversidad para la Semana Nacional de la Migración en La Parroquia de Santos José y Pablo

Por Peggy Wilson, Traducido por Tami Schneider

Hoy venimos a celebrar muchas cosas. Celebramos la Fiesta de Pentecostés, celebramos la Semana Nacional de la Migración, y lo más importante, celebramos la diversidad cultural de nuestra parroquia.

Desde los tiempos cuando la parroquia alemana de San José se juntó con la parroquia irlandés de San Pablo, creo que Dios puso en movimiento nuestro carisma. Creo que la parroquia de Santos José y Pablo fue creada para ser una parroquia que iba a ser un hogar para personas de muchas culturas; una parroquia donde se celebra y se aprecia la diversidad.

Viéndolo de todos los ángulos, no era una unión fácil para estas dos iglesias con raíces étnicas tan fuertes. Los estereotipos, los prejuicios y el temor causaron a muchos sentir que su Obispo los estaba forzando abandonar su identidad parroquial. No era muy probable que los alemanes “sucios” y los irlandeses “borrachos” fueran amigos.

Pero, gracias a Dios, hubo feligreses de ambas parroquias que no se dejaron llevar por los prejuicios y los estereotipos. Estos visionarios creyeron en el mensaje de la Fiesta que hoy celebramos. Creyeron que a pesar de las barreras del lenguaje y de la cultura, la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo era para todos. Perseveraron, y a través de su fe y su dedicación, la parroquia nueva de Santos José y Pablo creció y prosperó.

Hoy, la Iglesia de Santos José y Pablo tiene la bendición de contar con dos comunidades vibrantes, la comunidad angla y la comunidad hispana. Pero al mismo tiempo, este dicho lleva consigo nuestro mayor reto. Cuando los alemanes de San José y los irlandeses de San Pablo se unieron, de hecho eran de dos Iglesias distintas, pero ahora las cosas son un poco diferentes. Como el bus de la iglesia va por la ciudad llevando las palabras “Sts. Joseph and Paul Catholic Church” y “Iglesia Católica de Santos José y Pablo” estos no son dos Iglesias distintas. Somos una sola Iglesia; somos una sola comunidad de fe.

Mientras crece nuestra comunidad Parroquial, también crece la invitación a la diversidad cultural. Mientras celebramos nuestro “Pentecostés” reconociendo que la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo trasciende las diferencias de lenguaje y cultura, creo que ayudaría brincar unos párrafos mas adelante en los Hechos de los Apóstoles y ver exactamente que significaba la experiencia del primer Pentecostés para aquellos que creyeron. Aunque la llegada del Espíritu Santo en el día de Pentecostés era “vibrante” y “espectacular,” el verdadero poder del evento es evidente en “lo que pasó después.”

La Sagrada Escritura nos dice: “Eran fieles a las enseñanzas de los apóstoles, en compartir la vida en común, en partir el pan y en la oración. Ahora, todos los creyentes vivieron juntos y compartieron todas sus posesiones. Vendieron sus propiedades y todo lo que tenían y distribuyeron las procedencias a los demás, de acuerdo a sus necesidades. Cada día se reunieron en el templo, partieron el pan en sus casas y compartieron su comida con gran alegría y sencillez de corazón: alabaron a Dios y ganaron el favor de la gente. Y cada día, el Señor aumentó el número de aquellos que eran salvados.”

ESO pasa cuando miramos más allá de las diferencias, para ver las necesidades y deseos que todos tenemos en común. Todos queremos rezar con alguien, compartir la comida y los bienes con alguien, celebrar con alguien en los momentos de abundancia y tener alguien que nos apoye en momentos de necesidad. Queremos que alguien escuche nuestras historias y que nos diga que somos queridos y aceptados. ESO es una comunidad de fe. ESO es como somos llamados a vivir como hijos de Dios. ESO es el fruto de la Fiesta de Pentecostés. ESO es nuestro desafío como comunidad de fe en Santos José y Pablo. Cada paso que tomamos nos lleva más y más cerca al ideal. Aquellos quienes han vivido antes de nosotros nos han llevado a este día. Vamos a tomar otro paso adelante hoy.



La Parroquia de Stos. José y Pablo en Owensboro hizo una procesión con banderas durante una celebración multicultural el 31 de mayo. Foto por Tami Schneider



Ashley Herrera, nueva miembro de la parroquia de Santa Susana en Elkton, trajo puesto un vestido Mexicano en la celebración multicultural. Ella es estadounidense casada con un latino. Foto por Paul Witte.



Representantes de 39 países participaron en la celebración multicultural en la Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson el 7 de junio. Foto por Luis Ajú



El Padre Jason McClure da la bendición a algunos niños hispanos durante la celebración multicultural en Sebree el 31 de mayo con los fieles de la Parroquia de San Miguel. Foto por Patti Gutiérrez

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Many Cultures, One Church

A Reflection on Diversity for National Migration Week at Sts. Joseph & Paul

By Peggy Wilson

Today we come together to celebrate many things. We celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. We celebrate National Migration Week, and most importantly we celebrate the cultural diversity of our parish.

From the time the German parish of St. Joseph merged with the Irish parish of St. Paul, I believe God set our charism in motion. I believe Sts. Joseph and Paul was created to be a parish that would be a home to people from many cultures; a parish where diversity would be celebrated and appreciated.

By all accounts it was not an easy merger for those two ethnically strong churches. Stereotyping, prejudice, and fear caused many to feel their bishop was forcing them to abandon their parish identity. The ‘dirty’ Germans and the “drunken Irish” were not the likeliest of bedfellows.

But, luckily for us today, there were parishioners from both churches that were not swayed by prejudice and stereotype. Those visionaries believed in the message of the Feast that we celebrate today. They believed that regardless of language or cultural barriers that the Good News of Jesus Christ was meant for all. They persevered and, through their faith and dedication, the new parish of Sts. Joseph and Paul grew and flourished.

Today, Sts. Joseph and Paul Church is blessed to have two strong and vibrant communities...the Anglo community and the Hispanic community. And in that statement lies our greatest challenge. When the Germans of St. Joseph’s and the Irish of St. Paul’s came together, they were from two separate churches. Things are a little different now. As our church van drives around town today it carries the words Sts. Joseph and Paul Catholic Church and Iglesia Católica de Santos José y Pablo on its side...those are NOT two different churches. We are one church; we are one community of faith...

As our parish community grows, so does our invitation to cultural diversity. As we celebrate our “Pentecost” recognizing that the Good News of Jesus Christ transcends language and cultural differences, I think it would be helpful to “skip ahead” a few paragraphs in the Acts of Apostles and see just exactly what that Pentecost experience did for those who believed. As “flashy” and “spectacular” as the Holy Spirit’s arrival was on that Pentecost day...the true power of that event is evidenced in “what happened next.”

Scripture tells us: “They were faithful to the teaching of the apostles, the common life of sharing, the breaking of the bread and the prayers. Now all the believers lived together and shared all of their belongings. They would sell their property and all they had, and distribute the proceeds to the others according to their needs. Each day they met together in the Temple area, broke bread in their homes, they shared their food with great joy and simplicity of heart: they praised God and won the people’s favor. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

THAT is what happens when we see beyond our differences, to our common needs and desire. We all want someone to pray with, someone to share food and possessions with, someone to celebrate with us in times of plenty and support us in times of need. We want someone to listen to our stories and let us know that we are loved and accepted. THAT is what a community of faith looks like. THAT is how we are called to live as children of God. THAT is the fruit of the feast of Pentecost. THAT is our challenge as faith community at Sts. Joseph and Paul. Every step we take gets us that much closer to the ideal. Those who have gone before us have brought us to this day. Let us take another step today.

Proteger el Corazón del Matrimonio



Por Theresa Notare

En una reunión familiar escuché que una esposa y madre hizo una declaración escandalosa: “la revista Playboy no tiene nada de malo”. Hasta la llamó “inocente”. Tuve que dedicarle el resto de nuestra conversación a ayudarla a comprender que la pornografía –cualquiera que sea– no solo está mal sino que podría causar la ruptura de un matrimonio.

El punto de vista de mi parienta no es infrecuente. La promiscuidad sexual que acepta la cultura actual ha insensibilizado a la gente acerca de lo que son formas dañinas de representar la sexualidad. La prensa sensacionalista comenta las hazañas sexuales de los ricos y famosos. La televisión y las películas muestran personajes solteros que son activos sexualmente y generalmente tienen relaciones pasajeras o cohabitan o, si están casados, mantienen rela-

ciones adúlteras. La música pop celebra la promiscuidad sexual y se burla de la virginidad.

El uso cada vez mayor de la pornografía en Internet revela que estamos en aguas turbulentas. Todos los meses se descargan unos 1.5 mil millones de archivos de pornografía de los sitios de pares en Internet; todos los días se mandan 2.5 mil millones de correos electrónicos pornográficos; y en los Estados Unidos hay 2.84 mil millones de dólares de ventas por Internet de productos y servicios pornográficos anualmente. Los hombres generan la mayor parte de este tráfico.

La pornografía nunca es “inocente”. La pornografía está mal por muchas razones. Convierte al ser humano en un objeto, especialmente a las mujeres, transforma la actividad sexual de otros en un espectáculo primitivo, y explota a mujeres y niños vulnerables a cambio de enormes ganancias. El Dr. Richard Fitzgibbons del Institute for Marital Healing [Instituto para la curación marital] dice que las personas que consumen pornografía de forma habitual desarrollan una “visión desordenada de la belleza, la bondad, el ser humano y la sexualidad”. Esto resulta especialmente venenoso para los matrimonios. El usuario de pornografía se obsesiona con su propio placer. Se reduce la entrega auténtica al cónyuge y disminuye la comunicación entre los esposos. La cuestión fundamental es que la pornografía es un ataque al centro mismo de la intimidad matrimonial. Daña la amistad conyugal.

Un obispo sabio, que se ocupaba de fortalecer los matrimonios, dijo una vez que la unión en una sola carne de los matrimonios no es “un símbolo vacío”. Dijo que los esposos “no se han convertido en la imagen de cualquier cosa terrenal sino en la de Dios mismo” (San Juan Crisóstomo, Homilía 12). Esto está muy lejos de la imagen torcida que da el sexo pornográfico y egoísta.

La Iglesia enseña que el abrazo conyugal es “honorable y digno” (Gaudium et spes, #49). El acto sexual “no es algo puramente biológico, sino que afecta el núcleo íntimo de la persona humana en cuanto tal” (Familiaris consortio, #11). La clave para comprender la naturaleza de las relaciones sexuales conyugales es que son al mismo tiempo unitivas y procreadoras. Tienen por fin aumentar la comunión conyugal de las personas y cooperar con Dios para traer nueva vida al mundo. Afectan a toda la persona, que está llamada a amar como Dios: “La donación física total sería un engaño si no fuese signo y fruto de una donación en la que está presente toda la persona...” (FC, #11).

Los esposos deben proteger su unión y rechazar cualquier cosa, como la pornografía, que pueda poner en peligro su amor. Se deben esforzar por amarse bien: con respeto, con alegría, y sí, con pasión, siempre a la luz del abrazo amoroso de Dios.

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¡Honor A Quien Honor Se Merece!

Por Cristóbal Gutiérrez

¿Qué mejor forma de celebrar la solemnidad del “Corpus Christit” que con la recepción de la Primera Comunión? ¿Qué mejor forma de darle gloria y adoración a nuestro Padre Jesús quien quizo quedarse entre nosotros en la Eucaristía, que recibéndolo? Y así fue. Este pasado 14 de Junio, día en que Iglesia en los Estados Unidos conmemora el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Nuestro Señor, aquí en la parroquia de Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro toda la comunidad hispana nos unimos en festejo y alegría junto con las familias y padrinos de 10 de nuestros niños hispanos que por primera vez se abrazaban a Jesús en la Eucaristía recibida de manos del Padre Juan Rene Kalombo.

Eduardo García, Bianca Anette Reyes, Ariana Calderón, Christian Ochoa, Ruben Matías, Nereida Yanet Chavez, Maricela Torres, Brisa Yohali Fernandez, Lisbeth Ochoa y Erick Javier Munguía. Todos, y junto con sus catequistas Julia Mendoza y Lupita Ochoa habían emprendido desde el año pasado en Septiembre del 2008, la hermosa aventura de aprender y formarse sobre la presencia Real de Jesús en el Sacramento de la Eucaristía y la necesidad esencial de siempre mantenerse unidos a Él a través de este preciado Sacramento.

Muchísimas gracias a nuestras catequistas hispanas que sacrificaron de su tiempo y compartieron de su talento para dedicarlo a la enseñanza religiosa de nuestros niños. Gracias también a toda nuestra Comunidad Parroquial hispana en Owensboro por haber celebrado todos juntos, en hacerle honor, honor a quien tanto se lo merece siempre. A Jesucristo en la Eucaristía.



El P. Juan René Kalombo se para con los niños que recibieron su Primera Comunión el 14 de junio en la Parroquia de Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro. Son: Eduardo García, Bianca Anette Reyes, Ariana Calderón, Christian Ochoa, Ruben Matías, Nereida Yanet Chavez, Maricela Torres, Brisa Yohali Fernandez, Lisbeth Ochoa y Erick Javier Munguía. Foto sometido por Cristóbal Gutiérrez.

Calendario de Actividades del Ministerio Hispano

8 de agosto

- Curso de Sacramentos: El Matrimonio, Stos. Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

17 de agosto

- Reunión trimestral de los Agentes del Ministerio Hispano, Sta. Susana, Elkton 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

27-28 de agosto

- Retiro para los Agentes del Ministerio Hispano, Monasterio de las Pasionistas, Whitesville

6 y 27 de septiembre

- Reuniones de planeación para el retiro de jóvenes, Stos. Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville, 4:30 pm

12 de septiembre

- Curso de Sacramentos: El Sacerdocio, (lugar por determinar) 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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70 Jóvenes Hispanos Participan en un Retiro Juvenil en el Campamento de Gasper River



El P. Carmelo Jiménez guió a los jóvenes en unos momentos de reflexión donde rezaron juntos alrededor de Jesús en la Eucaristía. Era un momento fuerte de unidad y oración para empezar el retiro.



Los jóvenes disfrutaron un rato de baile y convivencia el viernes en la noche del 17 de abril. El retiro siguió el 18 con otros momentos de diversión, pláticas y oración. Fotos por Luis Ajú.



Arriba, Cristóbal Gutiérrez expone una plática sobre la Teología del Cuerpo a los participantes del retiro. También expusieron su esposa, Patti Gutiérrez, y Tami Schneider.



Durante unos momentos de tiempo libre, unos jóvenes de Bowling Green disfrutaron el clima primaveral y el campo precioso para jugar un poco de futbol. Otros jugaron basquetbol o bajaron a pasear por el río.