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Western Students Take Spring Break Mission Trip To Learn, Practice Stewardship

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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - On Sunday March 7, 2010, ten Western Kentucky University (WKU) students along with Father Mike Williams went to Aberdeen, NC for a spring break mission trip. On this Habitat for Humanity experience they learned about the importance of service and stewardship. They also had the opportunity to work with many local volunteers that give their generous gifts of which God has bestowed on them.

During the week, the group worked on four or five locations in which we serviced the community by painting, helping to install vinyl, setting floor joists, and setting roof trusses.

One day, about mid-week, was spent at the local day care center. At this daycare, the group interacted with kids from a variety of ages. Also, the group had the chance to interact with kids who have developmental disabilities.

In the picture at right are those who attended this trip were: from left, Tony Riney, Bryant Lipp, Holly Best, Lauren Alter, Alex Castlen, Emily Bockelman, Chris Leachman, Jill Gladish, Eric Mahoney, Amy Irons, and Father Mike Williams, Administrator, Saint Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, WKU.



Alex Castlen, left, and Amy Irons, right, working on 2x4s for a Habitat house with Fr. Mike Williams. Photos submitted by WKU Newman Center

LIGHT ONE CANDLE Stretching Out a Hand to Neighbors

By Stephanie Raha,
Editor-in-chief, The Christophers

It's now three months since the people of Haiti felt the first shocks of the massive earthquake that struck on January 12. Estimated dead: 250,000. Estimated damage: \$13 billion.

Maybe the numbers themselves are a problem: They're too big, too unimaginable. But what if you had neighbors whose house had crumbled, whose business was lost, whose children lost their school, then how would you react? What if your neighbors had no clothes or possessions except what can be salvaged from the rubble? What if they had no food and water except what others can provide for them? What would you do?

In the first days after the earthquake, as the death toll mounted and pictures of injured and devastated Haitians filled the news, people in the United States and around the world responded to the crisis. Governments promised economic aid; individuals donated cash and supplies to emergency relief organizations. We watched the people of Haiti suffer – until they disappeared from TV

screens and newspaper headlines, replaced by the people of Chile who endured their own earthquake horror in February. Yet, even if Chile had not experienced its own disaster, Haiti would still have dropped off the radar screen. Time has a way of doing that.

But these are human beings in a struggle between life and death. The people of Haiti and Chile can't afford for their neighbors to forget about them. Instead, we should try to be the kind of people who pay attention to those who desperately need our help.

There's a man who comes to mind as a wonderful example of someone who never failed to reach out to anyone and everyone in dire straits despite his own problems, his own needs, his own sufferings. His name was Pierre Toussaint. He was

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Bishop William Medley's Calendar for April, 2010



Bishop William F. Medley

April 1 (Holy Thursday)	7:00 p.m.	St. Stephen Cathedral
April 2 (Good Friday)	7:00 p.m.	St. Stephen Cathedral
April 3 (Easter Vigil)	8:00 p.m.	St. Stephen Cathedral
April 6	9:00 a.m.	Diocesan Staff Mass and Meeting
April 7	8:00 p.m.	Mass – Brescia University
April 8		Eddyville Penitentiary
April 9		Green River Correctional Facility
April 10	10:00 a.m.	Owensboro Catholic Schools Benefit
		Raffle Drawing, Saints Joseph & Paul Parish, Owensboro
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield
April 11	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation, Christ the King, Madisonville
	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Prayer Service, Saints Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville
April 13	11:00 a.m.	CCK Luncheon with Governor Beshear
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Ann Parish, Morganfield
April 18	10:00 a.m.	Mass – Immaculate Parish, Owensboro
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro
April 19	9:30 a.m.	Personnel Board
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council
April 20	9:30 a.m.	Catholic Pastoral Center Staff Mass and Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Anthony Parish, Axtel & St. Mary of the Woods Parish, McQuady, at St. Mary of the Woods
April 21	8:30 a.m.	Administration/Finance Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Christ the King School Mass, Madisonville
April 22	10:30 a.m.	Presbyteral Day, Catholic Pastoral Center
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Joseph & St. Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville, at St. Alphonsus
April 24	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation, Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
April 25	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation, Rosary Chapel, Paducah
April 27	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Pius X Parish, Calvert City
April 28	9:00 a.m.	Holy Name School Mass, Henderson
	12:10 p.m.	St. Ann School Mass, Morganfield
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
April 29	9:00 a.m.	Owensboro Catholic Elem. K-3 Campus School Mass
	2:00 p.m.	Dedication and Blessing of Chapel, Carmel Home
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation, St. William Parish, Knottsville & St. Lawrence Parish, at St. William
April 30	12:00 p.m.	Mass w/ Catholic School Principals, Gasper River Retreat Center (PACESS meeting)

LIGHT ONE CANDLE *(Continued from page 1)*

a slave of African ancestry, born in Haiti in 1766 and raised in the household of a rich French plantation owner where he was raised as a Catholic and was taught to read and write. In 1787, his owner, Jean Berard, fearing a slave rebellion, moved his family and several slaves, including Toussaint, to New York City. Toussaint learned a new trade and he became a well-paid and popular hairdresser, specializing in the elaborate woman's styles so popular at that time. When Berard died and his plantation burned a few years later, Toussaint became the breadwinner for Mrs. Berard and the rest of the household. He also began the numerous charitable activities for which he became famous. He purchased the freedom of slaves, assisted refugees, found homes and jobs for street children with his wealthy clients. He supported schools, or-

phanages and churches and even cared for the sick during epidemics. It was not until he was 41 that Toussaint gained his own freedom on the death of Mrs. Berard. He married and along with his wife continued to serve his neighbors, black and white, untiringly until his death in 1853.

As he lay dying, Pierre Toussaint was asked if there was anything he needed. He answered, "Nothing on earth." Perhaps it's not surprising that this compassionate and holy man, the only layperson to be entombed at St. Patrick's Cathedral, is now called Venerable, a step toward sainthood in the Catholic Church.

This son of Haiti, who offered so many Americans the practical support they needed to survive, knew how to love his neighbor. May the same be said of us, whether our neighbor lives around the

From Sisters Mimi and Ruth in Chile:



Sisters Mimi Ballard, OSU, left, and Ruth Gehres, OSU, prepare bags of donated clothing to send to the coast, where many people lost everything and are sleeping in tents. The Sisters also sent some superfluous items they found in their suitcases! MSJ Photo

Thanks to everyone who has sent prayers and expressions of concern for us here in the earthquake zone of central Chile. Chillan, where we are, is less than 100 miles from the epicenter. It's a miracle that we didn't have much more destruction. For the people on the coast, though, where a powerful tsunami followed the quake, it is total devastation.

We are sorting through donated clothes to take to those who will take them to the coast, to those who have nothing.

Many buildings here have damage, some severe. Many families are sleeping and eating outside because their houses have collapsed or could collapse at any moment from serious structural damage. Yesterday we took milk and diapers to a young family whose house fell down. Jenifer, the mom, is a member of the Casa Ursulina community. Other members of our community have come by for food or other help, or for help for their neighbors. Miryam told us that for every piece of bread (or egg, or whatever) each member of her family eats, they put another in a box to share with others. Stories like this contrast so acutely with reports of looting and violence in the streets, especially in Concepcion, the largest city on the coast. There is obviously a lot of heartening news as well.

We are sharing as we can. We had a supply of staples on hand (rice, pasta, sugar, for example, and always diapers), but that supply is running out. We can use dona-

tions of any size to help those who come, or those we go out to see (like Jenifer), when we learn of their distress. A workplace collection, or donations among family and friends, would help tremendously. Most things here cost less by U.S. standards . . . but are costly for the poor who have so little to buy them with. Now too, many people will not have jobs because their workplaces have been damaged or destroyed. This means great distress for families, many with small children.

Casa Ursulina has an account at Mount Saint Joseph, and the best way to help is to send funds to this account. On the memo line write "Casa Ursulina (earthquake)." We will be notified when the check arrives, and we'll be able to use the funds immediately.

Checks should be written to Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. Mail your donation to Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, Kentucky 42356

More than monetary donations, though, the people of Chile need the support of your prayers. Pray especially for those who have lost everything and those who now have nowhere to live.

If you'd like to contact us, please know we welcome the sense of solidarity that comes from your moral support. Our e-mail: rgehres@gmail.com

Thank you, and God bless you,
Sister Ruth and Sister Mimi

corner, or in another corner of the world.

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The cost of the DVD set is \$20. For shipping and handling, \$3 will be added to credit card orders.

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In Louisville, DVDs will be available from TONINI CHURCH SUPPLY,
502.897.7100.

For more information, contact one of the dealers listed above.

Working With Divine Mercy

Sister Lorraine Lauter, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, gathers with children at a small sub-parish community called Divina Misericordia (Divine Mercy) in Honduras, where she goes twice yearly with an ecumenical team. "We work with the people there (especially women and children) in water purification, a scholarship program, fair trade jewelry, and a bit of construction," she said.

Sister Lorraine was in Honduras in March. She serves as the social responsibility minister for the Church of the Epiphany in Louisville, Ky. MSJ Photo

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4 An Invitation Of Friendship...

Hi, everyone in Western Kentucky Catholic land, my name is **Tina Powers**, and I began my "Fourth Day" 12 years ago in March, 1998, at the Women's Catholic Cursillo of the Diocese of Owensboro, at the Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center.

I sat at St. Bernadette's table. Actually, I prefer to say I "danced" with St. Bernadette at my table. The tremendous impact of this special weekend left me in awe and wonder of the miracle of our Catholic faith. Mere words could not describe the effects, only faith in action screamed out! It was a true spiritual stepping stone for me and others like myself, opening a window of hope.

This weekend re-affirmed the aspects of the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, while prompting me to take advantage of the giftedness of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. These special sacraments are constant moments in any Catholic's life.

You, the reader, know that the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church are important. So, why am I writing this article to you? Have you ever thought about venturing a little deeper into your faith?

I bet you are thinking "Here is another spiel to go to a Cursillo weekend"... Maybe.

Have you ever received an invitation, but a million and one EXCUSES kept you from going? What is it that keeps you from this special God-gifted weekend? Can you think of one good reason to go? There are individuals, right now, who understand where you are, and wish to help you draw closer to God through this evangelical Catholic-based process.

For example, before I attended my weekend, I made up every excuse not to go, 'til finally, I thought, "Well, I have no more excuse, besides what is the real reason for this weekend? What is Christ calling me to be? They tell me I will be living my "Baptismal promise - yeah, right. My parents and Godparents made that promise for me. Then, deep within my inner being, I felt a drawing closer to Jesus, and a need to grow in friendship with God and others. Nah, that is so old school... Wrong! It took me five years and some gentle encouraging from my friends and family TO TAKE THE PLUNGE.

We are called to be servant lead-

ers like Christ. Our faith is like the changing seasons, ebbing and flowing with God's graces. This weekend gives you, the participant, an opportunity to "stoke the fires" of your faith, to become a "burning ember," and to "bloom where you are planted." It is no "magic cure-all," only "something in which we have now" we kept secretly hidden. As the VANGUARD OF CHRIST, shouldn't we join forces with Christ, in Christ, and for Christ?

There are well over 1,000 people, who have attended this beautiful Holy Spirit weekend. Here is one...



Tina Powers, right, with her Aunt Dean Dean

I would like to introduce to you my "bestest" friend, Dean Dean, at left above, (Teresa to most, Bernadine to other's), and in turn she considers me her "bestest" friend and niece. Don't you just love the smiles in this picture? My

Breaking Fast With The Breakfast Club

By Carol Rumage

St. JOSEPH, Ky. - On Sunday February 7, 2010, the parishioners of St. Alphonsus were treated to a parish breakfast prepared by "The Breakfast Club," a group of parishioners who regularly cook breakfast for the parish members on the 5th Sunday of the month. The breakfast was postponed until the 1st Sunday this time due to Religious Education scheduled for the 5th Sunday of the month of January. The menu consisted of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fried potatoes, biscuits, coffee, milk, orange juice and various other drinks. The breakfast is paid for by donations and it was well attended. We also had guests from other parishes in the area attending. It seemed that the meal was enjoyed by all who attended.

aunt is one of many who actively lives her fourth day, grouping weekly!

What is grouping, you might say? Briefly, Cursillo is a Catholic-based movement, which helps build small Christian communities. Grouping enables individuals to come together and share where God is in their life. So, have you seen God lately? How do you connect with Him?

Here is a sample of what I have discovered about Dean Dean who has known me all my life. She watched me when I was little. She prayerfully considered the weekend, and took the plunge! She explained how Cursillo gave her the courage and strength to stand up for herself. She was so thankful to be a volunteer for the Diocesan Soup Kitchen for many years, and how Fr. Ed Bradley gave her spiritual direction at that time. Now, she is truly blessed to know Fr. Eric Riley, and she has become a sacristan and Eucharistic minister at her church, Holy Redeemer in Beaver Dam, Ky. This is the process of developing a relationship with Christ and others: "Make a Friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ."

It's funny, in a phone conversation the other day, Dean Dean and I were discussing how the Cursillo method is something which each of us has been taught through Holy Mother Church all our lives, but only recently have put into action. It has been something which each of us kept neatly hidden until we have had an awakening moment, drawing us to the giftedness of God and neighbor, who somehow have become the cause of our joy, like what you see in our picture.

In conclusion, my dearest reader, I extend a heart-felt invitation to you to come participate in a Cursillo weekend. Please pray: "Come Holy Spirit, fills us the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire your love. Send forth your spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.

"Let us pray: Oh, God who by the light of Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolation. Through the same Christ our Lord, AMEN!"

May Christ's light continue to shine in you always. And if by chance our paths cross, and God has blessed me with a new-found friend, I will hold you up to Him in the Eucharistic celebration of life He places before me each day.

Warm smiles and hugs. Your friend and sister in Christ,
The P.E.S.T., Tina Powers



The Breakfast Club on Feb.7, 2010, from left around the kitchen island: Vickie Graham, Hank Rumage, Carol Rumage, Tony Hayden, John Teets, Cecelia McCarty, Paul Dant, Louise Payne, Diane Dodson, Marshall Graham, Martha Dant, and Meredith Dant. Photo by Bob Warren

2010 Parish Picnic Schedule

Date	Serving Time	Parish
May 7-8	International Barbecue Festival	Downtown, Owensboro, Ky.
May 16	11:00 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
May 30	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
June 5	4:00 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
June 5	Noon	Saint Joseph, Leitchfield
June 12	4:00 p.m.	St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro
June 19	3:00 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
June 19	3:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
June 26	4:00 p.m. Mass; serving following-	St. Peter, Waverly
July 3	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
July 3	3:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Peonia
July 4	3:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Axtel (Rough River)
July 4	11:30 a.m.	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
July 10	4:00 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
July 17	11:30 a.m.; 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles, Bardwell
July 17	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
July 24	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
July 24	3:00 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield.
July 25	4:00 p.m., parish family picnic,	St. Anthony, Browns Valley
July 31	4:00 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Aug. 7	11:00 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Aug. 7	Noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Aug. 3	5:00 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
Aug. 7	5:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
Aug. 21	4:30 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
Aug. 21	3:00 p.m. (EST)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Aug 29	1:00 p.m. parish family picnic,	St. Thomas More, Paducah
Sept. 11	4:30 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
Sept. 11	11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 12	11:30 a.m. 40th Picnic,	Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Sept 18	11:00 am	St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Sept. 18	4:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Sept. 18	4:00 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
Sept. 19	Noon	St. Thomas More, Paducah
September 19	11:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence/St. William Parishes Picnic
Sept 24-25	Holy Name Fall Festival,	Henderson, Ky.
Sept 25	3:00 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
Sept. 26		St. Leo, Murray
Sept. 26	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Some Knight Of Columbus Local News



Bart Hulsmeyer

New Haven, CT - The Knights of Columbus is honored to announce that Bart Hulsmeyer, field agent based in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, was chosen to attend a monthly training school for field agents at the Supreme Council office in New Haven, Connecticut. Only a small percentage of new field agents are invited to attend this training. New agents who have demonstrated proven success in serving the insurance needs of members during the first three months of their careers are

invited to New Haven to hone their skills with the help of Field Management Department staff members and one seasoned general agent.

Bart was presented with a rigorous schedule upon his arrival that included sessions on ethics, product fundamentals, and business practices, among others. He happily accepted the challenge of this rigorous training and looks forward to applying his newfound knowledge with his fellow Knights of Columbus members.

Bart serves the Hopkinsville, Henderson, and Morganfield regions of the Diocese of Owensboro. He can be reached at bart.hulsmeyer@kofc.org, or by calling 270-498-3202.

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL - JULY 2010

"GIVE PEACE, QUIET, AND PRAYER A CHANCE"

April

- 3 Private Wedding Reception
- 8 Reitz Memorial High School Seniors Retreat
- 9-11 **Soul Seeking with Fr. Paul Volk Retreat**
- 13-15 Theological Reflection - Glenmary
- 16-17 ICSC Confirmation Youth Retreat
- 16-18 Christian Women's Retreat
- 19-23 **Spiritual Direction (Week 7)**
- 24 **Center Annual Fundraiser Dinner - Hawaiian Luau**
- 30-2 Yoga Retreat

May

- 1 **Yarn Spinners (open to all)**
- 7-8 Hispanic Youth Retreat
- 8 **May I Walk You Home Retreat for Caregivers**
- 15-16 Mount Saint Joseph Academy Alumnae Reunion

June

- 1-5 **Discover Music, Nature and Maple Mount Camp for ages 10-12**
- 5 Private Wedding Reception
- 6-19 Writers Retreat Workshop
- 12 Private Wedding Reception
- 25-27 Private Family Reunion
- 28-29 Daviess County High School Panther Leaders

July

- 10 Ursuline Associates and Sisters Day
- 13-16 Ursuline Community Days
- 17 Ursuline Jubilee Celebration
- 17 Private Wedding Reception
- 18 Ursuline New Council Installation
- 18-24 **Sisters' Conference with Fr. David Knight/Directed Retreats**
- 30-31 Swarm Scrapbooking

Center-sponsored programs in bold. Please call to register.



To register or to schedule your event, call Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0200, ext. 413
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Catholic High School Principal Position Open

The Owensboro Catholic Schools system seeks candidates for the position of Principal at Owensboro Catholic High School. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic and hold appropriate certifications. He/she must have a demonstrated commitment to the mission of a Catholic school, strong interpersonal skills, a collaborative leadership style, competence in curriculum and staff development, and the ability to administer a budget. The Principal reports to and works in conjunction with the OCS Director. Submit resume and the names of 3 references to: Ken R. Rasp, Director, Owensboro Catholic Schools, 1524 W. Parrish Avenue, Owensboro, KY 42301, ken.rasp@owensborocatholic.org

6 Community Supports Lourdes with \$53,000 Fund Raiser

PADUCAH, Ky. – Even through a difficult economy, donors and businesses are actually increasing their support of Lourdes Foundation.

Nearly 750 Lourdes Foundation supporters turned out to celebrate Fat Tuesday at the 8th annual Mardi Gras & All That Jazz fund raiser held at Harrah's Metropolis Event Center on February 16. The event raised nearly \$53,000 in net proceeds to enhance Lourdes' healthcare services. In addition to the event's continued success, contributions to Lourdes Foundation jumped 17 percent in 2009 from the previous year.

"Healthcare is such a basic need, and we can all relate to the challenges of those who are uninsured or under-insured," said Tara Miller, Executive Director. "More than ever, our donors recognize the importance of high quality, compassionate care for our entire community, and are stepping up in amazing ways to support Lourdes' healing ministry."

Why the continued support from the community during tough times? Long time supporter Dr. Wally Montgomery says, "People feel confident making a donation to Lourdes Foundation because their gifts will be turned back around to serve our community in visible and meaningful ways."

Montgomery, and his wife, Geraldine, were the high bidders in the auction of Bill Ford's original Mardi Gras artwork, which raised an extra \$1,000 for the event.

Funds raised at Mardi Gras & All That Jazz are used to support programs and services, provide facility upgrades, and purchase state-of-the-art technology for Lourdes Hospital. The Foundation has raised over \$500,000 through the Mardi Gras fund raiser in eight years.

Party-goers enjoyed food and beverages from a variety of local restaurants, wineries, and vendors. Lew Jetton and 61 South entertained the crowd with classic blues and Southern rock music.



**Lourdes Auxilian,
Margaret Hagan**



Real ministry sometimes happens just by presence and attention

On March 11, 2010, his last night in Sri Lanka, the girls boarding at the school asked Fr Charlie Dittmeier, a Maryknoll priest and a native of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky., to come to their rec room and presented him with their handmade farewell cards. Sr. Maleny was one of the three Perpetual Help Sisters who was at the school for the deaf fifteen years ago. Photo from <http://www.parish-without-borders.net/cditt/>

The Climb Is Worth It, Miss Kentucky Tells St. Mary Elementary Students

By Rose Mary Payne
WHITESVILLE, Ky. - On Feb. 24, 2010, Miss Kentucky 2009 visited St. Mary of the Woods Grade School. Mallory Ervin was the 4th runner-up for the 2010 Miss USA contest. Miss Ervin attended Saint Ann School in Morganfield, Kentucky. Her message to St. Mary's students was one of encouragement for them to keep trying to reach their goals, do well in school, and never give up.

Rose Mary Payne is a Teacher/Technology Person for St. Mary's Grade School in Whitesville, Ky.



Pictured at left above is St. Mary's kindergarten student, Taylor Pedley, with Miss Kentucky as they sang "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus. Taylor is the daughter of Jenny and Brad Pedley of Whitesville. Photo by Rose Mary Payne

Travels With Father Charlie

Each year, on a Sunday near the feast of St. Joseph (March 19), Catholic Deaf people, mainly from south central Sri Lanka, which is predominantly a Buddhist country, to celebrate National Catholic Deaf Day at the school in Ragama. I fortuitously picked dates for travel to Sri Lanka that included this celebration so I had the chance to see again many deaf people whom I had known as students at St. Joseph up to 27 years ago.

The students at St. Joseph School for the Deaf which recently began a year-long 75th jubilee celebration, basically come from southwest Sri Lanka, an area with Colombo at its center. Most of them have been coming to the school since they were two or three years of age. The school provides a very good education and program of formation. The students at St. Joseph's are generally a happy lot and together with the Perpetual Help sisters form a lively and healthy community.

Fr. Charlie wrote: "I spent a lot of time with the kids. It means a lot for them to get affirmation from a foreigner. Most deaf people already feel somewhat second class

and marginalized so I can offer some real ministry sometimes just by presence and attention to the people and their activities."

There are about 210 students at St. Joseph School for the Deaf. The older students pass on Deaf Culture to the younger students, slowly forming a Deaf community throughout the island. Perhaps the worst aspect of deafness is the social isolation, being in groups but not part of them, so deaf people really enjoy time together with others who use sign language.

Fr. Charlie "Last night the students had a little going-away celebration for me. They had made cards--in perfect English--and presented them to me. Note in the photo that after giving the card, they make almost a prostration as a mark of respect. It's not only for clergy but also sometimes for parents and official dignitaries. Certainly different from the US!"

This article was composed from picture captions in a part of Father Charlie Dittmeier's website, <http://parish-without-borders.net/cditt/ontheroad/2010/Sri%20Lanka%202010/srilanka0.htm>

Read The Rank and File Catholic Newsletter

Dear friend of Labor,

In an attempt to raise the awareness of Catholic workers, the general Catholic community and the Catholic Church itself, about the Church's role in Labor, we have written and distributed a newsletter "The Rank And File Catholic" and we would like to share this latest edition (March 2010) with you.

Please feel free to send this to anyone who will help or appreciate our cause either by emailing or just handing out some copies. If you would prefer for TRAFIC to be sent via email or a paper copy be sent through the USPS just email or USPS mail the address data to the address below.

Some additional Biographical information to this issue's contributors:

Mr. Ken Menges: "It is interesting how paths cross in life. I have not spoken to Fr. Tony (Shonis) since 1971. I was a freshman in college at the Josephinum during Fr. Tony's deacon year. I left the seminary



in 1973 and began a career on the railroad with Missouri (now Union Pacific). I was elected to my first union position in 1979 and became the local chairman (steward) in 1983, a position I held for 20 years before having the opportunity to become the legislative representative for my local. In 2008 I was privileged to be elected by the Legislative Board to be the Missouri

State Legislative Director for the United Transportation Union (UTU)."

TRAFIC Note: *UTU has an excellent video, "Labor Unions & Railroads" on their web site. Go to <http://www.utu.org/> down the left side of the menu--go to "ORGANIZING/TRAINING" --when the window opens look down the section entitled "Why Union?" At the bottom right, click on "UTU Publications and Videos," and click on "Labor Unions and Railroads." If you have difficulty, please call Ken at 573-418-2362. This is worth watching!*

Fr. John S. Rausch: A prolific writer and recipient of the "Teacher of Peace Award" for 2007. The "Pope Paul VI Teacher of Peace Award" is given out annually by the organization Pax Christi USA, a Catholic organization, to an individual who has exemplified Pope Paul VI's World Day for Peace message: "To reach peace, teach peace." For additional information you may "google" "Fr. John

S. Rausch."

Glenmary priests, brothers and co-workers staff over 50 Catholic missions and ministries, and helped establish the Catholic Church in small-town and rural America.

You may read the previous editions of TRAFIC from "The Catholic Labor Network" WEB page, <http://www.catholiclabor.org>, or google the "Catholic Labor Network." Scroll down until you see "Rank and File Catholic," and click on the location indicated. We are very thankful to "The Catholic Labor Network" and Fr. Sinclair Oubre, J.C.L., for hosting these newsletters, and also Fr. Anthony Shonis's article "Spirit of Work" in AMERICA (The National Catholic weekly publication).

Thanks for taking the time to read this message.

God bless,

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The History Of The Diocese In Pictures

The Diocese of Owensboro has partnered with the Messenger-Inquirer to produce a pictorial history book celebrating the Catholic faith in western Kentucky.

The book will include more than 300 images from the parishes that make up the diocese of Owensboro. It will illustrate the life of the diocese through photographs taken from formation in 1937 through this year's Chrism Mass.

All western Kentucky Catholics are invited to submit up to three photographs for the project. The editors will consider all submitted images for inclusion. Electronic versions of the chosen images will also be added to the diocese archives.

Editors are primarily looking for images depicting the practice of the faith through the celebration of the sacraments. Some photographs of parish buildings and church artwork – like stained glass, church statues and church crosses – will also be included.

Submit photos by mail to Messenger-Inquirer, Attn: Special Publications, P.O. Box 1480, Owensboro, KY 42302-1480. In the Owensboro area you also have the option to make an appointment to bring your photographs to the Messenger-Inquirer, 1401 Frederica Street.

When submitting photographs, include the signed release (below) so your photographs can be used in the book. And remember to include information about any people and places shown in the photographs, including names, dates, church, city or

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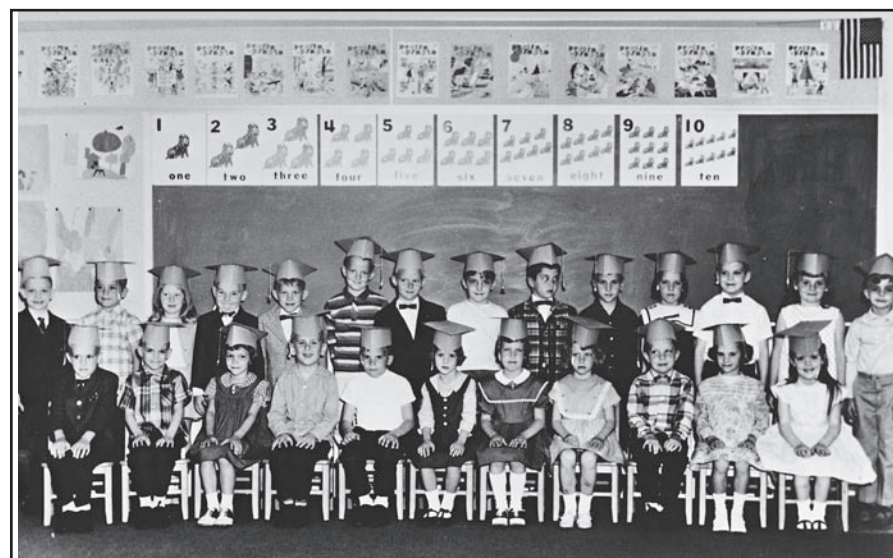
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town and the nature of the activity shown. A complete mailing address and telephone number should also be included in case there are any questions about the photos.

Photographs received through the mail will be scanned and mailed back as soon as possible. Photographs brought in person will be scanned and given back during your appointment time. Electronic submission is also an option – please call for technical specifications.

Call Beck Glenn at 270-691-7233 or toll free at 1-800-633-2008 for any questions about the book or to make an appointment to show your photographs. The deadline to submit photographs is **Friday, April 16, 2010.**



Holy Family Kindergarten Afternoon Class of 1966

For this pictorial history book, we're looking for pictures like this one that show a part of our Catholic culture in the western part of Kentucky. Other pictures may show various scenes in the Catholic culture in Western Kentucky.

This picture shows the Holy Family Kindergarten Afternoon Class of 1966. The Sisters of the Lamb of God opened the Kindergarten in their Convent at 1516 Parrish Avenue in 1964. It moved to Owensboro Catholic High in 1965 and remained there until it closed in 1981. Photo submitted by Judy Kapelsohn

Pastoral Year Reflections

Byron "Paco" Macias

"I was in Jail..."

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Sunday afternoon. After switching the lights off in the church after the 11am Mass, Father Richard Meredith and I are on our way to Daviess County Jail. Once there, Father lets the deputy know we arrived. A heavy iron door opens a few minutes later, and a deputy welcomes us in. We are scanned with a metal detector and surrender, among other things, our cell phones and keys; in turn, we are given a two-way radio. Immediately, we are led to "the chapel." As soon as we enter, we begin taking out Bibles, prayer books, and "Breaking Bread" books (in English and Spanish). I can tell Father is praying, and praying for the people we are going to see. I, on the other hand, find myself making sure that the chairs are perfectly juxtaposed.

The door opens as a parade of men wearing orange marches through the inner court. They are coming to be nourished with the Word and Body of Christ. With a handshake, Father Richard welcomes them at the door; I help handing them the books. I sit with them. After some conversation, father begins the service. As he shares the Good News, I look around and see their faces: men from different roads in life, now together in the name of Christ, thanks to the Church and her ministers. Some receive Holy Communion, some are not Catholics, and some do not even speak English: I imagine this is what Saint Paul had in mind when writing 1 Corinthians 12, 12.

Every Sunday at 1pm a group of Catholic men and women spend about three hours average at the jail, evangelizing and being evangelized. This ministry is simply called "Jail Ministry" and is composed by lay people and priests (and now a seminarian) from different parishes in Owensboro who possess authentic care for our brethren in prison. Their testimony echoes the words of Christ: "I was in jail and you came to visit me" (Matthew 25, 36).

As Father Richard and I put away the books and Bibles after the last of several services in the afternoon, I think of Good Pope John XXIII. One day he declared his intention of visiting Rome's Regina Coeli prison; his aides protested that there was simply no protocol for such a thing. The Pope replied: "Well, then, make some!" We drive back to the parish and get ready for youth group and later the 8 pm Mass. I look at Father Richard returning the Blessed Sacrament to the Tabernacle and I thank God for the gift of the Church. What an honor to be part of such gift.

**Thanks to Suzann Millay for her collaboration on the writing of this reflection.*



(left to right) Emilee Howard (looking at the camera), John McCarty, Ronnie Cecil, Carolyn McCarty, Austin Howard, Pam Howard, and Brownie Alford taking Christmas care bags for the inmates and staff of Daviess County Jail last December 19. Photo by Byron Macias.

May I Walk You Home?

This one-day retreat will help caregivers of the very ill learn how to cope in their daily lives.

Saturday, May 8

Are you a caregiver for the very ill? We invite you to a special retreat to seek new depths of compassion and understanding....a wonderful gift.



Betty Medley

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To register, contact Kathy McCarty:
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Life Teen Band Director Needed

The Cathedral of Christ the King is seeking a dynamic part-time (10-15 hours weekly) director for its Life Teen music ministry. The person in this position will lead the praise and worship band for the Life Teen Mass at 5:00 PM Sunday evenings. This includes working with the pastoral team, the youth ministry team and band members in planning the Mass and leading the congregation in traditional and contemporary praise and worship music. Applicants must be Catholics in good standing with the Church.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and current resume to Robert Whitaker by email at rwhitaker@cdlex.org, or by post at Cathedral of Christ the King, 299 Colony Blvd, Lexington, KY, 40502. Deadline for submitting applications is April 30th, 2010.

A Centenarian Priest's Legacy: “... to prepare the way for the rest of us to come ever closer to Jesus.”

Homily of Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith at Carmel Home for the Celebration of Fr. Charles DeNardi's 100th Birthday

My Dear Friends,

Christmas Eve, 2009 - What a perfect day to celebrate Fr. DeNardi's 100th birthday. Today we are so aware of the fact that we will celebrate the Birthday of Jesus, the day that Jesus became one of us. We are reminded of this as we have celebrated Advent and were constantly reminded John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus. We have been reminded by the angel saying that a child shall be born and you will call Him Emmanuel (God is with us).

Is it any wonder that this — the eve of the birth of Jesus — is such a special day as we await the birth of Christ — that God actually became one of us

as a baby. Jesus would be one of us in every way — except that He was without sin. On the other hand we know that while He was without sin — he came to save all of us from our sins. He came to pay the price for all the sins of God's People. As we read in the Gospel that Zeckariah prophesied in the words “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel: for He has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior.” Zeckariah goes on to talk about how John the Baptist would prepare the way for the coming of the Lord Jesus by calling them to repent so that they might receive our savior — telling them that “In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and



Father Joe Mills exchanged a Sign of Peace with Fr. Charles DeNardi at Christmas Day, 2009, Mass in the Carmel Home Chapel. Mel Howard Photo



On Christmas Day, 2009, Father Charles DeNardi reached the age of 100 at Carmel Home in Owensboro, and wheeled himself into chapel for Mass. Here Fr. DeNardi was returning to his room after Mass. Mel Howard Photo

Saint Mary High School Students Described As “The Beginning Of A Mock Trial Dynasty”

PADUCAH, Ky. - Students from St. Mary High School joined students from 30 other high schools across Kentucky on March 5-6, 2010, to compete in the Mock Trial State Tournament in Louisville. Competition began on Friday and concluded on Sunday with St. Mary High School placing 16th overall. St. Mary placed higher than any of the schools from our region that competed and also higher than St. Xavier High School in Louisville.

The St. Mary Mock Trial Team was formed this year and is coached by Mr. Samuel Wright, an attorney with Denton & Keuler in Paducah.

During the tournament, one of the Circuit Court Judges in attendance remarked that he thought St. Mary High School had been competing in Mock Trial tournaments for years. When he was informed that this was St. Mary's first year competing, he stated, “this is the beginning of a mock trial dynasty.”



Members of the Saint Mary team are (left to right) John Broadbent, Rashmi Bhat, Eric Butterbaugh, Sarah Hendley, Taylor Weitlauf, Jeffrey Johnson, Sam Whittaker, Brianna Weitlauf, Sean Butterbaugh, Andrew Rivadeneira, and

Mr. Samuel Wright (Coach). Three of these team members were selected by the judges for the All-State Team. They are Rashmi Bhat, Taylor Weitlauf, and Jeffrey Johnson. Submitted by Nikki Fuller

the shadow of death and to guide our feet in the way of Peace”

All of this will be remembered tomorrow — the Birthday of Jesus. Is it any wonder that we can't wait for that celebration? It brings our Savior — it is at the very center of all of Christian life. We are reminded of that as we celebrate this Eucharist — “Do this in memory of Me” puts this Birth in touch with the Cross and the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It is all one story of our Salvation, and that is what life is all about.

Now we are blessed to celebrate the birthday of a great priest. His birthday will actually be tomorrow, Christmas Day, but we start that celebration today.

Father DeNardi, we thank God for your call to be a priest and we thank you for having said Yes to that call 74 years ago. We thank God for your 100 years of life on this earth. We can't help but think of how your parents must have been like Joseph and Mary as they waited those last hours for Jesus to be born. Your Birthday helps us get in touch with the real meaning of Christmas.

We thank God and thank you for having prepared the way for countless people to come to know Jesus, to know God's great love for them, and to ultimately enjoy their salvation and eternal happiness with Jesus and His Blessed Mother

Congratulations and God's blessings on you for all you have done and continue to do to prepare the way for the rest of us to come ever closer to Jesus.

Editor's Note: Father DeNardi is the only surviving member of the 40-member presbyterate which helped start the Diocese of Owensboro in 1937. It has been a source of humor for the elder priests of the diocese to describe these 40 priests as “the Forty Martyrs,” a nickname describing those priests who were serving within western Kentucky for the Diocese of Louisville, and were re-assigned in 1937 to remain in western Kentucky to begin the new diocese.

Sister Cheryl Clemons Chosen As Brescia Academic Dean

MAPLE MOUNT, Ky. - Sister Cheryl Clemons will become academic dean and vice president of academic affairs at Brescia University on Aug. 1. Sister Cheryl will succeed Sister Sharon Sullivan, who will leave that post this summer to become the community's congregational leader.

The academic dean is responsible for the entire academic purview of the university. Since 2004, Sister Cheryl has been assistant congregational leader for the Ursuline Sisters, a term she will conclude in July. Also during that time she's been an adjunct professor at the Hesburgh Center, Catholic Theological Union, in Chicago. Before being elected, Sister Cheryl was an associate professor of religious studies at Brescia. She has a doctorate from The Catholic University of America in histori-



Sister Cheryl Clemons, O.S.U.,

cal theology – systematics, with minors in women's theology and medieval church history.

OCHS National Honor Society Named Outstanding Chapter for 2nd Year!

Congratulations to the 21 NHS members who attended the state convention. As usual, the NHS from OCHS was the largest and most impressive group in attendance. OCHS was named Outstanding Chapter for the 2nd year in a row and won 1st place in Outstanding Service project for the Giving Tree done with Boulevare, Oasis and Pitino Shelters at Christmas time.

The scrapbook done by Sierra White and her crew won 2nd place. Christian Hall and Danielle Carrico won 1st place in the visual arts categories of drawing and photography.

The variety show which consisted of all 21 members doing a dance routine won 3rd place while Andrea Schepers also won 3rd place in the speech contest.

Melinda Thompson won 1st place in the English written assessment and the quiz bowl team won their first round of competition. The group represented Owensboro Catholic well with their enthusiasm and participation.

In the picture at right, from left, are NHS members Ann-Claude Rakotoniaina, Danielle Carrico, Regina Powers, Christian Hall, Abbie Riney, Caitlin Wilson, Melinda Thompson, Ellen Wright, Audrey Castlen, Sierra White (holding the Outstanding Service 1st place award), Kathryn Dueker, Olivia Hardesty, Taylor Edge, Trent Ackermann, Andrea Schepers, Kathryn Hyland, Josh Linn, Hannah Zingg, Robert Payne, Colleen Berry, and Chase Carrico. OCS Photo



Trying On U.S. Presidential Roles For Size

The St. Mary Elementary kindergarten celebrated Presidents' Day by putting on a presidential program. Each child learned a few facts about a president. They dressed up like their president and presented themselves to the parents and students on February 22nd, Washington's birthday, and did a fantastic job! Everyone learned a little bit about each president, and they looked so cute! Submitted by Kelley Lang for St. Mary Elementary, Paducah, KY



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Real Ministry Sometimes Happens With Presence And Attention

Sister Jacinta Powers, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, and Ursuline Associate Martha House of Owensboro traveled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Feb. 13-21 as part of a Hospice St. Joseph Medical Relief Team. The building at Hospice St. Joseph was destroyed during the recent earthquake. The team had a total of two doctors, two nurse practitioners, two nurses, and two people working with Medicines for Humanity, which sponsors the clinic at Hospice St. Joseph.

Here is Sister Jacinta's blog entry for Feb. 15, 2010: "After sleeping in our tent to the sounds of dogs, roosters and other night creatures communicating with each other throughout the hours of darkness, we arose to greet the morning with our team of eight. Medicine and supplies were sorted the previous night into basic drug categories - antibiotics, respiratory, stomach etc. People were allowed into the compound at 9:00 a.m. this morning. But just like the walk-in clinic at the Church Health Center, the waiting line had started to form hours before. Numbers were distributed to aid us in attempting to provide some order to our services. Many came with children who were beginning to show signs of infection and malnutrition. But the lack of sparkle in the children's eyes was the most distinctive. Everyone had either been injured themselves or had lost family members in the earthquake.

"Knowing the thousands who needed help in our ER clinic it was important to remember we were doing what we could to relieve the suffering of today. It reminded me of the starfish story, the little boy who walked along the beach throwing starfish back in the sea. When confronted with the question, 'You will never be able to help them all, so what difference does it make?'" The little boy looked out at the starfish he had just pitched into the sea and said, "To that one it made a difference." To the ones we saw today it made a difference."

To read the entire blog, visit www.hopeandhealing.org and enter "Healing in Haiti" in their search box.

Sister Jacinta Powers, OSU, measures the height on a child at a makeshift medical clinic in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in February. Sister Jacinta is a registered nurse and serves at the Church Health Center in Memphis, Tenn. MSJ Photo

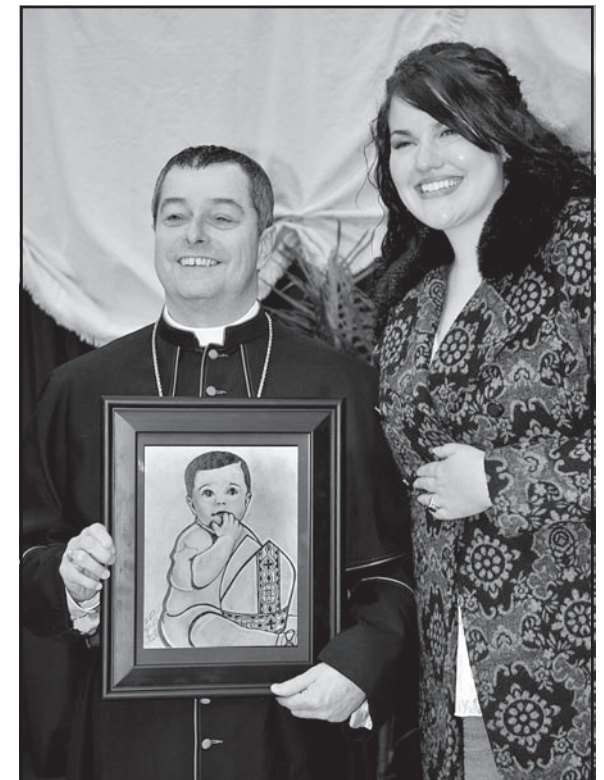


Martha House, a registered nurse, holds a child who had been brought to a makeshift medical clinic in Haiti. MSJ Photo



OCMS Math Counts Team Places in Regional Competition

Congratulations to the OCMS MathCounts team who placed 3rd in the regional competition held at Kentucky Wesleyan College on Saturday, February 20, 2010. The team members are Sam Booth, Hannah Hagan, Justin Krampe, and Danielle Hogg. The team was led by faculty member Hank Harvey. OCS Photo



I Humbly Accept

When Amie Stevens saw a picture of Bishop-elect Bill Medley as a child in the February, 2010 Special Edition of *The Western Kentucky Catholic*, she began to sketch it. Anne made a drawing of the picture, had it matted and framed, and gave it to Bishop Medley at a public reception for him on the evening of his ordination Feb. 10, 2010. Her drawing has the child holding a bishop's mitre. She titled it, "I Humbly Accept," a phrase taken from one of the articles in that edition. Photo by Mel Howard

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National Speaker Rick Lavoie at Brescia University

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Brescia University, Daviess County Public Schools, Owensboro Public Schools, and Owensboro Catholic Schools have collaborated to bring nationally-known author and speaker, Rick Lavoie, to Owensboro. Lavoie is an icon in the field of special education.



Rick Lavoie

Lavoie will be speaking to the public on April 13 at 7 pm in the Taylor Lecture Hall (Science Building). This speaking engagement will be extremely beneficial for educators and parents of children with special needs. Lavoie will meet earlier in the day with the Brescia School of Education students, faculty, and staff. He will have a separate address to the educators from the participating school systems.

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BRESCIA UNIVERSITY

Alumni Weekend

April 9-10, 2010

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Friday evening:

- ✦ Distinguished Alumni Banquet

Saturday morning:

- ✦ "Are you Smarter than a Brescia Freshman?" Brunch
- ✦ Alumni Art Show

Saturday afternoon:

- ✦ Family Picnic/Alumni Association Annual Meeting
- ✦ Mass

The deadline to register is April 5th.

For a registration form or more information, visit www.brescia.edu or contact Josh Clary, Alumni Relations Director, at (270) 686-2111 or josh.clary@brescia.edu.



2010 Annual Empty Bowls Fund raiser



OWENSBORO, Ky. - Empty Bowls 2010 will take place at the Settle Memorial ROC, across from Settle Memorial Church, located on 4th Street. This year the supper will be on Thursday, April 29, starting at 6 PM.

This annual event happens across the country as a way to raise funds for those in need of food. This year, Brescia University's Art Department teamed up to host an Empty Bowls workday in the clay studio. Several local potters, including Thomas Porter, Michele Hartung, Jason Hayden, Nita Claise, Rosemary Chamberlain, Dave Stratton, and Kevin Fritz made more than 250 bowls for the fund raiser. The clay and glaze were contributed by Brescia University.

Local potters make and donate the bowls, which the soup is then served in. The ticket price purchases a bowl and the dinner. Once the meal is over, the bowl goes home with the participant.

To purchase a bowl and enjoy supper at Settle Memorial, the cost is \$15 per person. All money raised goes to fund soup kitchens at Third Baptist Church and Woodlawn United Methodist Church.

For tickets, stop by any of the following locations: First Presbyterian Church, Faith Lutheran Church, First Christian Church, Century Christian Church, Zion United Methodist Church, Zion Baptist Church, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, or Brescia University's Campus Center. Or you may contact David Stratton at 270-686-4270, Kevin Fritz at 812-630-6295, or Marian Bennett at 270-684-3955.

Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds Celebrates 30 Years of Priesthood

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PADUCAH, Ky. - Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds, JCL, pastor of St. Thomas More in Paducah completed 30 years as a priest on January 12, 2010. An anniversary Mass was celebrated Friday, January 15th with a

reception that followed in the Parish Hall. Family and friends gathered to congratulate Fr. Pat on his faithful service to God through the Catholic Church.



The St. Thomas More choir with organist, Director of Music & Liturgy, Jim Hess.



Boy Scout Sunday at St. Thomas More

Boy Scouts from the St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah, celebrated Boy Scout Sunday by attending Mass together on February 7, 2010. Each scout wore their uniforms, and Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds provided a special blessing to honor the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts. Photo by Isabelle LaBarge



Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds 30th Anniversary Mass - L to R back row - Fr. Frank Roof, Fr. Tom Buckman, Fr. Greg Trawick, Fr. Daniel Dillard, Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith; forefront - Deacon Brandon

Williams, Diocesan Administrator the Very Reverend Michael Clark, Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds, and Seminarians Ryan Harpole and Steve Hohman. Photos by Lois Bell

Rick Lavoie at Brescia University

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Lavoie has served as an administrator of residential programs for children with special needs since 1972. He holds three degrees in special education and has served as an adjunct professor or visiting lecturer at numerous universities including Harvard, Syracuse, University of Alabama, and Georgetown. His numerous national television appearances include CBS Morning Show, Good Morning America, ABC Evening News, and Disney Channel Presents. He has given more than 2,500 keynote addresses and workshops to schools, institutions, and agencies in North America, Australia, New Zealand, and Hong Kong.

Lavoie serves as a consultant on learning disabilities to the Public Broadcasting Service, New York Times, the National Center for Learning Disabilities, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Child Magazine, and WETA. He is a mem-

ber of the Professional Advisory Board of the Learning Disabilities Association. He received the 2009 Learning Disabilities Association of America's Sam Kirk Award.

Lavoie is probably best known for his videos "How Difficult Can This Be?: The F.A.T. City Workshop," which Brescia University uses in teaching its special education program, and "Last One Picked, First One Picked On: The Social Implications of Learning Disabilities".

For more information on Lavoie's visit to Owensboro, please contact Dr. Tom Payne, School of Education Chair, at 270-686-4267 or tom.payne@brescia.edu.

This event is made possible through funding of the Brescia University Young Lecture Series, Daviess County Public Schools, Owensboro Public Schools, and Owensboro Catholic Schools.

Brescia University Alumni Weekend 2010

Brescia University's Alumni Weekend and 60th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for April 9-10, 2010. Friday evening Brescia will recognize our previously-honored and newly selected Distinguished Alumni. Saturday morning will include the

"Are You Smarter than a Brescia Freshman? Brunch" and Alumni Art Show.

Saturday afternoon begins with a Family Picnic in the Quad, featuring games for adults and children, campus tours, and honoring the 2010 annual alumni

awards recipients, with mass following. Gambrinus will host a Brescia Happy Hour Saturday evening and alumni are free to make their own plans with classmates and friends. The deadline to register is April 5th. For a registration form or more information, visit www.brescia.edu or contact Josh Clary at (270) 686-2111.



14 Catholic Identity, Finances Topmost Concerns for Catholic Schools

By Mel Howard

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Priests and Catholic School Administrators from across the diocese together with Bishop William Medley met at Saint Pius Tenth Parish Center here on March 2 to think about Catholic Schools.

What was on their minds? They were thinking about faith and finances, the passing on of the faith from older generations of Catholics to the younger ones in a Catholic School setting, and what it takes to pay for that school, keep it open and accessible not only to the wealthy but also to low and middle income Catholics.

The focus of the day's discussions was presented by Father Ronald Nuzzi and James M. Frabutt, two of three co-authors of a 2008 Notre Dame Study of U.S. Pastors entitled *Faith, Finances, and the Future*.

They surveyed 1,047 U.S. Roman Catholic Priests from across the nation in a representative sample to ask priests about their perceptions of Catholic Schools.

Lead researcher Fr. Ronald Nuzzi introduced the presentation saying, "I think that the greatest contribution of this study is in bringing leaders of the Church together to talk in an academic setting about a shared vision, a shared mission (for Catholic Schools); it takes the temperature of the pastors."

For one thing, there is no longer a governing system in which one parish supports its Catholic School; no parish can afford it today. Pastors work together with other priests, women religious, and laity, both at the parish level and on the diocesan level, to maintain the school.

Another fact is that if any Catholic School is succeeding in its faith mission, Roman Catholic priests strongly support it, not just by providing the sacramental ministry for the school community, but also by speaking well of the school wherever the priests may go, thus encouraging the teachers, students, administrators, the parents, and the parishes which belong to the Catholic School community. Nothing can happen for a Catholic School if the priests don't support it, the study found.

The nation's priests sampled by this Notre Dame study found that the top two needs facing U.S. Catholic Schools today are Catholic identity and finances. The top five areas that Catholic Schools need to address, the pastors said, are finances, marketing, long range planning, enrollment, and Catholic identity.

"Finances and Faith," said Father Nuzzi, "are the two things most on pastors' minds."

However, the study found out that priests who have been ordained longer, who went to Catholic elementary and high schools themselves, own this problem more centrally. "Pastors differ," Mr. Frabutt said in summarizing the study's findings, "on the worth, quality, access, and governance of Catholic Schools according to their Catholic School experience, age, and number of years ordained. The older pastors are who have more personal experience with Catholic Schools, the more they value the Catholic School."

Pastors found that the school principal was the most reliable source of information about Catholic Schools. And it is the school principal from whom the pastor receives his highest level of support in his ministry within the Catholic School community.

Pastors told the researchers that enrollment management, financial management, maintaining affordability, making capital improvements, and fostering Catholic identity are the most important needs which face Catholic School leadership and Catholic school communities. Enrollment is the key to vitality, U.S. pastors told the researchers. Much of the talk about schools comes down to money, funding, solvency, the pastors said. Financial help is the driver. Pastors said that Catholic Schools need a low tuition rate for low and middle income level families to "make sure that a Catholic School does not become a rich kid's academy."

Mr. Frabutt noted that the study found that these three need themes interconnect: enrollment, finances, and affordability.

The average U.S. Catholic School was started in 1936, Fr. Nuzzi said. In the USA, 50% were built before 1960. Making capital improvements in Catholic Schools is instrumental in achieving other goals a school has, said Fr. Nuzzi, a 26-year priest of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio.

Catholic Identity was much on the minds of the nation's priests, the survey found. What is meant by Catholic identity? To get at what a Catholic identity in a school looks like, the survey asked the U.S. priests surveyed questions about the presence in schools of the teaching of Catholic doctrine, opportunities for evangelization and ministry, the experiences available to students for religious formation, prayer, and liturgy. In a summary of major findings in the survey report, the researchers wrote, "Catholic identity was ranked fifth out of a list of 16 possible needs currently being addressed by the parish school." After finances, Catholic identity was the second major theme on U.S. pastors'

minds to emerge from the survey's data. One pastor told researchers, "None of it is worthwhile unless we maintain strong Catholic identity."

What is to be done for Catholic Schools? The researchers gave these recommendations from analysis of the data:

- Decrease expenses: Catholic schools can help their financial situations by working to decrease expenses in "economies of scale," especially in the areas of health care, procurement of technology, purchasing of educational supplies, and management of utility costs. Researchers spoke much about partnering in a regional and national cooperative for health care or natural gas procurement as "...not something every individual parish and pastor can accomplish. Leadership (for partnering) will be required at the diocesan, state, and national level."

In short, Catholic parishes and schools must work together to decrease costs of operation of available, accessible Catholic schools.

- Increase revenues: Adopt a strategic approach to increasing revenues by creating a portfolio of development activities: capital campaigns, annual funds, giving societies, alumni associations, bequests and wills, grant writing, and foundation gifts. Catholic philanthropy and Catholic colleges and universities can help parishes and schools establish these development services. U.S. pastors are particularly open to such meaningful partnerships with Catholic universities, the survey found, but such partnerships has "recently not been very seriously engaged in many K-12 Catholic educational issues."

Better accessing federal and state funds (Title funds) that are rightfully dedicated to providing services for students in Catholic schools can increase revenues. The politically sensitive issue of school choice (school vouchers, tuition tax credit programs, is "another ripe fruit, too long ignored by the Catholic sector," the researchers wrote. "Political activity on behalf of school choice is not something that can be accomplished easily by a single parish or pastor," the researchers noted. State legislators, the Catholic community, political leaders, and all stakeholders in Catholic schools, the report said, must be "moved to action ...mobilized ... made to take notice ... And persuaded to see the civic value in supporting religious schools with tax dollars."

The management of investment pools in the dioceses of the U.S. is largely individualistic, the report noted, but recent recommendations from business



Father Ron Nuzzi, at right, co-researcher for *Faith, Finances, and the Future: The Notre Dame Study of U.S. Pastors, 2008*, spoke with diocesan Catholic School leaders and priests at Saint Pius Tenth Parish Hall to present the findings of the research. Here he spoke with Father Ken Mikulcik during a break. Mel Howard Photo

leaders and financial planners suggested that pooled investments may hold greater potential for growth, something like the National Catholic Endowment Fund, a pooled for investing long-term assets. The funds have a much better risk/return profile due to size and oversight, the report said.

The report said, "A Catholic school is a Christian community, rooted in the person of Jesus Christ, established by the Church he founded, to educate and form the next generation about the central mysteries of life and faith."

The researchers concluded, "... We believe the more fundamental challenge facing Catholic schools in particular and the Church in general is theological. There is a manifest need for a greater appreciation and understanding of the central mysteries of the faith. There is a greater need for adult education and conversion. People routinely pay for what they value ...the most important leadership service the clergy can provide at this moment in our history is the evangelization and education of adult and young adult Catholics ...a Catholicism fully understood, a Christianity fully realized, will lead adults to a more robust participation in parish life, including enrollment of their children in Catholic Schools."



Members of the Precious Blood RCIA retreat group pray in the chapel at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on Feb. 28.



Dr. Eddie Prunty talks with the St. Joseph/Central City Teen Retreat group at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center Feb. 26-28.



Drew Hardesty of Lourdes Parish leads a retreat for RCIA members from Lourdes at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on March 14.



Martha Little of Owensboro leads a Writer's Meditation workshop on March 6 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.

Bishop: We Are All One Family; We Are All God's Children

On Mar. 17, 2010, at the end of the St. Patrick's Day Mass for Immigration Reform, Bishop William Medley commissioned diocesan representatives to go to Washington, D.C. on March 21 to join tens of thousands of people for the *March For America: Change Takes Courage and Faith*, a massive rally for immigration reform sponsored by religious, civil rights, immigrant, family and labor groups, and to attend a Mass in support of immigration reform celebrated by His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahoney, archbishop of Los Angeles.

Bishop Medley said, "We know the stories, the needs, and the contributions of the immigrant church in America. We are all one family under God." He urged the country to pass a comprehensive immigration reform plan.

See the May, 2010, *Western Kentucky Catholic* for the rest of this story. Mel Howard Photo



First Reconciliation

Second graders St. Joseph in Mayfield celebrated First Reconciliation on February 6, 2010. Pictured are Ethan Barnett, Ethan Jenkins, Clair Lamb, Shelby Gargus and Jennifer Armstrong. Submitted Photo



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It's Camp Time!

Special to the Western Kentucky Catholic

Every person or situation has its own story. This is the story of a simple grant. In 2005, Bishop McRaith received information about a grant from Catholic Extension in honor of John Paul II. He and Melinda Prunty, the director for the office of Youth Ministry for the diocese of Owensboro, met to discuss how they could use the grant. Melinda, along with several others, had been discussing the idea of the diocese having a summer camp and retreat center for young people. "Who else loved young people and the outdoors more than John Paul II?" Melinda often said.

The grant was written, awarded and used as a salary for Ben Warrell to see if there was the need and desire for the diocese to have its own summer camp and retreat center. Ben had been working for one of the premiere summer camps and retreat centers in the state that was run by the United Methodist Church. The number of Catholic groups using the facility grew each year. The groups loved the facility but desired a place with a Catholic Identity. After traveling around and gathering information from the diocese for a year, the data showed that the want and need was there for such a facility. Later in June of 2007 the diocese purchased the Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center.

Since that time, the facility has had two summer camp seasons. The first had 118 campers over 4 ½ weeks of camp. The second summer doubled the number of campers to 244 over 6 ½ weeks of camp. The camp has added bed space, thanks to the Embry Family with Embry Medical Supply and the Murphy Family with Scott & Murphy Construction, and looks to grow even larger this summer. In addition, the grounds are open for retreats throughout the year that the Catholic Schools and parishes of the diocese have been able to utilize.

Response from campers and retreat guests alike has been amazing. "I've never felt closer to God." "Now I have an idea what Heaven will be like." "I didn't think of my faith as being fun, but it is and it's awesome." "I didn't want to leave; this has been the best week of my life." "I've learned so much about my faith and now I want to put it into use." These are just

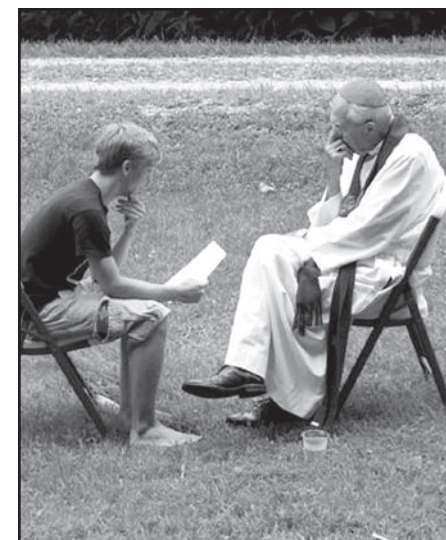
2010 Summer Camp Schedule

May 31 through June 4
June 6 through June 11
June 13 through June 18
June 20 through June 25
June 27 through June 30
July 4 through July 9
July 11 through July 16
July 18 through July 23
July 25 through July 28
July 25 through July 30

18 and over
5th & 6th Grade
7th & 8th Grade
5th & 6th Grade
3rd & 4th Grade
High School
7th & 8th Grade
High School
3rd & 4th Grade
High School

Eucharistic Life Camp
Expedition Camp
Quest Camp
Expedition II
Explorer Camp
Camp LIFE
Quest Camp II
Camp Life II
Explorer II
High Adventure Camp

Please go to our website www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org for more information on each camp and to find all the forms you'll need to register for camp. Camp can be a life changing experience. Bring a friend with you if you'd like and be prepared for an adventure like none other. If you have any questions about camp or if you would like to schedule a visit to the camp to see ahead of time what we have to offer, please call 270-781-2466. Thanks, and we can't wait to see you this summer.



Bishop-emeritus John J. McRaith listening to a young camper at a recent celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

At left, campers clowning for the camera during A Quest Camp. Submitted photos

some of the responses from the evaluations from the young people who have used the facility.

The simple act of filling out a form from Catholic Extension has helped change the future of our diocese. So many young people are growing in their faith and taking it back to their families, parishes and communities.

In addition, two young men are attending seminary and credit their camp experience as helping them hear God's call in discerning priesthood. So many other young people have talked about how they are going to work here when they get older to give back to God for what He has done for them while they were here. Isn't it incredible how God can take something simple and turn it into something amazing!

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: Mr. Ken Bennett, Dr. Charles Bohle, Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kay Castlen, Rev. Pat Connell, Mr. Jeff Ebelhar, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Teresa Henry, (Chairperson), Mr. Dan Howard, Sr. Eula Johnson, SCN, and Rev. Pat Reynolds. Ms. Louanne Payne serves as the Bishop's 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.

Holy Name School's theme for the 2009-2010 school year is "Going Green." We have concentrated all year on ways to recycle, reuse, and control the trash that we produce, both at school and in our homes. During Catholic Schools Week, the junior high classes invited Mrs. Pauline Allen from the Tri-County Recycling Center to talk with us about ways to recycle, reuse, and purchase products made from recycled items. Students listened, took notes and had forty-five minutes to write essays about the topic of recycling.

The 7th grade winner of the Catholic Schools Week Recycling Essay Contest is Elena Nunez and Katie Vickers won the 8th grade level. Other top students were: Hencye Sights, Jessica Bailey, Anna Mayo, Ilianna Parrillas, Farley Norman, Hannah Hodge, Brianna Hengen, and Nick Faupel.

The winning essays are below:

Recycling

By Elena Nunez

Do you ever wonder what the future is going to be like? You may think that people might travel in spaceships instead of cars or entire cities may be under water. All these things may happen, but now the future is not looking so good. Our environment is in a state of crisis all because of our lazy habit of throwing stuff away, not only in trash cans, but everywhere.

How can we stop this? The simple solution is three ways: reducing, reusing, and recycling. Reducing and reusing are two wonderful ways of helping our world, but recycling is more affective. What is recycling? It is separating, collecting, processing, marketing, and using materials that would otherwise be thrown away.

Sometimes you may think instead of recycling your Coke bottles to make new ones, it might be easier to just go and buy new ones, right? Wrong! By just recycling those cans you were going to throw away you will reduce our needs for landfills and incinerators. Also, recycling conserves, not only our natural resources, but our natural beauty. To me, it just makes sense. Sadly, if you are still not convinced, think of this: every time you drink water or enjoy wildlife, they have been affected by your local water, which may be polluted from trash. You and the entire ecological community have a greater chance of drinking polluted water from trash thrown into the water source.

Personally, I try to do everything I can to reduce the need of trash. What things have I done to make a difference? When I was a second grader, my Girl Scout troop decided to write a letter to the newspaper to continue recycling. Surprisingly they decided to continue all because of our voice. This shows everyone can make a difference. I recycle as much as possible including at school. My school even has a bench made of recycled bottle tops.

So my message to you, my friend, is to recycle. Humans are a keystone species for the survival of our environment. A keystone species is a species that supports an entire ecological community. So

remember three things and you can make a difference. Those three things are: reduce, reuse and recycle.

Recycling

By Katie Vickers

Contrary to what people may believe, recycling is very important and should be taken seriously. Each person generates up to approximately one ton of trash per year. The majority of this trash then is taken to a landfill where it will most likely never decompose. There are several other ways that people use to rid themselves of their trash. Some burn trash; besides the fact that this is illegal, it creates toxic fumes, hurts the air quality, and stinks. Others simply dump their trash on the ground. By doing this you could contaminate drinking water and even harm animals, especially if the trash contains chemicals. There is a very simple solution to get rid of trash—recycle.

Recycling holds very significant value to the environment. If we continue to produce the amount of trash at the current rate, generations to come will be stuck with our mistake and its consequences. Air quality will continue to worsen if we do not start to enforce recycling. You can start to do this by changing yourself first. Do the right thing by recycling and do not litter or waste. If you start to do these things, others might follow your example.

Recycling is an important habit for people to develop. It is crucial that we all work together towards a better environment. By recycling paper, you can save more trees from being cut down. Recycling aluminum cans saves up to 95% of the energy to create more aluminum cans. As plastic is made from crude oil, recycling it saves energy and lessens dependence on foreign oil markets. To recycle glass you can either crush it or melt it. Crushing glass saves space and can be used to repave our roads. Glass can also be melted to make more glass bottles.

The City of Henderson is very recycle-friendly. Glass bottles are collected and crushed at the Tri-County Recycling

Center where they are taken to job sites to be reused. Holy Name School offers many opportunities for recycling. Our theme this year is "Going Green". As a chance for extra credit, the Student Y Club collects tab tops from aluminum cans and plastic bottle tops. Students can bring in sandwich-sized bags of tab tops and gallon-sized bags of plastic tops worth five bonus points per bag in the class of their choice. This gets us in the habit of sorting and recycling. In the many projects we do at Holy Name School,

we try to reuse and use products made from recycled materials. At my home, we collect paper, cardboard, plastic and glass and deliver them to the Recycling Center. We also reuse items, such as school supplies.

As occupants of this planet, it is our duty to make an effort to protect it. We should all work together to make it a suitable living place for generations to come. We can all make a difference if everyone would get involved. Help to impact change!



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Retreat Director: Fr. Paul Prabell



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Home Missions Scholars Program Begins

March 18, 2010 - Brescia University announced the first cohort in the Home Missions Scholars Program. In conversation with current lay ecclesial ministers and pastors, Brescia University identified a critical need to reach out to parishes and emerging lay ministers in rural or remote areas of the Diocese. Through this work the Home Missions Scholars program was born.

The first cohort of five Brescia students are Melissa Armstrong, Mayfield; Zach Ault, Paducah; Kim Brumfield, Hardinsburg; Peggy Potempa, Aurora; and Cheryl Powell, Bowling Green. More information on this program will be in the May, 2010, WKC. For now, check out the story online: <http://www.brescia.edu/academics/news/2010/03/home-missions-scholars-program-begins.php>

18 Experience of Bishop Medley's Ordination Brought Me Reflection On What Catholic Faith Means To Me

By Edie Keeney

PADUCAH, Ky. - On Wednesday, February 10, 2010, I attended the Ordination and Installation of Rev. William Francis Medley as the 4th Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro at the Owensboro Sportscenter. I usually avoid large crowds and I made up my mind at almost the last minute to go. A bus load of people left the St. Francis de Sales parking lot at 9 that morning and did not return until almost 9 that evening. It was a long day, and I was tired, but it truly was a wonderful experience, one that I spent some time the next day thinking about. There were thousands of people there, rows and rows of people filling the bleachers and the gym floor along with 12 bishops, 2 Abbots, 10 deacons, and approximately 250 priests. I have never in my life been in the presence of so many Catholics and definitely not so many priests. I have attended Mass in many different churches, in different countries and in languages I didn't understand and I felt a connection with each community but this Mass was special. To know that I share the Catholic faith with all of those thousands of people and all of those priests and religious who have dedicated their lives to that faith was a very moving experience.

When I was 5 years old, my family moved to a very small town that had only 1,200 to 1,500 population during all the years I lived there. The first couple of years, the local Catholic Church only had Mass every 5th Sunday of a month; a visiting priest came until we were blessed with a full time priest. There were very few Catholic families in the town and surrounding area. My mother came from a Catholic family but my father did not. He supported my mother's financial support and our participation in the church activities. My mother did not drive so my father drove us to and from church every Sunday, and insisted my older sister was there with my Mom and me, even when she wanted to sleep in after a Saturday night date. I think he may have enjoyed his contribution to her spirituality. My father's mother died when he was 8, and he was not raised to attend church. Before his death, he was baptized, received Holy Communion and was anointed.

My first experience in a Catholic

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atmosphere was at the hospital where I attended the nursing program. We students rode a bus several miles from our residence to the hospital where we would attend Mass in the Chapel before eating our breakfast and heading off to class. Most of my classmates

were Catholic and many had attended Catholic schools. It was there in that small hospital chapel that I came to love and treasure the Mass. And it was there that I made a promise to myself that I would only marry a Catholic man and asked God to help me keep that promise. I realized that even though my father completely supported us in the practice of our faith, it was something that he did not share with us and I knew I wanted that sharing for myself and for my future family. I did date a couple of young men while I was in nursing school who were Catholic.

During my senior year, I met Dave, the man I would later marry. His family background is like mine; devout Catholic mother and non-Catholic father. We were married the December after I graduated while he was on leave from the Navy. After he was discharged, we lived in Evansville, Indiana, for a short while until his company transferred him here.

Paducah does not have a really large Catholic population, but many more Catholics than in my small town. St. Francis de Sales has become our home and our family is blessed having such a

wonderful loving faith family to worship with. Our church family has shared our joys and our sorrows; they inspire us and help us to grow in our faith.



Ordination of Bishop William Medley in Owensboro Sportscenter, Feb. 10, 2010. Photo by Bryan Leazenby

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No pay at the door please.



Cheryl Brown, R.N., BSN, Director of clinic operations at OMHS

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Many years ago, my husband and I traveled to Boston as part of a business trip with the company I was working for at the time. While visiting, we managed to score two tickets to a Red Sox game (which wasn't too difficult since they hadn't broken the "curse" as of yet). After sitting next to the "Green Monster" throughout the game, we walked to the nearest "T" station to catch a commuter train back to our hotel. Seeing that the last car was nearly full, we jumped on thinking we'd simply stand in the aisle for the duration of the ride.

Unbeknownst to my husband and me, the people of Boston did not consider that car to be anywhere near full and continued to pack into the train until we were literally smashed like sardines in a very small can. Fortunately, my husband and I were able to position ourselves face to face for an extremely close conversation.

Although I had been to Washington D. C. on several other occasions, this past January was my first pilgrimage to our nation's Capitol on behalf of unborn children. While walking through certain areas of The Mall on Friday, January 22, I was reminded of that experience on Boston's mass transit commuter train. Although the occasion was nowhere near as trivial or jovial as a baseball game, there was certainly an air of celebration as hundreds of thousands of people had gathered to



Members of the Sts. Peter and Paul high school youth group with their adult chaperones posed before the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on January 21, 2010, before attending Mass the

evening before the March for Life in Washington D. C. Pictured from left to right are Michael Ligibel, Vicki Kinnard, Brittany Kinnard, Cathy Soldo, Dean France, Chris Kinnard, Jerome Soldo and Dawn C. Ligibel.

participate in the annual March for Life.

The anniversary of the Supreme Court decision on Roe vs. Wade, which legalized abortion in 1973, is hardly a reason to celebrate. However, the hope, determination, and love shared with one another before, during, and after the march lent itself to somewhat of a celebratory tone.

The reason for hope is clearly seen in the number of people who are willing and able to demonstrate their first amendment right by traveling to Washington, D. C. and letting our legislators and courts know we want this law changed.

Another reason for hope is the sheer number of young people who attend the March every year. By my rough estimation, nearly half of the almost 300,000 people gathered to march from 7th and Madison onto Constitution Avenue then onto First Street past the Supreme Court building, were either college age or younger.

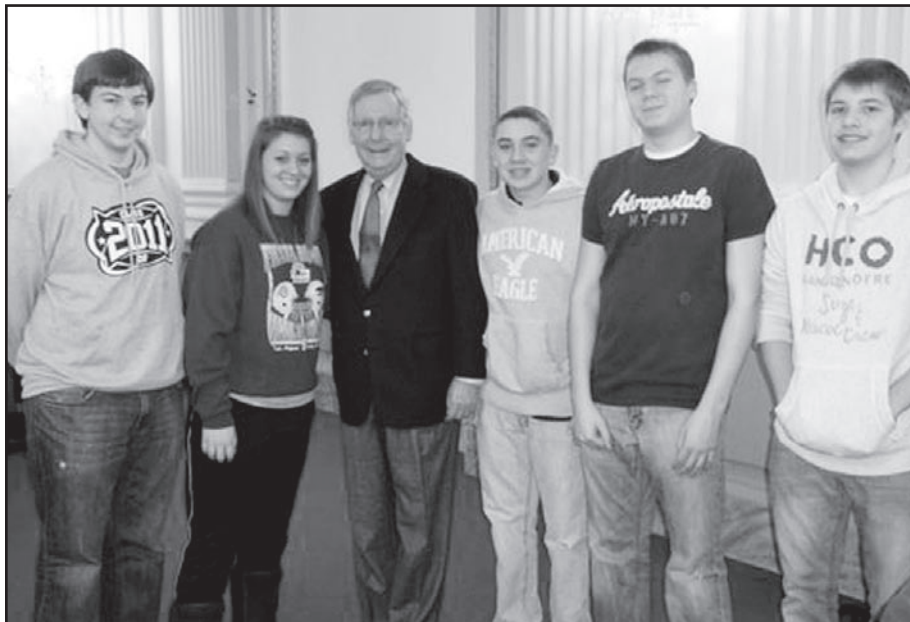
Although the chants of many groups, the music played, and the general attitude of the crowd made it feel more like a parade than a march, there was one sobering moment. As leaders of the march, women who had had abortions and men who had lost children to abortion led the way carrying signs stating "Women do regret abortion" and "Men regret lost fatherhood." This group of men and women then stepped to the side of First Street and silently stood as the remainder of the crowd marched past them. Several of the women stood silently while tears ran down their cheeks. The crowd closest to these brave individuals hushed to an extent showing respect for their courage.

The weather was a big topic of conversation before the march this year, as I suspect it is many years. With freezing rain, snow, and sleet expected in the area, we all dressed appropriately, yet continued to

pray for good weather up until march time. While it was cloudy and even threatened rain earlier in the day, the clouds parted and the sun shone throughout the march. One member of my group talked to a friend who had attended the march last year and had met a woman who had been marching for 30 years. That woman claimed that for 30 years, it has never snowed or rained during the march. Possibly before the march or after the march, but never during the march. We all believed we had witnessed a miracle in the weather that day.

Although I officially traveled as an adult chaperone with the high school youth group of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, we joined with members from Pennyrile Right to Life and traveled on buses arranged by Louisville Right to Life. At the beginning of the bus trip home, one leader encouraged members to share anything special they saw or experienced during the trip. One young lady told about how she left her backpack behind after eating lunch with friends at Union Station. When she discovered she had left it behind, she went back to find it still laying there full of her money, cell phone, and other electronics. Another woman told of how she dropped her cell phone just prior to the march starting and someone picked it up and called the last number called to track down the owner. Everyone marveled at the Christ-like behavior of the nearly 300,000 Christians gathered to express their faith. Another person even noted the attitude of the police men and women who lined the streets during the march. Although they were vigilant in their duties, they also seemed relaxed as if knowing ours was a peaceful demonstration.

Because we traveled with members of several Right to Life organizations throughout Kentucky, we were also included in the annual congressional breakfast. As invited guests to the Cannon House office building, we joined Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senator Jim Bunning, Representative Ed Whitfield, Representative Brett Guthrie, and keynote speaker Gary Bauer for breakfast. Each of the aforementioned spoke to us about their appreciation for our grass roots effort to keep the fight for life alive and present in Washington D. C. At the conclusion of his prayer, Bauer, who once served as a political advisor to President Ronald Reagan, invoked God to one day address each of us by saying "Well done my good and faithful servant." His plea brought tears to this writer's eyes and humility to my heart.



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell posed with members of the Sts. Peter and Paul High School Youth Group on Friday, January 22, 2010. The youth had traveled to Washington D. C. to participate in the March for Life and were included in a congressional

breakfast where McConnell spoke. Pictured from left to right are Michael Ligibel, Brittany Kinnard, Senator Mitch McConnell, Chris Kinnard, Dean France and Jerome Soldo. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

20 Deacon Candidates Share Thoughts and Feelings

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

Writer's Note: If you have ever wondered why any of the 19 men in our diocese have chosen to enter the Permanent Diaconate program, all you need to do is ask them. A word of caution, however, is that their answers vary almost as much as their personalities. Having had the opportunity to spend some time with the candidates at their Christmas celebration on December 19, 2009, it was easy to learn about their motivations, their fears, their love for the Church, and their hopes for the future. Their responses were honest, candid and tinged with humor. Although time did not permit the opportunity to interview every candidate, those interviewed most likely represent the attitudes and feelings of most candidates.

Early in 2007, the announcement was made that the Diocese of Owensboro would begin a permanent diaconate program for the first time in its history. Beginning in August of 2007, fifty men throughout the diocese, many accompanied by their wives, began traveling to Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville for a few hours on a Saturday once a month to investigate the possibility of their becoming permanent deacons.

In August of 2008, the number of men traveling to Hopkinsville further diminished. The second year of the program, known as the aspirancy year, was intended to help them further investigate and discern their calling to become a permanent deacon. During this year, they met for an entire Saturday once a month.

Beginning in August of 2009, the numbers were reduced to 19 and they began their "full-blown" schedule after being formally accepted into the program. Now they still meet once a month, but they begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and end at 3 p.m. on Sunday. They are on schedule to be ordained in 2012.

Interestingly, of the 19 who remain in the program, only two are retired, leaving 17 to balance full-time jobs with the pressure of completing the coursework required for the deacon program. In addition, several of them still have children living at home. "It's a challenge," admitted Terry Larbes, a parishioner at St. Thomas More in Paducah. "I have a job, I help take care of the family and I help take care of the grandchildren. I have to set aside one or two hours a night to complete the assignments."

"The academics are very difficult, but very rewarding," claimed Randall Potempa of St. Henry's in Aurora. "I have every faith that when we're done, we'll be prepared."

"It is challenging. There's a lot of reading," agreed Bill Bach of Blessed Mother in Owensboro. "I'm amazed. Me and only one other candidate is retired; the rest carry full-time jobs."

"It's intimidating," admitted Mike Wiedemer of St. Romuald in Hardinsburg. "It's pretty tough for someone as old as I am. It excites me though because it's a challenge. It's regimented."

"I enjoy the academics so much," claimed Paul

Bachi from St. Mark in Eddyville. "I fuss about the reading and I fuss about writing the papers, but I love it when I get into it. It is a commitment. You don't go to many social functions or watch TV. As a single person, I do have more time without interruption, but as a single person I also have to do everything in the house that needs to be done," he explained.

"I am learning more than I thought I would ever need," said Tony Anthony also from St. Romuald in Hardinsburg. "I can see now, however, the more we learn, the more we need to learn. I'm beginning to see how it all fits together."

"Tim Nugent has it the hardest," Anthony claimed. "He's the youngest, he has the youngest kids, and he has the toughest job," he explained, noting that Nugent had already left the gathering to do some work he brought along with him for the weekend.

As challenging as the academics are for the candidates, the discernment process was almost as difficult for some and seemingly automatic for others. "It was obvious to everyone but me," claimed Keyser. "I think there's some of us that hear the call, but don't want to pay attention." Being a full-time employee of the Church, however, ultimately made the decision easier for Keyser. "I think being closer to the Church and seeing the everyday working of the parish office helped," he explained.

Potempa first got the idea from his parish priest. "One day I was working in the sacristy, helping to do what I could, and Fr. Richard Cash said to me, 'Some day you will be a deacon,'" Potempa recalled.

Clapp experienced a similar calling many years ago when living in Louisville. "After the 11:30 Mass one Sunday, one of the deacons approached me and said, 'You know, I think you'd make a good deacon.'" At that time, Clapp considered applying for the program in Louisville but decided to "table it" for a while. "When the announcement came out (in this diocese), Mary turned and looked at me and said, 'It's time to settle this issue,'" Clapp repeated.

"When I first saw it in the Western Kentucky Catholic, I thought 'Aha, that's something I want to look into,'" said Bach. "I have loved the Church ever since I was a little boy," he added. "I've been committed from day one. I felt this is what God wanted me to do. I'm also respectful of the fact that he could pull me out of it too."

"I asked my pastor two years before the program existed," said Wiedemer. "When the program started, he told me to be down here and I've been here since the first day," he added.

"I want to get to know my faith better and to get to know this Church better," Bachi explained. "I want to then use that knowledge to help people spiritually and liturgically."

For some, the decision to become a permanent deacon wasn't so easy. In fact, one candidate intentionally tried to run away from the possibility. "I ran away from the deaconate program in Alabama," claimed Bill Grant of St. Augustine in Grayson Springs. "I was honestly going to run away from the deaconate by coming to Kentucky. I even called to confirm that Western Kentucky didn't have a deaconate program.



Tom Torson and Tim Nugent, both studying to become permanent deacons, listen raptly to someone telling a story at their Christmas celebration which was held after class all day on December 19, 2009. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

When they said, 'Well, yes we do.' I just threw up my hands and knew it was God's will. I was feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit."

Even after succumbing to the Holy Spirit, Grant still has some doubt. "I don't know that I'm being called to be a deacon, but I know I am being called to be in formation. This is where God wants me now."

Anthony also approached his calling with some trepidation. "I was waiting for a big sign, but there was nothing. I went to Church and prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. If I felt nothing, I would assume I wasn't being called. Just then the sun was shining through a stained glass window illuminating the lamb. Then I picked up the missalette and there was the prayer for vocations. I said to myself, 'I get it now.' I thought that was enough."

Even after two and a half years into the program, Anthony still wonders if he will actually become a permanent deacon. "I'm going to do what I have to do until I know for sure," he stated. "I'm relying on Him (God) to tell me what to do. Unless something drastic happens, I will become a deacon," he added.

Although they come from many different careers, are of varying ages and have diverse backgrounds, one thing many of them have in common is the support of their wives. "She's been beside me every week," claimed Grant. "She's been very supportive."

Anthony agrees. "She was thrilled," he recalled when he told her he was entering the deaconate program. "I'm a convert," he added.

Bach echoed the same sentiment. "She is very supportive," he said. Keyser added of Bach's wife, "She asks the best questions!"

Even the candidates who are single can appreciate the role of the wives. "They are witnesses of what a marriage really means," claimed Bachi. "It has been beautiful to witness," he added.

In addition to relying on the support of their wives, the candidates have also grown together as a group. "As soon as things started getting tough and we were tested, we started reaching out to each other. We're all in the same boat," Anthony explained. "It's stressful," admitted Keyser. "But humor helps with the stress, and boys will be boys," Keyser admitted with a laugh. "We definitely have fun," agreed Anthony. "There's a lot of humor in it."

"The best part of the program is these guys and their wives," said Grant. "Everyone is so supportive of each other. We get together and help each other. We all have doubts. When we have doubts we call one another and walk each other through it. It's a great group of people."

Bachi agrees. "When we come together and pray together, there's such a feeling of the Holy Spirit. This is where I be-

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, hosted an international dinner in the rectory on the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2010.

Although he was the official host, he gave credit to his long-time friend, Rosemary Trowbridge, for the idea. "The idea for this evening actually started back in September," Fr. Thomas explained to the crowd gathered in the rectory that evening. "Rosemary called and said 'Mama Olga is coming to visit. Let's have an international dinner.' So I said what I usually say about one of her ideas. I said 'Okay.'" "Mama Olga," whose real name is Olga Jurans, lives in Latvia and is Trowbridge's daughter's mother-in-law.

Before dinner began, each native language was acknowledged by praying the Lord's Prayer. The familiar prayer was spoken in English, Italian, Latvian, Arabic and Spanish.

The meal itself was provided by each guest in attendance. Guests were encouraged to bring a dish indicative of their



Olga Jurans and her brother, whom everyone affectionately addresses as "Uncle," prepare several Latvian dishes to contribute to the international dinner hosted by Fr. John Thomas on January 1, 2010. Several friends and parishioners were invited to the rectory for the meal on the World Day of Peace. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

culture and heritage. There was so much food that it had to be laid out in two rooms for the buffet line.

In the kitchen, the cabinets were adorned with computer-generated printouts of flags representing each country in attendance. (Except England due to an oversight by the host.)



Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, addresses the crowd gathered in the rectory on January 1, 2010, explaining the origins of the international dinner he was hosting that evening. Pictured left to right are Rosemary Trowbridge, Fr. John Thomas, and Ken Trowbridge. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

The countries represented that evening included the United States of America, including one guest of Native American descent, England, Mexico, Latvia, Iraq, Peru, Germany, Guatemala, Panama and Italy.

Deacon Candidates Share Thoughts and Feelings

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long."

Although none of the deacon candidates knows for certain how they will be used once ordained, most are confident the Bishop will try to use their gifts. "We will take a vow to the Bishop. Where we serve will depend on the Bishop and our gifts," explained Keyser. "The diaconate is a call of service according to the gifts you've been given."

"I like to teach," stated Wiedemer. "I think that's what they'll use me for, religious education, RCIA, and jail ministry," he speculated.

"I like music," explained Anthony. "I'm involved in music ministry."

"It's not out of the question for me to help with the Western Kentucky Catholic," said Clapp, noting his journalism degree.

"I have done most things a lay person can do in a parish and I would hope to stay at Blessed Mother since I've been there for 23 years, but that's up to the Bishop," stated Bach.

Clapp also explained that their future assignments "shouldn't cause any sort of hardship on our domestic life." Therefore, most believe they will either be assigned to their current parishes or one close by.

Bachi, however, wouldn't be opposed to being reassigned. "I would be willing



Deacon candidates Richard Beaven and Mike Clapp pause a moment during their Christmas party on December 19. After being in class all day, the 19 candidates studying to become permanent deacons for the diocese relaxed for a few hours to enjoy each other's company and to celebrate the holiday. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

to move if the Bishop asked me to," he stated.

Keyser was once concerned about how parish priests in the diocese would adjust to having permanent deacons on staff. "I was kind of worried that some priests might see us as a threat," he admitted. "But as we learn about how much they have to do, I think they will see us more as assets."

When speaking of future assignments, Larbes spoke firmly. "It's not a matter of functionality," he explained. "It's not a matter of being able to do something that we currently do. It's a level of commitment, an emotional commitment. It's a commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ. As a volunteer you always have the option of bailing

out. As I become a deacon, the commitment is deeper than our marriage commitment, and marriage is a permanent commitment," continued Larbes. "As a deacon, I have to do the same thing and that is get past the functionality. That has to do with the personal commitment I have with Jesus Christ."

Understanding the permanence of the calling is something all the candidates have had to consider. "This is a lifetime thing," concluded Wiedemer. "Once you're ordained, your ordained for life."

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22 Jesus, This Day Is For You. Bless All I Think, Say, and Do.

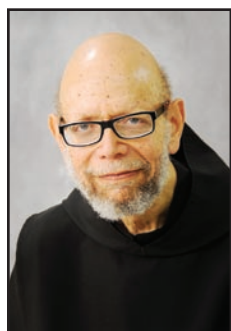


When parents or grandparents bring their children to St. Stephen Cathedral Preschool, they sometimes have to wait outside until the doors open. A parent, John Kurtz, talked it over and came up with a new sign (shown at right) for the school's door that has the Preschool's opening prayer said each day, and an invitation to visit Jesus in the Cathedral while they wait. He presented the sign to Preschool Director Pam Weafer, at right, and Bonnie Snyder on March 16, 2010. The plaque was sponsored by: St. Stephens Men's Fellowship Mel Howard Photo

Saint Meinrad monks honored with leadership awards

Two monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN, have been honored by the Office of Multicultural Ministry of the Archdiocese of Louisville with an award that recognizes their work as African American Catholic leaders.

On March 6, Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB, and Fr. Boniface Hardin, OSB, received the Acacia Award, the highest honor given at the annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet. The award recognizes



Fr. Cyprian Davis,
OSB,

their many years of service to the Church community at large. Both are alumni of Saint Meinrad Seminary and recipients of Saint Meinrad's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Fr. Cyprian is a national leader in historical studies of the African American Catholic Church in the United States. The author of numerous articles and books on the history and spirituality of African American Catholics,

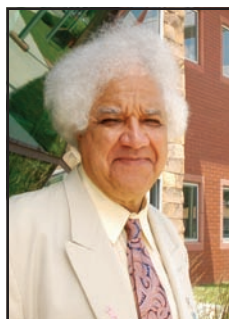
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Fr. Cyprian wrote The History of Black Catholics in the United States for which he received the John Gilmary Shea Award from the American Catholic Historical Association. He is a professor of Church history at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and the archivist for Saint Meinrad Archabbey.



Fr. Boniface Hardin,
OSB

and the advancement of society. A native of Louisville, KY, he has dedicated his life to human relations, education, and the health and welfare of all. The founder

Valentine's Day at St. Henry

By Rich Logsdon

St. Henry Church held a Valentine's Day Social on Sun., Feb. 14 with approximately 50 people in attendance. After the Sunday mass, church members gathered in the brightly decorated parish hall for coffee and assorted tasty goodies.

To spice up the event, a Handcrafted Valentine Card competition was held. Entrants had to make up a card of their own design and submit it for judging by all present. Out of the 17 entries, a sparkly heart outlined with filigree submitted by ten-year old Madison Potempa was judged best. Her prize was a gigantic box of chocolates (what else?)

The next social event for the parish is a bus trip in March to the Holy Land of Kentucky.



Madison Potempa with her winning entry and prize.



Volunteers Help Catholic Schools Excel

Pictured is Holy Name School Principal Daryl Hagan presenting front desk volunteer Sara Payne a birthday cake to honor her on her 80th birthday. Sara was attending an appreciation luncheon hosted by Kamille Stich for all the moms and grandmoms that volunteer at the front desk during the school year. HNS Photo

of Martin University in Indianapolis in 1977, Fr. Boniface served as its president for 30 years.

He is a co-founder of the Indianapolis Sickle Cell Center, Human Relations Consortium and the Negro-Jewish Dialogue, among others. He remains active as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, and is affiliated with many boards and social groups.

The Acacia Award was established in 1989 by M. Annette Mandley-Turner to recognize an individual or organization for their years of service, support and fidelity to the African American Catholic community. Acacia is the name of a tree that is native to Africa. Mentioned in the Bible, acacia wood was used to build the Ark of the Covenant. The acacia tree is known for providing protection, food and shelter in many African societies.

The following is a speech given by 8th grader Grace Babbs at the Owensboro Presbyteral conference on January 11th. Two St. Mary Elementary, Paducah, students to give speeches on "What Catholic Education Means to Me." The priests present were very impressed with the speeches given. This is the first of the two speeches

Why I Love My Catholic Education By Grace Babbs

Catholic schools are a family. A family of faith that is an extension of the local church. A family that loves each other fully and unconditionally. Everyone from the preschoolers to the alumni, from the janitors to the principals, have respect for each other that is encouraged by the motto "Excellence through Christ." Once you come to a Catholic school, it becomes one of the crucial aspects of who you are. Your personality is enriched by qualities that stick with you throughout your life. This can be reflected by the fact that former students come back to visit their teachers and friends years after they leave.

I have attended St. Mary Catholic School my entire life. I cannot imagine beginning the school day without hearing a senior on the intercom praying. It is the routine and a loved part of it, to turn toward the crucifix at the beginning and end of each day to focus ourselves on what is truly important. It is sacred but accepted as completely normal like the Pledge of Allegiance or announcements for the day. God has given us so much and I think an hour a day to learn about Him, His gifts, and His people is a great way to give back a tiny portion of all we receive.

School-wide Masses are essential to the spiritual life of the school system. There is nothing like a two-hour Mass with fifty preschoolers. But seriously, it is inspiring to see the people you smile at in the hallways everyday, courageously proclaiming the word of God in front of almost five hundred students, parents, and administrators. What I really think is wonderful is there are tons of people who volunteer to serve in the liturgy.

We are taught to put our faith in action. We recently had a new addition to our family. During a long and difficult pregnancy for my mother, many from my school put their faith in action. Students, parents, and even the Dean of Students came to help us make our house ready for the new baby.

Service projects are also a huge part of our identity as a Catholic school. Every year, the sixth grade class sponsors a child in Uganda to give her food, clothing, and



Grace Babbs

a good education. They hold several bake sales to support her. The students do all the work and are very proud of themselves. As a school we donate carloads of canned goods, clothing and toys to those in need in our area. Individual students take on projects to support our local and global community to help as much as we possibly can.

The small class sizes are extremely beneficial to both students and teachers. Teachers are able to truly know and understand strengths and weaknesses of their students. The students are able to bond with each other and their teachers. Each student has a special relationship with each and every other person. Small class sizes give every student the chance to develop their leadership potential and express themselves in a safe environment. Because of our Catholic education, there are fewer conflicts and the conflicts that do exist are dealt with fairly.

We have excellent role models throughout the school. The priests, teachers and the rest of the administrators attempt to act as Jesus did. They handle all the situations they are faced with well and truly care about every student.

Catholic schools have had a big impact on my life. Before I started preschool, my parents looked at other school in the area. None could compare to a place where God was constantly present. We commuted thirty minutes each way for four years to school. My parents, brother and I eventually moved just to be closer to school.

Parent involvement is definitely one of the things that make Catholic education great. Mothers and fathers are constantly assisting with every aspect of the school. Parents participate in everything from

coaching to working on committees to improve the school, to coming to Mass, to working concessions at sporting events.

I really love my Catholic education. It has taught me so much about God, math-

ematics, who I am, and who I could be.

This text of Grace Babbs' speech was submitted by Nikki Fuller for the St. Mary School System, Paducah, Ky.

Readers' Writing

Warning: Jesus will ruin your life

By Ashley Lorenzen

An atheist recently told me their disbelief doesn't come from an inability to comprehend a supreme being, but that it is rooted in a fear of the responsibility that would come from believing in Jesus. I understand this fear, because some days I am convinced that deciding to follow Jesus was the worst decision I ever made.

There is a story in the Gospel of Mark about a blind beggar who was sitting on the side of the road as Jesus and his disciples were leaving the town of Jericho. When the blind beggar heard that Jesus was passing by, he began to cry out, saying "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mk 10:46). The people who were around began to criticize the beggar and tried to shut him up, but he cried out even louder. Jesus heard this man's cries, stopped and told his disciples to call the beggar. The disciples went over to the blind beggar and told him, "Take heart; get up, Jesus is calling you." When the beggar arrived to where Jesus was, Jesus asked him what he wanted. The beggar replied, "Master, I want to see." Jesus said to the beggar, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And the blind man was able to see.

I was blind once. Not physically, but spiritually. I accustomed myself to a selfish, lazy and empty life. The disease of false satisfaction spread through me and impaired my vision. I became a pathetic beggar laying on the sidelines of my life, hoping something would pass by and make me better. Many things walked by me offering solutions, and I accepted them only to realize they were vile, useless, and made me more pathetic and kept me on the sidelines.

Jesus had passed through my life many times. I had even been spellbound by him and followed him to a degree, but he said things like, "Lose your life in order to find it," or, "Take up your cross and follow me," and they were too difficult for me to accept.

Something was different this time, though. There wasn't anything satisfying about my life, and sadly, I knew that Jesus was my only chance. I was lost, pathetic, and too lazy to try and find him.

And so I cried out to the man who is always passing by, asking him to have mercy on me. The people I surrounded myself with criticized me, told me it was pointless and tried to shut me up. But I cried louder. He heard me, but he did not react right away, which made me think it was too late and lead me to wallow and complain in my filthy state. It was then that I heard a voice in my conscience saying, "Get off your lazy butt, Jesus is calling you!" I had to throw aside my human weaknesses and diseased spirit, stand myself up and actually do something.

Jesus asked me what I needed. I needed to see life in the way it was meant to be seen; beyond vices, money, politics, materialism and selfish pursuits. I needed to understand the love, discipline and sacrifice it takes to put myself and the world back together. I needed to be changed by the man who lived and died to reveal those things. And I begged, "Master, I want to see." Through faith, I was given sight and a command to go my way.

The hardest part about this process wasn't approaching Jesus and begging for mercy. The hardest part was getting over myself, the pathetic state I was in, admitting that I could not see, that I didn't have it altogether, getting off my butt and attempting to find help.

Jesus ruined my life because he called me out of my comfort zone. He changed the way I understood things and gave me a responsibility to live my life parallel to the truth. He does not allow me to lay on the sidelines of life and take the easy way. It sucks sometimes and there are days I wish I didn't decide to follow him. These hardships don't come from Jesus; they come from battling my selfish nature. I must always remember that He is good.

All of this makes me wonder; has our society been laying on the sidelines? Have we been accustomed to thinking there are too many problems and that it's pointless to change? Nothing will happen if we wait around, in our pathetic states, for someone to help us. I believe that all of us have a vital and beautiful role in the rescue of the world. Take heart; get up, Jesus is calling you.

Ashley Lorenzen a Junior at Brescia University, and is majoring in Theology.

24 Diocesan Middle-School Lock-In Makes Visible A Bigger Church



Middle School Lock-In 2010 - a prayer service at the start in the Owensboro Family Y. Kids from every part of the Diocese of Owensboro get locked in for fun and games at the Family Y, with 25-30 parishes represented.

Youth Minister Danny May led music for the opening Prayer. Sponsored by the Youth Ministry Office, Diocese of Owensboro, Ky.



Eyes On The Ball - pool is a good math exercise, Mom ... I heard that some guys major in it at school

WHO? a bigger church, not just a small parish, .

When? 11:00 PM
until 5:30 am

Why? Catholic identity

How? Keep coming back; you'll see!



Snack time



Surprise!

Johnathan Howard, one of the "Purple Police" servants who deliver food and drinks service, be go-fors, general helpers --high



school and college-age students... neither pink nor blue, purple. Can't have a lock-in without them.



A Card Game lets lots of talking flow

Hats are cool.



By Michelle Bivins

OWENSBORO, Ky. - About 650 young adults gathered in Brescia University's gym to sit on carpet squares in front of Jesus on March 5-7, 2010 for the 13th Annual Youth 2000 retreat. The Diocesan Marian Shrine Committee and the Office of Youth Ministry have sponsored the retreat since 1997.

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, the religious order started in part by Fr. Benedict Groeschel, come to Owensboro from the Bronx, N.Y., Harlem, N.Y., and Albuquerque, N.M., to help run the retreat. Brother Max, originally from Chicago, Ill., emceed the weekend and Brother Peter, originally from Surrey, Britain, gave his testimony on Saturday. In addition, two sisters from the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal from the Bronx, N.Y. come to give their testimony and assist with the retreat.

The retreat is a Eucharistic-centered retreat. During the weekend, Jesus is exposed in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar on top of the "burning bush," a gold wooden structure lit by clear Christmas lights. The burning bush sits in the middle of the gym with the young adults ages 13-30 camped around on the floor.

"I have never been on a retreat where you sit in front of Jesus for an entire weekend," said Matt Valego. "Being in the presence of Jesus makes the retreat extremely spiritual and prayerful."

Bishop William Francis Medley cel-



brated Mass on Sunday. During his homily he spoke on the importance of the Eucharist.

"The Church teaches us the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life," said the Bishop.

At the end of the retreat, the youth are asked to share how Jesus touched them at Youth 2000. C.J. Glaser, a student at Owensboro Catholic High School, had never been to Youth 2000 before.

"Youth 2000 showed me once again how important the Eucharist is," said Glaser.

During the retreat, priests are constantly available to hear con-

fessions. Many Diocesan priests, including Bishop-emeritus John J. McRaith, sacrificed their weekend to hear confessions. The young people took advantage. There were rare breaks in the confession line.

The Gospel reading for the Saturday Mass was the parable of the Prodigal Son. Fr. Nathan Cromly, a monk with the Community of St. John, preached his homily on God's mercy. Fr. Nathan explained that God the Father is filled with compassion, which he defined as "to suffer with."

"Our Father feels your pain because on the cross His Son emphasized your pain so that you can rise with Him; that is mercy," said Fr. Nathan. "God has the last word on sin and He loves you anyway."

Fr Nathan ended his homily urging the youth, "Receive His mercy in this Mass. Receive His mercy in confession and give your life to God."

A main component of the weekend is the Holy Mass. Each day Mass is celebrated. During the opening of the Saturday night Mass, Fr. Nathan quoted St. Pio saying, "The world would exist more easily without the sun than without the Holy Mass."

Bishop William Medley celebrated the closing Mass on Sunday. Bishop Medley had never been to a Youth 2000 before. The youth made a sign that hung outside the entrance to the gym, which read, "WELCOME BISHOP WILLIAM MEDLEY. YOUTH 2000 LOVES YOU." Before Mass, the Bishop stepped out of the sacristy and received a standing ovation from the youth.



The Bishop preached on how God calls people who are minding their own business, giving examples such as David, Mary the Mother of God, Elizabeth, and Moses. The second reading was the story of Moses and the burning bush from Exodus.

The Bishop said that Moses must have later thought, "Why didn't I ignore that burning bush. But no, I had to check it out."

During his homily, the Bishop told his own story. He said he was minding his own business when the Papal Nuncio Pietro Sambi called him in December 2009 to ask him to be the next Bishop of Owensboro.



At top left, Fr. Nathan Cromly; above right, Bishop William Medley's blessing; lower right, Sr. Francis Teresa. Photos by Kristin Bivins



Bishop Medley left the youth with the answer to the question. "Yes, with the help of God," said the Bishop. "In the years, to come, you will know what the question is, but that is the answer."

26 The Ordination of Bishop William Francis Medley

By Jamie Clark

When I opened my e-mail at St. Mary's/Trinity High on Feb. 26, *The Western Kentucky Catholic* editor, Mel Howard, had sent me some mail: would I write an article about the ordination of Bishop Medley? I feel honored to be asked to respond with a few words about this happy, joyous, holy, wonderful, blessed, historical, and too-many-other-adjectives-to-say occasion.

My wife, Peggy, and I were glad when Father Dave closed school that day at St. Mary's and Trinity High so we could attend. Then Feb. 10, 2010 was a schools' snow day, but we went on because the main routes were clear and we didn't want to miss this.

We arrived before 1:00 PM, but the chair backs were already occupied, and we walked around to find just the right place. My first thought was I hope I can stay on these benches for three hours. During the hour we waited, the Sportscenter was abuzz in anticipation and excitement. Of course, many were talking of the terrible winter, but the Sportscenter was nearly full by the time the Mass started. Most of the conversation we heard up to this point was about being blessed.

You see, we had a heads up, Mel and friends did such a great job with the February, 2010 *Western Kentucky Catholic Special Edition* about the Ordination. This was so well done that it was as if I knew this Father Bill Medley. On Christmas Day, Peggy and I visited our daughter Emily in Louisville and their Pastor Father Nick Rice came over, and after a little while I asked Father Nick what he knew about our new bishop.

Without hesitation, Father Nick looked me in the eye and said, "Owensboro is blessed to have Bill Medley as your Bishop." As our conversation continued he spoke of Bishop Medley as a truly holy Catholic priest that he had known since he was in Saint Thomas Seminary, Louisville.

As the ordination began, everything went so smoothly. I was so surprised that three hours had passed so quickly. The entire Liturgy was filled with meaningful ritual. I think seeing Bishop Medley prostrating himself spoke volumes of his intent to serve the people of the Church of Western Kentucky. The Laying on of Hands by the Bishops present reminded me of how we are part of the Roman Catholic Church, not just a group of separate churches, but part of the church Jesus started with his apostles. We could see the marks of the church we profess in our Creed every Sunday. We are one, holy, catholic and

apostolic. Seeing so many people receiving Communion was truly inspiring.

After Communion, as the excellent choir sang, "Holy Is His Name," Bishop Medley processed around the Sportscenter floor continually blessing all of us there. I could see he truly is a Pastor as he was blessing his flock.

After the blessing he said a few words, but they came across to me loud and clear. He referred to how his parishes had taught him to be a pastor and now we, the Catholics of Western Kentucky will teach him to be a bishop. As a teacher, I was so glad to hear him thank the Ursuline Sisters who taught him in elementary schools. He referred to his commitment to the Catholic schools. I also like the way he responded when he received the phone call from papal Nuncio, Pietro Sambì, when he told Father Medley that the Holy Spirit had chosen him to be the fourth Bishop of Owensboro.

Tri-State Communities Benefit From Cultural Diversity

By Helen Beckert

HENDERSON, Ky. - The Tri-State area was built around diversity. Our local landmarks bring out this diversity in our community, but with them comes a large barrier. Most of our landmarks provide information in only English. International visitors who cannot speak fluent English may have trouble when visiting the area. This is the problem that our Reitz Memorial High School Community Problem Solving (CmPS) team decided to address.

CmPS is a program designed to get students involved in their community. Our goal is to make our area more hospitable to foreign visitors from around the world. We contacted landmarks in Henderson, Ky., and Evansville, Ind., both of which are home to some of our eleven members. A high percentage of these landmarks asked us to translate materials that they use to explain exhibits, give tours, and provide information. We have translated materials from the Reitz Home in Evansville, Angel Mounds State Park, Audubon Mill Park in Henderson, and Walther's Golf and Fun Center. One of the most interesting materials we received was the identification card of a Greek soldier from the LST 325 Memorial. The card was found in the duct work of the ship. This was also one of the hardest things to translate. However, we succeeded and were able to provide the LST 325 Memorial with this information, which included the soldier's hometown in Greece and his date of birth. They are now attempting to contact the soldier to learn his connection to the ship.

"We have received a lot of enthusiasm from the community," says sophomore Mareea Thomas of Henderson. When asked what she had learned, Thomas responded, "I learned that the area has a large Japanese community, which

He wondered was Archbishop Sambì talking to the right man.

When the Western Kentucky Catholic Special Edition came out about the new Bishop, I saw where Bishop-elect Medley had gone to Saint Thomas Seminary in Louisville, Ky. in high school. I had been there for my freshman year and part of my sophomore year, two years before he came. I also saw where Father Vincent dePaul McMurry had been his spiritual director and Father Mac was mine as well. After seeing this, I found out how to get in touch with Father McMurry and since have e-mailed him several times and last Saturday was able to talk with him for forty-five minutes. During our e-mails and conversation we talked of Bishop Medley's ordination and his being the Bishop of Owensboro. Father McMurry said we were blessed to have Bishop Medley. He fondly referred to him and said he truly is a pastor.

His priesthood has been continuously as a pastor. Since Father McMurry couldn't be in Owensboro for the ordination he said, "I watched the game on TV in my room."

After hearing from two priests, for whom I have a tremendous amount of respect, and who know our Bishop say that we are blessed to have him, I too believe we are blessed.

As a man who has devoted my adult life to ministry in the Church as a teacher in a Catholic school for thirty-nine years, I am going to do what is second nature to me. I have an assignment for Bishop Medley to be a continuing process for at least twenty-five years. This assignment isn't easy but very important. Make sure quality Catholic education not only continues, but also grows in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Welcome to western Kentucky, Bishop Medley, and may God continue to bless all of us.



In the picture are, seated: Corinne Casino and Helen Beckert; standing: Marshall Howell, Cassidy Tanguay, Mareea Thomas, Laurel Humbert, Aviayna Thomas, Carlo Casino, and Evie Beckert. Not pictured: Hannah Kissel and Lindsey Paris. Submitted Photo

I did not know before."

"I have been in FPS (Future Problem Solving) for four years, but it's cool to actually implement an action plan, rather than just write about it," adds Corinne Casino, a senior in high school.

Our team is comprised of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church parishioners Laurel Humbert, Aviayna Thomas, Corinne Casino, Mareea Thomas, Evie Beckert, Carlo Casino, and Helen Beckert, as well as Cassidy Tanguay, Marshall Howell, Hannah Kissel, and Lindsey Paris. We have been designated Indiana State Champions and will travel to La Crosse, Wisconsin, for the International Championship.

"We are thrilled to represent the states of Indiana and Kentucky, and I know we will have a good showing," says coach Melanie Humbert.

Regardless of how well we perform at Internationals, our community will certainly benefit from our work.

St. Mary Students Win at McCracken County Speech Competition

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PADUCAH, Ky. - Students from across McCracken County competed in the McCracken County 4H Communication Day Contest on February 19th at Concord Elementary School. The winners and alternate winners in each age category from 9 years-old through 14 years-old were St. Mary students. (See pictures at right.)

In the 9 year-old category, Hope Eason was the winner and Madelyn Waltmon was the alternate. In the 10-year-old category, Hale Sims was the winner and Lauren Tashjian was the alternate. In the 11-year-old category, Hannah West was the winner and Kelly Stewart was the alternate. In the 12 year-old category, Davis Sims was the winner and Hannah Waltmon was the alternate. In the 13-year-old category, Maggie Swift was the winner and Cassie Arboleda was the alternate. In the 14-year-old category, Katie Stewart was the winner and Bradley West was the alternate. Also pictured are St. Mary Elementary students Mackenzie Bush, William Garland, and Rece Carter who won blue ribbons for their speeches. The winners from these categories will move on to the Regional Competition at Murray Middle School on March 27.

St. Mary Parent Shares Her Talents

PADUCAH, Ky. - Christine Icke, a St. Mary Parent, has used her quilting talents to make two quilts commemorating the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the St. Mary School System. The project began with an idea from Lori Meredith, another St. Mary parent.

During the school's 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2008, Lori had the idea for the commemorative quilt and asked the alumni and St. Mary families attending the celebration to draw yellow suns with fabric paint on fabric squares. Next, Lori asked Christine for her help in turning the squares into a quilt.

After a total of 32 hours of work, Christine had pieced together two large quilts – one for the middle school and high school commons and one for the elementary school library. The center block of each quilt reads “St. Mary – Shining Our Light for 150 Years.”

Christine has been quilting for about 10 years and has a small business producing quilts for various organizations and companies. She has also recently made a quilt that hangs in the sanctuary of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Martin, TN.



Elementary School Winners: front Row - Hope Eason, McKenzie Bush, Madelyn Waltmon (not pictured - Kelly Stewart); Back Row - Hannah West, Lauren Tashjian, Hale Sims, Rece Carter, William Garland



Middle School and High School Winners: Back Row - Cassie Arboleda, Davis Sims, Bradley West, Katie Stewart, and Maggie Swift Front Row - Hannah Waltmon and Hannah West Photos Submitted by Nikki Fuller



Christine Icke next to one of the quilts she made to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of St. Mary. Submitted by Nikki Fuller

The Poor

Deuteronomy 15:11 "For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.'"

John 12:8 "For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me." (NASB ©1995)

By David Galloway

Why do we have so many poor among us? We, as Christians have neglected our duty and allowed it to happen through our lack of action. Edmund Burke said... "The only thing needed for evil to prosper is for good men to do nothing."

A poor education or the lack of it all together is the root cause of poverty. With-

out a high school diploma or G.E.D. most people are doomed to hard, menial, or low paying jobs. During the last two or three generations, most folks in our area lived an agrarian existence and didn't need more than an eighth grade or some high school or trade education. Today, a high school education is a must. If one is interested in a trade, some experience is necessary

also. A Bachelors degree is considered the minimum level of schooling one needs to get any type of white collar job.

When the student leaves before graduating he or she is condemned to a life of poverty, along with his or her children, becoming pregnant and having to pay child support out of their meager earnings. Often they turn to crime to support themselves and end up as a burden on society.

Without proper financial education, people cannot manage their money correctly. They, like the government will buy on credit, hoping they will hit the lottery or come into a windfall of cash. This is where the Church should come in to help people learn about money management. People need to learn to manage their money, because managed money goes further. The proper management of it will raise their standard of living. Sharing the information with their children will help them break the cycle in which they live. We all want a better life for our children than we had. When we teach them about money management, we are giving them the best gift we can, or by ignoring it, we will let the government handle things.

The government has developed "safety nets in the form of social programs. The social security program was developed as such and was meant to be temporary. But no politician worth his salt would dare eliminate a "good" program like that. We have fallen for the lie that the government will take care of us. They have replaced the traditional family by providing our young adults with everything they need except responsibility for their actions.

So why do I say we have failed the poor? We have elected or reelected politicians that are only concerned about staying in office by giving away monies for programs that keep people dependent on them. We have allowed them to place our country in jeopardy and in debt to foreign entities. We have let our public schools become a place for social experimenta-

tion instead of a place for education. We have failed, as Christians to elect true Christians, and statesmen. Finally, we are merely concerned about our own comfort and welfare.

The vast majority of Christians do nothing in regard of stewardship. The purpose of the Church is to spread the Gospel of Christ, but faith without deeds is dead. When we allow the government to supplant our Christian duty, we loose our compassion for the poor. Instead of helping our neighbors, we will buy a new car or truck, boat, property on the lake, motor home, or any other "toy" we want while children go to bed hungry. We won't give of our time, talent, or treasure. We have forgotten it seems, that God owns everything, from the next breath He allows us until our final second of life and everything in-between. God's Church should be one big social concerns committee. Everything we do as the Body of Christ has to do with those concerns, from a to z. Many parishes have some committees, but do not have enough because their parishioners won't serve. Now is the time and Church is the place to volunteer for some type of ministry.

What can you do to help the poor right now? Prepare a written budget where you are tithing on your income and donating to charities that teach people how to help themselves instead of giving them a temporary handout. Live within your means and stick to your budget.. When you are out of debt, you will have more money to joyfully spend on your Christian duty. This is God's plan for us....Love one another as I have loved you. Join at least one committee in your Church today and make a difference in the lives of others.

David Galloway works with VISTA through the Catholic Charities of Owensboro, Diocese of Owensboro, in the Catholic Pastoral Center, Office of Social Concerns, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, Ky. Email: david.galloway@pastoral.org

Break the cycle of poverty for 230 families thru financial education

OWENSBORO, Ky. - David Galloway, a VISTA (volunteers in service to America) working with Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Owensboro has applied for a grant from Pepsi Cola Co for \$25,000 to help raise 230 families out of poverty through financial literacy and asset building. He needs your daily vote at: <http://www.refresheverything.com/davidgalloway2010> If he receives the largest number of votes, Pepsi will fund his project. David believes the government has lost the war on poverty started in 1964. The Church by the grace of God is the only way to win this battle. Only you by the grace of God will give him enough daily votes to win the prize.

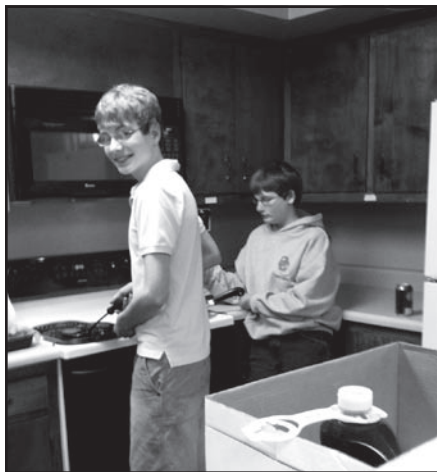
Vote daily for this project at: <http://www.refresheverything.com/davidgalloway2010> Thank you for your votes. And may God bless you for your efforts.

Knights Supporting The Right To Life

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus Council #14290 sponsor pancake and sausage breakfasts throughout the year to help support their charities. The photos here are from the most recent breakfast on Valentines Day February 14, 2010. All proceeds for this breakfast are for the support of Right to Life. Past breakfasts have supported Seminarians from this Diocese. The Knights wish to thank all those who help to make these events a success!



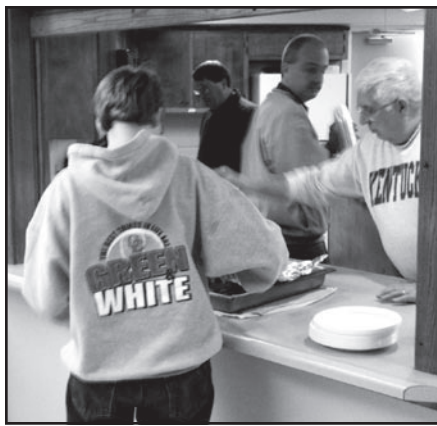
Pictured left to right are Knights Travis VanBussum, Kevin Lasley (Grand Knight), Bill Glenn (Finance Secretary and District Deputy)



Pictured left to right are Columbian Squire members Brian Gross and Patrick Lasley.



Fr. Brad Whistle, talking with Nathan Lasley, stopped by after Mass for a cup of coffee and fellowship.



Background, from left to right are Knights Tom Hayden, Mike Gross, and John Lewis.

Divine Mercy And Divine Wrath

Our life presents us with a fundamental option: to choose God or not to choose God, to do good and to avoid evil, or not. In this article by a Spiritan seminarian studying in Nigeria, we are reminded of this once again.

By Jude Nnadozie, C.S.Sp. (judicssp@yahoo.com)

In love, God created man and woman. In justice, He condemned them, but in Mercy he redeemed them. By implication, His wrath lasts just for a while, but His Mercy endures forever and ever. This confirms the fact that His mercy is the last hope for the world, and this hope will not fail us (Rom. 5:5)

The idea of this article is to demonstrate the fact that God's mercy is greater than His wrath. When our first parents broke their relationship with God (Gen.3), God did not abandon them to the power of death. This is marvelous because His anger lasts just for a while.

Owing to His infinite mercy, God initiated the incarnation events for the redemption and salvation of man and woman. This



Jude Nnadozie, C.S.Sp.

is what I call "salvation right," and in this context, salvation belongs to all humanity by the virtue of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection. However, that God's anger

or wrath lasts just for a moment does not give one a passport to continue walking in the path of error. Thus, by His mercy, an invitation is given to those who have gone astray in various degrees and capacity to come back.

Remember: Jesus is the Way.

In addition, the propagation of Divine Mercy as an attribute of God is not new in Christianity. Catholics, to be precise, uphold this quality of God and cherish it enthusiastically. The phrase "Divine Mercy" needs no introduction because even when our first parents broke their relationship with God, He never abandoned them to the power of death.

Rather in the fullness of time, God sent his beloved son, Jesus Christ, to redeem humankind and bring us back to life. Yes, he came that we may have life and have it in full. By implication, Jesus Christ is the manifestation and fulfillment of God's Divine Mercy.

Moreover, with Divine Mercy, one can talk of Divine wrath. If there is Divine wrath, it is left for GOD to pass a verdict. At this point, it becomes clear that in His Divine Mercy, God is not interested in the death of any man or woman, rather,

to let the sinner repent and live. (Ezekiel 18:32).

Those who exercise the patience to live a good life also need God's mercy because even the goodness of man or woman needs God's mercy for Divine purification.

Thanks to Sr. Faustina, the devotees of Divine Mercy and all those who facilitate and spread the gospel of Divine Mercy. Keep on praying for the dethronement of evil over good; The human person is created to be good: 'He created all things and see that all is good.' (Gen.1) For one to remain good, one needs God's Divine Mercy. Thus, one who longs for Mercy does well.

Divine Mercy is an invitation from God to be good. All that God created is good. Remember: Even the good deed of the human person is like a filthy rag before God. Saint Peter taught, "If it is hard for the upright to be saved, what will happen to the wicked and to sinners? 1Peter(4:18):

This explains why the goodness of man or woman needs purification. This is only possible through God's Divine Mercy.

Who am I supposed to be evangelizing?

By Carol Hulsey

(Second in a series of reflections about evangelization.)

Last week while getting my hair cut, Lana, my beautician, and I busily solved all the problems in the world. She is Baptist and a very loving person, but we have some very basic differences in our Christian belief. The question came to me, "Do I evangelize her?"

Who am I suppose to be evangelizing? According to Dr. Susan Blum Gerding of Isaiah Ministries, I should be targeting active Catholics, inactive Catholics, and the unchurched.

Why should I evangelize active Catholics? Because we are, by and large, a motley, uneducated-in-our-faith group who rely heavily on the little we learned in grade school and high school. As a whole, many of us don't know what we believe or why we believe it.

Our Catholic identity, seemingly altered during Vatican II, has yet to be reshaped. We look in the mirror and don't know who we are. Finding our Catholic identity is imperative, not only for ourselves, but for the whole world.

The Royal Order of Church Ladies, whom I introduced in the first article, will again meet this next summer. The Ladies are an open, inclusive set, inviting new blood into the group every year. For the most part, it is this humble group of women

who evangelize me every summer; they educate me in the Faith, befriend me, and challenge me to be a better person.

First, they remind me that I am loved. The face of the Church is love. They befriend me, hug me, feed me, and laugh with me and at me.

Secondly, they admonish and correct me. You won't necessarily believe this, but not every thought I have is correct. Sometimes, I over think or misinterpret the reading.

Thirdly, as individuals they powerfully witness and profess their faith to the entire group. We have all had struggles, failures, tragedy in our lives. These women brought to their knees by life's problems are strong in the Lord. What a beautiful sight they are to behold.

The Church Ladies are one face of the Catholic Church and today's Catholic evangelizer. While we become more educated in the teachings and traditions of the Church, we act as lovers, teachers, and living testimonies to the love of Jesus Christ and the love of His people for Him. As new people are always being invited, the group is always spreading the Good News.

There are many ways to touch active Catholics with the love of Jesus; small groups are just one of them. Parish programs in Scripture study and adult education remind us what Jesus did for us and what He is asking of us. It also gives us confidence that we know what the Catholic Church teaches. And last, but not least, we can always bring a friend and begin to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Stay tuned for next month's installment of Evangelizing for the Everyday: "How do we witness?"



Mystery Of The Most Blessed Trinity, I Trust In You"

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11, 2010, 1:30 P.m. - 4:00 P.m.

Blessed Mother Parish, 601 E 23rd

Street, Owensboro, Ky.

Speaker : Fr. Chrispin Onoko, "God's Mercy And Love For Us"

Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Mercy Chaplet, Refreshments

"Divine Mercy, Fountain Gushing Forth From The

- Diary Of St Faustina



The Royal Order of Church Ladies: from left, Carol Hulsey, Peggy Tichenor, Joan Perry, Mary Helen Nash, Ann Flaherty, Sue Borders. Submitted photo

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ACCOUNTANTS' REVIEW REPORT

Very Reverend J. Michael Clark, JCL
Roman Catholic Bishop of Owensboro

We have reviewed the accompanying statements of financial position of the Operating Fund of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Owensboro (Diocese) as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of activities and cash flows of the Operating Fund for the years then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of the Diocese.

A review consists principally of inquiries of Diocese personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

As disclosed in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present only the Operating Fund of the Diocese. Accordingly, the financial statements are not intended to present fairly the financial position, changes in net assets and cash flows of the Diocese overall in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Based on our reviews, with the exception of the matters described in the following paragraphs, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

As disclosed in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not include any activity (support, expenses, assets, liabilities or net assets) related to the "Responding to Today's Need and Tomorrow's Vision" Diocesan campaign.

As disclosed in Notes 3 and 4, a valuation calculating the actuarial present value of plan benefits has not been prepared for the Priests' Retirement Plan or the portion of the Christian Brothers' Employee Retirement Plan attributable to the employees of the Diocese.

Our review was made for the purpose of expressing limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The information included in the accompanying schedules on pages 14 and 15 is presented only for supplementary analysis purposes. Such information has been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, and we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made thereto.

Owensboro, Kentucky
October 28, 2009

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ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF OWENSBORO

OPERATING FUND

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES, Concluded

Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
Unrestricted Net Assets, Continued:		
Decrease in unrestricted net assets before transfers and other changes	(2,464,839)	(1,772,617)
Transfers and other changes:		
Plant acquisitions - plant fund	(72,824)	(50,119)
Deposit and loan fund	173,397	362,093
Net transfers and other changes	100,573	311,974
Decrease in unrestricted net assets	(2,364,266)	(1,460,643)
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		
Contributions and bequests	190,124	462,356
Disciples Response contributions	292,006	317,307
Net assets released from restrictions	(554,767)	(837,717)
Decrease in temporarily restricted net assets	(72,637)	(58,054)
Decrease in net assets	(2,436,903)	(1,518,697)
Net assets, beginning of year	12,427,551	13,946,248
Net assets, end of year	\$ 9,990,648	\$ 12,427,551

ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF OWENSBORO

OPERATING FUND

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
Unrestricted Net Assets:		
Support:		
Parish assessments	\$ 2,147,380	\$ 2,040,831
Contributions and bequests	79,422	44,441
Fees for services	14,050	9,835
Interest and dividend income	275,029	330,848
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments	(1,865,847)	(1,600,434)
Income on real estate investments	27,881	27,471
Other revenue	29,045	3,023
Total unrestricted support	706,960	856,015
Net assets released from restrictions:		
Restrictions satisfied by payments	554,767	837,717
Total unrestricted support and reclassifications	1,261,727	1,693,732
Expenses:		
Program services:		
Office of the Bishop	172,256	234,694
Catholic pastoral center	228,762	242,953
Education	1,027,711	973,587
Worship and spiritual life	154,860	155,811
Social concerns	743,129	629,962
Personnel	617,814	466,496
Diocesan consultative bodies	4,607	6,568
Grants	29,894	34,235
	2,979,033	2,744,306
Supporting services:		
Administrative and general expenses:		
Administration	502,545	491,181
Fundraising expenses:		
Stewardship	244,988	230,862
	747,533	722,043
Total expenses	3,726,566	3,466,349

Invest capital in businesses, not get-rich-quick schemes, says pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI said capital investments should be dedicated to offering credit to small and medium-sized businesses rather than funneled into get-rich-quick schemes in the financial markets. Businesses can thrive and produce "social wealth if businessmen and managers are guided by a far-sighted vision, which prefers long-term investments rather than speculative profits, and which promotes innovation rather than focuses on amassing wealth just for oneself," he told a group of Italian industry owners and businessmen at the Vatican March 18.

Many businesses, especially smaller enterprises, struggle to stay afloat in today's competitive, globalized market, the pope said. "Small and medium-sized business are in even greater need of financing, while credit appears less accessible," he said.

He said that it is difficult for businesses to compete on a global scale, especially against businesses in countries that offer little or no rights and protections for workers, because higher labor costs make products and services more expensive.

Many businesses have had to make large sacrifices in an effort to avoid layoffs and stay competitive, he added. "In this context, it's important to overcome that individualistic and materialistic mentality that prompts investments to be diverted away from the real economy in order to favor investments in financial markets, aiming for easier and faster returns," he said.

Happy Anniversary

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

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Alex & Deidre McGehee, 25
Al & Molly Thompson, 25
Brad & Beverly Hamilton, 50
Hayden & Bobbie Head, 62
Paul & Joyce Christian, 61
Kenneth & Wanda Ward, 60
Dennis & Thelma Clark, 58
Carl & Mildred Spurrier, 57
Ward & Mildred Pedley, 55
Edward & Phyllis Bittel, 52
Thomas & Shirley Coomes, 51
Albert & Joan Hofmann, 51

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Robert & Virginia Davidson, 62
Albert & Nadine Schwallier, 58
Paul & Hallie Vorbeck, 60
Barry & Maureen Schneider, 40

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Cecil & Cadilda Phelps, 50
James & Helen Bailey, 54
Robert & Rena Livsey, 57

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Gene & Edna Clark, 58
Bob & Beverly Steckler, 57

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Kenneth & Jeanie Hanks, 55

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Eddie & Kim Lloyd, 25
Greg & Deborah Arnold, 40
Bill & Deborah Glenn, 40
James G. & Barbara Alvey, 55
Joseph & Helen Howard, 63
Ken & Dorothy Raley, 53
Ralph & Judy Thomas, 51
Charles & Anna Ruth Thompson, 54
Maurice & Shirley Wink, 51

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Frank & Barbara Crump, 55
Frank B. & Anna R. Harris, 59
Joseph B. & Mary Mudd, 57
Thomas & Martha Rhodes, 58
Simon & Patricia Sanders, 53
Robert L. & Mary Vollman, 57
John R. & Mary Martha Byrne, 40

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Charlie & Jeanette Ebelhar, 40
Bill & Cathy Henness, 25
Eldred & Eulaine Robertson, 53
Bruce & Sandy Whitehouse, 40

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Richard & Nancy Mayes, 52
Thomas & Sue Mary Wedding, 53

St. Agnes, Uniontown

James & Gladys Austin, 64
Jimmy & Ginger Mills, 40

Lark & Sharon Buckman, 40
William & Nadine Hargrove, 61
Benedict & Rita French, 56

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

J. T. & Angela O'Bryan, 61
Mike & Donna Koger, 40
Thomas & Helen Zaleski, 54

St. Ann, Morganfield

Fred & Phyllis Crowds, 40

St. Anthony Padua, Grand Rivers

Robert & Lois Tashjian, 54

St. Edward, Fulton

Jack & Dolores Quinton, 54

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Ronnie & Mary Katherine Knudsen, 62
Jim & Clorinda Covert, 51
James A. & Lila Hayden, 50

St. Henry, Aurora

John & Doris Sergeant, 59

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Algene & Mary Vernon Goatley, 51

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

William T. & Mary E. Willett, 55
Todd & Ginny Ponting, 25

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Julian & Betty Durbin, 60
John & Constance Barbalas, 55

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Murrel & Jackie Richardson, 51

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Charles & Elaine Bobbett, 25
Joe & Anne Mikez, 55

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Thomas & Nancy Bickett, 51
Victor & Lois Johnson, 55

St. Mark, Eddyville

Walter E. & Marilyn Joanne Reibel, 53

St. Martin, Rome

Raphael & Antoinette Ebelhar, 59

St. Mary, Franklin

Calvin & Lois Oshefsky, 57

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Bernard & Patty Ann Beyke, 61

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Chris & Sheila Roberts, 25
Wayne & Doris Rhodes, 40

J. Edgar & Amelia Evans, 57

David & Mary Ann Howard, 63

St. Michael, Oak Grove

Perry & Betty Elder, 55

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Richard & Lori Darst, 25

Robert & Anna Frances Portman, 54

Carmon & Jackie Milliner, 56

St. Peter, Waverly

Joe & Rose Curry, 52

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

Joseph & Dolores Wathen, 54

Joe & Jean Coomes, 61

St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City

James & Rose Drury, 51

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Steve & Fabyan Bridgmon, 25

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We have reviewed the accompanying statements of financial position of the Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc. (Foundation) as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of the Foundation.

A review consists principally of inquiries of Foundation personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our reviews, with the exception of the matter described in the following paragraph, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As disclosed in Note 5, the Foundation's financial statements do not disclose the appropriate class segregation of its net assets, which is required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc.
Statements of Financial Position
June 30 2008 and 2007

	2009	2008
Seminarian Education	\$3,697,617.00	\$4,419,484.00
Owensboro Catholic High School	\$3,259,608.00	\$3,924,143.00
Owensboro Catholic Schools	\$792,071.00	\$1,008,808.00
Catholic Education Scholarships	\$134,258.00	\$157,142.00
Parish/Ministry/Annuities/Trusts	\$2,242,898.00	\$2,608,441.00
St. Joseph, Central City	\$173,409.00	\$209,131.00
Immaculate Conception	\$27,040.00	\$35,427.00
Holy Name School, Henderson	\$443,379.00	\$476,924.00
St. Ann School, Morganfield	\$105,304.00	\$130,066.00
St. Alphonsus Cemetery	\$93,339.00	\$115,298.00
St. Thomas Moore, Paducah	\$475,799.00	\$554,442.00
St. Columbia, Lewisport	\$27,667.00	\$36,264.00
St. Denis Cemetery	\$40,834.00	\$48,039.00
St. Edward	\$24,039.00	\$29,609.00
St. Joseph School, Mayfield	\$31,937.00	\$38,516.00
St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green	\$20,234.00	\$24,402.00
St. Joseph School Bowling Green	\$402,288.00	\$582,320.00
St. Charles Cemetery	\$12,937.00	\$15,603.00
St. Sebastian Cemetery	\$4,675.00	\$7,032.00
St. Charles, Livermore	\$29,789.00	\$37,925.00
St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro	\$14,092.00	\$16,995.00
Sts. Peter and Paul	\$137,550.00	\$151,475.00
Blessed Sacrament	\$5,802.00	\$6,998.00
Total Assests as of June 30, 2009 and 2008	\$12,196,566.00	\$14,634,484.00

Diocese Reaches \$2 Million Mark In Diocesan Capital Campaign

As spring finally seems to be reaching parts of western Kentucky, the Diocese of Owensboro reached a milestone when collections of pledges toward the capital campaign reached \$2 million. The Campaign Goal is \$9 million. Currently, we have 59 of our parishes actively participating in the campaign with 8 more parishes scheduled to begin their individual campaigns this year. Even during these difficult economic times, parishes and individuals have continued their commitment to the campaign.



It's the 4th annual St. Sebastian/St. Charles Relay For Life Fishing Tournament - May 15th 7am - 3pm - in Calhoun on the Green River. Contact Jeff Fulkerson for more details 270-273-5441.

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Bryan Leazenby Photo
Bishop William Francis Medley

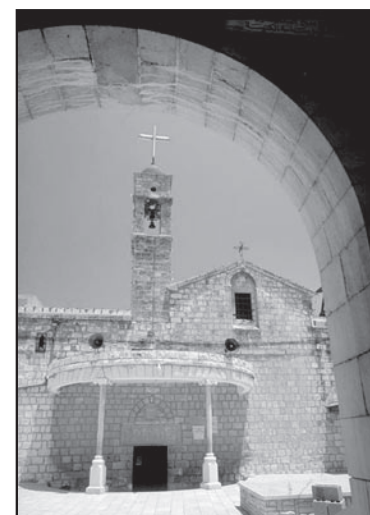
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

November 11-

November 21, 2010.

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For further information and a brochure please contact Fr. Tony Stevenson - St. Pius X Church- P.O. Box 495 - Calvert City, Ky. 42029, or padrefalls@yahoo.com.



This Is The Other Story to Come Later, The Easton Allen Pedley Story 33

By Jamie Clark

Author's Note: As I wrote in the story about Bud Clark in the December, 2009 Western Kentucky Catholic, there would be another story to come later, and here it is: another story of how life finds a way.

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - On Halloween of 2007 about 11:00 in the morning we were; to coin a phrase by Easton's mom, Jenny Pedley, scared to death. We were also all very blessed as our grandson, Easton, was born. Dr. Elizabeth Ottman knew something was terribly wrong, but she did so many things so very right. Not only is Dr. Ottman a tremendous Ob/Gyn, even more she is a truly remarkable human being. She had seen EB one other time and she knew that Easton has EB, a genetic disorder of Epidermolysis-bulosa. Easton is one of only a few thousand people with EB, a disorder in which there is not enough collagen in the epidermis and not enough anchors to keep the layers of skin connected together. At birth he had places where the skin had come off especially his hands and feet. But he is prone to blisters and/or tearing without much trauma.

Dr. Ottman told the staff at the hospital to not handle the baby, not even to clean him up. She was in touch with Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville and in only a few hours the helicopter had landed at OMHS in Owensboro. This team was also amazing. They were in touch with doctors in Louisville and spent time prepping him for the ride to Louisville, but as we were saying our goodbyes as Easton was leaving they prayed with us. I noticed one of them was wearing a Miraculous Medal. She said she prayed for guidance while caring for all her patients.

As busy as Dr. Ottman is, she stayed at the hospital with Easton and us until he left for Kosair. She was so amazing and answered so many of our questions.

Also, we were amazed by our pastor, Father Dave Johnson. Father Dave was at the hospital in a short while and he baptized Easton Allen Pedley. In a few weeks Father Dave mentioned in one of his homilies how he was touched by Easton as he baptized him. In fact so many people have been touched by Easton.

After a few days at Kosair, Easton was taken to Children's Hospital in Cincinnati where there is a team of EB specialists. These doctors are led by Dr. Anne Lucky. There, they taught Jenny and Brad about how to take care of Easton and what to be careful of with him. The doctors taught well, and Jenny and Brad learned well. Easton has to have his hands and feet wrapped with special bandaging that won't



"Wuv Eww!" - Easton Pedley playing with a favorite toy, his bear, Buddy. Submitted photo

stick to him every day. You can see the love in Jenny's eyes and the gentle touch of her hands on him as she bandages all his "boo-boos" and wraps his hands and feet each day. Easton's big sister, Taylor, also helps so many others to be careful around Easton. When in pre-school at St. Mary's somebody asked Taylor what she was going to be when she grew up and she said, "I'm goibg to be a cheerleader for awhile and then I'm going to be an EB doctor."

It was amazing how so many people jumped in to help. Family and friends did volleyball tournaments, benefit dances, "Texas Hold 'Em" fund raisers. All kinds of people donated time and even building materials for the Pedleys home on Crisp Road less than one mile from our house so we can help them with Easton. Many

others just pulled out their checkbooks. But most importantly so many prayed. We still are storming heaven with prayer.

After they sold their house in Owensboro and while the house was being built they moved in with us. One Sunday while at Mass, Father Dave began by making the Sign of the Cross, and as he looked around the church he saw Easton facing the front and kicking and smiling when Father stopped and asked Brad, "Is Easton always this happy?" Brad said, "Most of the time." Father Dave said, "He'll never know how much he has taught me!" He has touched so many people's lives.

While they lived with us something amazing happened, Easton began to walk! He took his first steps on June 23, his mom's birthday. Wow, what a gift! We weren't sure this would happen because of the condition his feet are in. Now he walks really well, and sometimes even runs. Sometimes he will just stop and sit for a little while and say "hurt" but it's not long until he's back up and going again. When I think about my aching feet, now I say a prayer for Easton. He has taught so many of us the great gift he is to all who come in contact. We thank God every day for the gifts he gives us, Easton has helped me to be even more appreciative of family.

Shown is the picture and prayer that many people have on a magnet on their fridge. The prayer is from a prayer book from Our Lady of the Snows. The picture was taken shortly before Easton's second birthday. Use the prayer to pray for Easton or anyone who needs your prayer.

Please do pray for Easton and those with EB as doctors research treatments and maybe even a cure. You can go online to <http://debra.org/> to learn more about EB, but the theme of this article is not about the special needs but about the special gift of Easton Allen Pedley.

Healing of the Body

Special Intention

My Lord, the source of all life and all healing, look upon me as I pray for my health and the health of those dear to me. Guide scientists and medical professionals to continue working to find cures for diseases and to improve the health and quality of life for all of us.

I ask too for the intercession of your healing powers, most particularly for Easton, and all those affected by EB.

If what I ask is not in accordance with Your will, I pray that You will remain with me and those I love during the difficult days ahead, guiding us and comforting us with Your strength and courage. We ask this in Jesus name, Amen.

Happy Anniversary *Continued from page 32)*

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Alex & Leslie McGehee, 25
James & Jeannetta Mayfield, 56
John & Wanda Williams, 54
Charles & Ruth Ann Mayfield, 57
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Jim & Susan Arnold, 25
Jimmy & Dorothy Payne, 40
Kenneth & Elisa Allen, 40
Rick & Virginia Bickett, 65
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34 *Raising Walls Raising Hope* Catholic High's NHS Raises Money for A Uganda Project

By Mel Howard

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The National Honor Society (NHS) at Owensboro Catholic High School heard about a group of elderly nuns living in Uganda who needed to have their house renovated from a shell of a building to make a good convent for them to live in.

Sister Suzanne Sims, OSU, principal of Trinity High School in Whitesville visited the village where the Sisters live, saw their plight, and came back to the USA, determined to help these good women. She sent out emails asking for help; one said, in part, "I saw the sisters' home when I was there, as poor as anyone else, and maybe worse than some others. They were all elderly. It is imbedded in my brain as a need there."

That message caught the attention of some NHS leaders, who heard Sister Suzanne's email message in their Religion class, and Sierra White brought the idea to the NHS officers' meeting where the OCHS National Honor Society decided to choose the Sister's convent renovation as a good cause for a school fund raiser.

National Honor Society students in Catholic Schools are some of the most outgoing "go-to" workers the schools have, and they are frequently called upon by the Catholic community to provide many services for parishes and groups, including providing hospitality and service for a Bishop's ordination.

Catholic High NHS students are involved in various fund raisers when they enter in their sophomore year, and so they organized to find a way to raise money to give to send to the Sisters in Uganda.

They came up with the idea of making some t-shirts using artwork inspired by the Up movie (balloons on a house) to go on the back of the shirt, and a logo with the project's name. They had nowhere to go but UP. 100 t-shirts were made locally and then sold for \$10.00 each.

When asked what was it about this Uganda Project that caught the group's attention, especially the NHS seniors, the NHS Uganda Project's leader, Sierra White said, "I just felt that I needed to do something for these Sisters. Just being a senior and about to graduate doesn't mean that I can sit back and do nothing. I felt that we seniors were in the best position here to actually do something to serve these Sisters' need. When I was a sophomore, I saw how the Play Pump fundraiser for helping to build water wells in Nigeria was done, the work it took, and how our student body responded so well to that need. This one is like that need, and so we got it going."



The design for Raising Walls Raising Hope on the back of the NHS t-shirts. Graphic by Sierra White



The 2009-2010 Owensboro Catholic High School National Honor Society officers are from left, John Wright, Sierra White, Jessica Ralph, and Melinda Thompson. Behind Matthew Franey, holding up the t-shirt, are some of the NHS members wearing the t-shirts the group sold during Lent, 2010, for the benefit of a Sisters' convent in Uganda. The OCHS marquee on Parrish Avenue behind them reads, "Congratulations, National Honor Society, Kentucky's Outstanding Chapter." Mel Howard Photo



Little Flowers Do Bloom During Lent

During Lent the Little Flowers of St. Therese Girls Club did chores at home to earn money to purchase food for the food pantry at Sts. Joseph & Paul Church in Owensboro, Ky. Pictured; Back row: Cassidy Carrico, Cecilia Clemens, Hannah Padgett, Meredith Stiff, Mary Kate Dixon, Kristina Stelmach, Claire Johnson, Emily Storm, Maggie Hayden; Front row; Sarah Englert, Mary Clare Mills, Jade Flaherty, Hannah Latham, and Josafina Garcia. Those Members not pictured: Lydea Dickens, Madalyn Hyland, Lilly Carol Moore, and Caitlin Sullivan. The Owensboro Catholic Schools K-3 Little Flowers Leaders are Heather Clemens and Kathy Dixon. Submitted by April Dickens





Several High School CCD students from the Tri-Parishes at St. Agnes, Uniontown, St. Peter, and Sacred Heart, both at Waverly, helped package the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. In the photo at top left are, from left, Maggie Stenger, Patrick McGuire, Jeffrey Wurth, Shelby Hite, Shawn Williamson, And Ryan Livers.



The girls from the Confirmation class attached name tags for the Christmas Giving Tree for the clients at the Morganfield Nursing and Rehab. From left are Maggie Hancock, Maggie Stenger, Chelsea Hagan, Jennifer Watson, and Lauren Rust.



On January 17 & 18, Fr. Terry Devine traveled with the High School CCD on their annual Midnight Madness Ski Trip at Paoli Peaks. This year was the largest crowd of 40 skiers. All had a great time and are ready to return next year. In the photo at lower far left are Matt Thomas and Blake Simmons with Father Terry Devine. Photos submitted by Janet Butler

Students Earn Awards for Essays

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Two students from Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville earned \$50 for writing the best essays in their age groups for a contest sponsored by the Elks Lodge #545. The contest assignment was directed toward fifth through eighth grade students and the essay was to be written about the "American Dream." Christina Ligibel, of the sixth grade, won the fifth and sixth grade division, while Emily Fay, from the eighth grade, won the seventh and eighth grade division.

Both students, along with the entire middle school, were called to the school's gymnasium on the morning of Friday, January 22. During the assembly, Ligibel and Fay were called forward and awarded their \$50 checks by John Thomas and Jerry Brockman, both members of the Elks Lodge #545 in Hopkinsville.

When writing about her interpretation of the American Dream, Fay wrote about both of her grandmothers and how they emigrated from Scotland and Ireland to become American citizens. "It was in America that my grandmothers found endless opportunities to work for their dreams," wrote Fay. "Opportunities that remain as real today as when those brave ladies first arrived in this land of dreams. In America, they hungered for the dreams that were theirs and they set



On Friday, January 22, 2010, members of the Elks Lodge #545 in Hopkinsville presented two middle school students from Sts. Peter and Paul each with a \$50 check for winning an essay contest entitled "The American Dream." Pictured from left to right are Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul; Emily Fay, the winner of the seventh and eighth grade division; John Thomas, member of Elks Lodge #545; Christina Ligibel, winner of the fifth and sixth grade division; and Jerry Brockman, member of Elks Lodge #545. Photo taken by Sean Fay.

out to make those dreams real," Fay continued.

Ligibel believes the American Dream centers on helping others. "We each have a dream to make America better. To me the American Dream is what you want to do to make America a better place," wrote Ligibel. "For some people the American Dream could be standing up for things like their faith. It could be making a big difference or a little one in someone else's life. To me it's doing whatever I can to help others and be kind to them," she concluded.



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36 The Journey To Holy Spirit Parkside

By Jane G. Wilson

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - A dream, a prayer, a goal, a reality, 10 years in the making. On February 28, 2010, the parishioners of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky said goodbye to their church campus of 40 years at 2232 Smallhouse Road and hello to their new location at 4754 Smallhouse Road.

The journey to Holy Spirit Parkside (our temporary name for the new location) began about 10 years ago. When Holy Spirit parish was established in 1970, an offshoot of St. Joseph parish, it started with about 250 families. The number has since swelled to over 900 families. We had simply outgrown our church campus. Many prayers were answered when we broke ground in September 2008 on our 29,150 square foot Fellowship Hall, parish offices and classroom building. In the spring of 2009, construction began on the church building itself, which, at 23,776 square feet, will be more than twice the size of our former church building. We anticipate celebrating our first Mass in the new church building in December of this year. In the meantime, we are celebrating Mass in the new Fellowship Hall, which has been named Spirit Hall.

Preparations for the transition to Parkside began about a year ago. Much thought and effort was put into the spiritual and emotional transition of our church family to its new location. The culmination was a spiritually moving and uplifting last weekend at our old location.

The weekend began with the normal Friday noon Mass, followed by 36 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Parishioners from various ministries, among others, took turns with the Blessed Sacrament. The youth group covered the hours after midnight on Friday night as a part of a planned retreat.

Few in attendance at the last Mass will ever forget the mixed emotions of sadness and excitement, regret and hope that surged through the standing-room only crowd. When the 11:30 Mass ended, about 75 youth and adults approached the altar as the larger-than-life size Crucifix was taken down from the wall. The group reverently carried the crucifix down the aisle, out the door of the church and proceeded to walk the 3 and ½ miles to the new Holy Spirit Church location. The sight of the crucifix being taken down and carried out brought tears to the eyes of many parishioners. And the sight of a large crowd carrying a cross down the city street caused several double-takes by local drivers.

This procession was just the first. A



second procession—this one in cars—started about two hours later. Father Jerry Riney, our pastor, and Father Ray Goetz led a brief prayer service in the sanctuary and then invited about 60 pre-selected families to pick up various items from the church—the Stations of the Cross, the Holy oils, the vestments, the Tabernacle, to name a few—and proceed with those to our new location. While the families who were asked to carry these items were selected randomly, it was amazing to see that they included founding families of the church, long-term members, new members, and even a catechumen! Nearly everyone asked to participate readily agreed and many said they felt honored to be included in such an important day in our church history.

After the families left the sanctuary, Father Jerry and Father Ray brought out the Blessed Sacrament. They, along with the parish staff, led the procession to the new Holy Spirit campus, followed by about 150 cars and families. Those in the procession were even encouraged to turn their car radios to a temporary, dedicated radio station that featured music from the Holy Spirit music ministry, along with prayers and general information about the day.

The awe-inspiring ceremony continued once we reached our new destination. Then, one-by one, the 60 plus families brought their items up the main aisle of the temporary sanctuary and presented them to the church family. It began with the youth presenting the Crucifix that they had carried for about two hours to the new Spirit Hall. The priest's chair was presented and placed near the altar, the altar clothes laid on the altar, the candles placed, the Stations of the Cross hung on the wall. One especially meaningful presentation involved the statue of St. Joseph. A parishioner from St. Joseph Church in Bowling Green—our mother parish—brought up the statue, linking our past to our future.

Once all items were brought forward, Father Jerry and Father

Two pictures at right, Holy Spirit pastor Fr. Jerry Riney and Fr. Ray Goetz present the Blessed Sacrament after receiving the elements of worship.

At the end of the last Mass at Holy Spirit, about 75 youth and adults removed the crucifix from the sanctuary and processed from the old church to the new site. Photos by Clinton Lewis

Two pictures at left, Holy Spirit Youth singing songs as they carry the crucifix down Smallhouse Road.



Robert & Michele Levesque presenting the Easter candle at Holy Spirit's new location.

Ray presented the Blessed Sacrament, which opened another six hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

Following the welcoming ceremony, refreshments and tours of the new facility, parishioners were given the opportunity to sign their names on a steel beam which will be used in the construction of the church building. Those who were unable to attend the welcoming ceremony were given the chance to sign the beam after all the Masses the first weekend of March.

So many people were involved in preparing for the transition to the new Holy Spirit Church campus, giving closure to those who needed it and providing the welcome appropriate for this new stage in our church history. The Holy Spirit has definitely been with us every step of the way as we "journeyed to Parkside."



Tatiana in concert at St. Mary Church, Franklin, Ky. February. 27, 2010. Her son, Dante, is with her singing at the keyboard.



A View of Saint Mary Church as concert-goers enter for the Tatiana concert. Photos submitted by Joann Bradford

By Patricia Hicks

FRANKLIN, Ky. - On Saturday, February 27, a concert was presented by Tatiana Cameron at St. Mary Catholic Church in Franklin. Over 350 people were present to experience her "I Thirst-The Crucifixion Story," during which Tatiana intermingled her story of growing up under the oppression of Communism with the story of Jesus' Crucifixion.

Tatiana, also known as Tajci, became

a musical sensation in classical piano and voice as a young girl in Communist Croatia. She soon became the "Pop Diva" of Central Europe and had millions of fans.

When Tatiana was 21, she defected to the United States and left fame, fortune and even her precious family behind. After arriving in our country, she was able to reclaim her Catholic Faith, since her parents had secretly baptized her as an infant. She now presents her powerful

message through music in churches across the country and internationally.

Tatiana's performance featured contemporary Christian favorites, such as "Via Dolorosa," Hebrew and Gregorian chants and classic hymns, like "Were You There?" and "O Sacred Head Surrounded." The very talented musicians who accompanied Tatiana were her sister, Sanya Mateyas on flute and vocals, Denny Bouchard on keyboard, and Larissa Fedoryka on cello and

vocals. Tatiana's three young boys joined her in singing at the end of the concert.

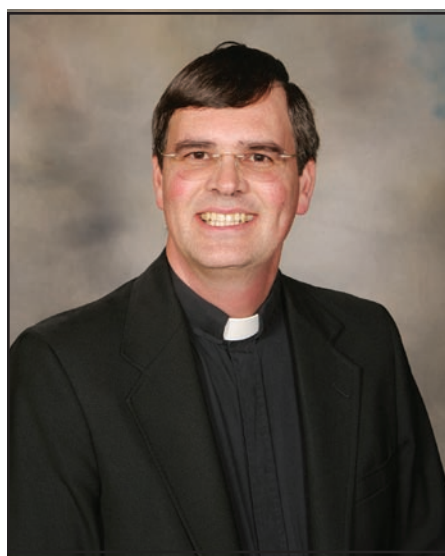
This event was truly a blessing in Franklin, as Catholics and Protestants alike packed our church. Everyone agreed that what they experienced through Tatiana's presentation was far above and beyond anything that they had imagined that it could be.

Thanks Be To God For His Goodness In Our Lives!

Catholic Ecumenism

By Fr. Tony Bickett, Ecumenical Officer

Wanted - Parish Ecumenical Advocates:



Fr. Tony Bickett

As our grass roots ecumenical ministry spreads throughout the parishes in our diocese there is a growing need for each parish to name one or more parish ecumenical advocates. The parish ecumenical advocates work in their local parishes, in cooperation with their pastor and the other ecumenical advocates in their deanery.

The parish ecumenical advocates agree to (1) pray for the visible unity of the Church, (2) increase awareness of the need for ecumenism in their parish and (3) reach out to other Christian churches in their geographic area.

The hope is to have at least one parish ecumenical advocate in each of our 79 parishes by the end of this year. The Diocesan Ecumenical Commission and I are inviting Catholics interested in the unity of the Christian family to contact their pastor

for appointment.

The Office of Ecumenism and the Ecumenical Commission will provide initial orientation to the ministry of ecumenism at the grass roots level. It is not anticipated that parish ecumenical advocates will be asked to travel beyond their deanery boundaries.

The most important thing any of us can do is to pray for the conversion of hearts among Christians. Parish ecumenical advocates can help to remind parishioners of the importance of praying for and with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Some of our

existing parish ecumenical advocates, working with their pastors, are attending local ministerial association meetings and visiting other churches in order to learn more about those Christian communities.

If you would like to share in this ministry, one which is given the highest priority by the Holy Father, please contact me at ftonyb@yahoo.com, or speak with your pastor.

A Prayer For Unity:

Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one Church all those who seek the truth with sincerity. Almighty and eternal God, you keep together those you have united. Look kindly on all who follow Jesus your Son. We are all consecrated to you by our common baptism. Make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Good Friday Solemn Intercessions V. For the unity of Christians)

Ecumenical Commission News:

The members of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission recently dialogued with the United Methodist tradition. Rev. Douglas C. Lyons, Pastor of the United Methodist Church in Guthrie, KY, shared the history, beliefs, and structure of the United Methodist Church. It was pointed out that the Methodist did not split from the Roman Catholic Church. Instead the Methodists, named for the methodical way in which they pray, worship, and minister, were formed by John and Charles Wesley. Both men, baptized as Anglicans in England, took the Gospel into the workplace. "The world is my parish," John Wesley said. Charles Wesley is known for writing numerous hymns including "Hark the Herald Angels sing." Methodist is the third largest Christian denomination in the United States and the second largest in Kentucky.

The journey of promoting Christian unity, central to Christian identity and the pastoral priorities of the Catholic Church, is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ and zeal for the Church and its unity. For this very reason, ecumenism "is not just some sort of 'appendix' that is added to the Church's traditional activity. Rather, ecumenism is an organic part of her life and work, and consequently must pervade all that she is and does." (*That They May Be One*, Pope John Paul II, 20).

OCHS Students Win Awards



St. Mary Girls Team Honored at the 3rd District Girls Basketball Tournament



Abbie Riney, 18, has been named a National Merit finalist, and is eligible for a National Merit Scholarship which will be awarded in the spring of 2010 to only about half of the 15,000 US finalists. Mel Howard Photo



Melinda Thompson, 18, has been named a National Merit finalist. Melinda made it a "three-peat" for the Al and Molly Thompson family as their two older daughters, Megan, and Kathleen, are also NMS finalists. Mel Howard Photo



Kathryn Dueker placed 1st in the 12th grade division of the Fleet Reserve Association's Annual Americanism Essay contest. The theme for this year was 'What Memorial Day Means to Me.' Kathryn won a \$100 Savings Bond. Her essay now advances to the next level, the North Central Region, for additional competition.



Anna McNulty was selected for the Kentucky State soccer team. This is the third time in her career she's been selected to represent Kentucky. Anna is a sophomore and a member of the OCHS soccer team. OCS Photos



By Mel Howard

Saint Mary School System in Paducah, Ky. announced on March 18 some good news about their girls basketball program.

On a day when the national sports news about college and university graduation rates for basketball programs found that less than 40% of the college players in their programs graduate (UK rate was 31%), Saint Mary High School announced that all players on the St. Mary Varsity Girls basketball team were honored with academic achievement awards at the 3rd

The 2009-2010 Lady Vikings

Back row L to R – Sarah Hendley, Lydia McManus, Rachael Guess, Emily Curtsinger, Meagan Tincher, Leann Thweatt, Leslie Shockley; Front row L to R – Alana Miller, Abby Powell, Danielle Dome, Peyton Vaughn, Michea Word. Photo submitted by Missy Eckenberg

District Basketball Tournament for maintaining a grade point average ranging from 3.5 to 4.0.

It is a good bet that these ladies will all graduate from Saint Mary High School, and also in a later year from a college or university of their choice.

The Saint Mary Girls Basketball team's head coach is Staci Averill with assistant coaches Ronnie Scheer and Mike Thweatt.

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education by sharing these ideals with neighbors, community leaders, family and friends.

"I thank God every day for my church and school."

Second grade student William Groves spoke enthusiastically during the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday. "You would love the nice teachers," he proclaimed. "We get to pray every day and learn about God. I wish more people would come here because this is the best school in the universe!"

Jordan Kelly, a sixth grade student at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, along with all the middle school students, created their own personal floats for a "carnival parade" held during Catholic Schools Week which took place from February 1 through February 5. The middle



school students paraded for the students in the lower grades on Tuesday of that week. Photo taken by Sarah Kranz.



Vocation

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Commit yourselves with every spiritual energy, to realize the heavenly Father's plan of salvation, cultivating in your heart the ability to be astonished and to adore Him.

Deacon and Priesthood Promises at St. Meinrad Seminary



Ryan Harpole reads aloud as he places his hand on the Book of Gospels during a Mass at St. Meinrad Seminary on March 11. Photos by Larena Lawson.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, through Your Holy Spirit, we ask for Your blessing as we pray for vocations. Inspire many men and women to hear Your call to serve God and the Church as priests, deacons, vowed religious and lay ministers. Give them courage, renew their faith and inspire them with confidence to answer Your call. We ask this through Jesus' name. Amen.

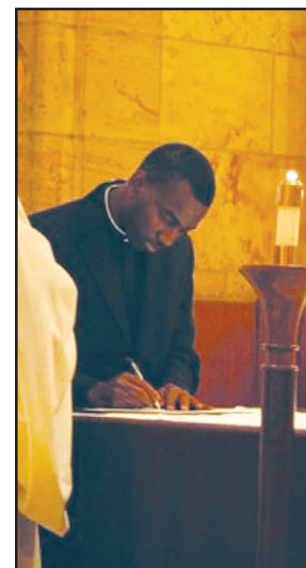
Mark your calendars for the Priestly Ordination of Deacons Brandon Williams, Steve Hohman and Uwem Enoch on May 29, 2010 at St. Stephen's Cathedral.



Deacon Steve Hohman signs priesthood promises after professing them aloud.



Deacon Brandon Williams signs promises on the altar in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel at St. Meinrad Seminary. Photos by Larena Lawson.



After Deacon Uwem Enoch signs priesthood promise. He and his two Owensboro classmates will be ordained to the priesthood on May 29th at St. Stephen Cathedral.

Three Owensboro Seminarians Receive Ministries at Saint Stephen Cathedral



Julio Barrera receives the chalice and paten from Bishop William Medley during the Ministries Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral on February 20th. He received the Ministry of Acolyte.

At Right, Bishop William Medley prays over seminarians Emmanuel Udoh and Will Thompson as they receive the Ministry of Lector. Fr. Andy Garner, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, concelebrated.



Those chosen for the Ministry of Acolyte are called to assist priests and deacons in carrying out their ministry, and as special ministers to give Holy Communion to the faithful at the liturgy and to the sick. They must show a sincere love for Christ's Mystical Body, God's holy people, and especially for the weak and the sick.

Those called the Ministry of Lector are called to proclaim the word in the liturgical assembly, instruct children and adults in the faith, and prepare them to receive the sacraments worthily, and bring the message of salvation to those who have not yet received it.

Easter Collection for Seminary Education

The Diocese of Owensboro is blessed to have 16 seminarians in priestly formation. These young men pray for you, and they count on your prayers for them as they actively seek God's will in their lives.

Pray for and generously support our young men in priestly formation.

40 In The Year of the Priest: Reflections on the Priesthood of Fr. Jerry Calhoun

By Pat S. Smith

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - One of the most amazing priests I have ever known is Christ the King's (Madisonville) Fr. Jerry Calhoun. I met Fr. Jerry in 1989 when I was hospitalized. He had come to Holy Spirit in Bowling Green just a month before to replace Fr. Tom Clark who had left for Henderson, Ky to serve at Holy Name. He was a calm and reassuring man, quick to listen and not judge. Over the years from 1989 through his departure to serve at St. Francis de Sales in Paducah in June of 1997, Fr. Jerry became more to me than just a parish priest. He had become for me a father figure, my counselor, my financial advisor, and most of all, my friend. I have so many special memories of him, they are too numerous to relate, but I will say this: Much of the good now in me and my husband, Galen, is due to the influence of Fr. Jerry in our lives over the last 20 or so years. Since my own father died when I was only 29, and we never really bonded, Fr. Jerry, too, is like the earthly father I never really had.

When articles started appearing in *The Western Kentucky Catholic* last year about various priests in the diocese, I knew I wanted to help celebrate the "Year of the Priest" by featuring Fr. Jerry with this article with comments from another priest and a few parishioners who knew him rather well.

Bonnie Broenneke, Holy Spirit parishioner and choir member, life-long Catholic, describes Fr. Jerry this way: "Father Jerry Calhoun is a man of great compassion and caring and was always willing to make the most difficult times bearable." Bonnie related that when he first came to Bowling Green, Fr. Jerry was there shortly after her mother died.

"Because my Mom had died very suddenly, and without warning, there was so much to take in and it just didn't seem like my mind was working properly," Bonnie said. Although Fr. Jerry was not available to anoint her mother, as soon as he received word of her Mother's death, he immediately showed up at her Mother's home and prayed with Bonnie and her husband, Gary.

Bonnie shared, "I will never forget how the three of us stood in Mom's living room holding hands while he led us in prayer. How comforting that moment was!"

At Bonnie's Mother's funeral Mass, Fr. Jerry told the story about an elderly woman who walked and prayed each day with the Lord. However as the days went by, the woman was unable to walk as far as she could the day before. Each day she



Father Jerry Calhoun, Vicar General of the Diocese of Owensboro, at center, participated in a meeting at St. Pius Tenth Parish Center, Owensboro, on March 2 to discuss a survey of priests' opinions about Catholic Schools. At left is Father Richard Powers, and at right, Father Ray Goetz. Mel Howard photo.

kept getting further and further behind. So, one day, God just said to her, "You're closer to My House than yours, so let's just go to MY House." Bonnie said that since that time, she had heard that story quite often at funerals, but the first time was at her mother's funeral, and it was a great comfort to her. "Father Jerry can not imagine how much he helped me that day and I thank him, and I ask God to bless him now and always," she said.

"Thank God for good priests," she added, "we sure need them!"

Fr. Ray Goetz, now Parochial Vicar at Holy Spirit, Bowling Green, said of Fr. Jerry Calhoun, "He is a simple honest friend whom I really trust! In fact, I might not even be a priest today if not for him."

Fr. Ray tells a little history behind this. He said that he was doing his student teaching in history at Owensboro Catholic High in 1968. One day, Fr. Jerry stopped him in the hall and simply asked, "Why are you doing this? Why aren't you going to study (for the priesthood)?" Fr. Ray said that years before he had thought about this. But then came Vietnam.

Two years later, Fr. Ray DID decide to take that call.

While Fr. Ray was Chaplain at the Newman Center on the campus of Western Kentucky University, he and Fr. Jerry were in close proximity and together often. When his 25th anniversary approached, Fr. Ray asked Fr. Jerry to preach. "My deepest feelings about Fr. Jerry are that he is a very good friend, very special in my life. I look up to him!"

One especially fond memory that Fr. Ray has is of one summer when he and Fr. Jerry were out on Nolin Lake "just trolling," Fr. Ray remarked, "Poor little fish." To which Fr. Jerry, shaking his head, remarked, "You are the worst fisherman!"

Barbara Parker, long time parishioner at Holy Spirit, catechetical secretary for a year and a half under Fr. Jerry's direction, choir member, Eucharistic minister, mother, and grandmother, was also asked about her thoughts and memories while Fr. Jerry was serving at Holy Spirit. "He is the most humble priest I have ever met. He is always humble, doesn't like to brag." Barbara said that Fr. Jerry was always there for whomever called or came by. She said that he always put himself aside for others and was always available.

Barbara said that when the occasion of her 25th wedding anniversary was coming up, she and her husband Ed wanted to have a celebration, something small, at church. She knew Fr. Jerry's vacation was planned at the same time as her anniversary. He insisted on delaying his vacation to help celebrate our anniversary with Mass. Although Barbara encouraged him to go ahead and start his vacation, he would not go until he helped celebrate their anniversary.

She added, "He was always there, so humble, always took time right then, always put others first. Lots of times he didn't even take his days off."

Most of all, Barbara remembers Fr. Jerry's compassion, his kindness, and the fact that he was a wonderful listener. "My

grandson, Christian, had a birth injury and was about to go into surgery in Texas, Fr. Jerry saw me coming out of the sacristy one day, saw my worried face, and said to me, "I think you need a hug." Barbara told him, "Yes, I could use a hug right about now!" Fr. Jerry had baptized Christian and also her other grandson, Andrew.

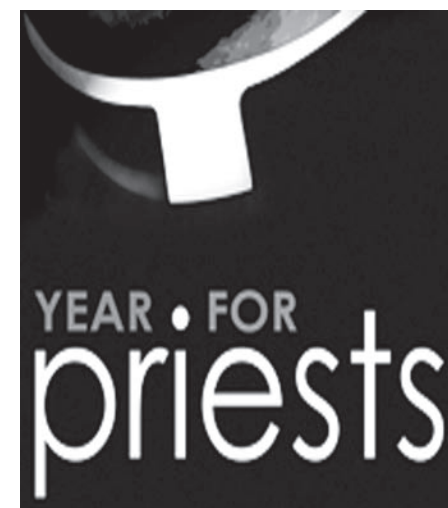
Barbara said that on the personal side of their relationship, she and husband Ed always had fun with Fr. Jerry, especially their trips to Rough River on his houseboat. "He used hotdogs for bait," Barbara laughed. Ed today still teases him about his "bait."

When word came that Fr. Jerry had been reassigned to Paducah, "The day he told us he was leaving, I cried all day, the staff, too. And the day he left was so hard," Barbara remembered. They are still friends today, though it has been over 11 years. They still stay in contact. "Ed loves Fr. Jerry and also believes he is humble and loving and very easy to get along with. Of course, they have gone fishing together and have great rapport."

The Parkers have visited Fr. Jerry in his present parish, Christ the King in Madisonville. "He seems grateful that we have had his friendship for a very long time." Barbara said that one of Fr. Jerry's greatest assets is how couple-oriented he is, and that he really respects the sacrament of marriage. In closing, she said, "He is dedicated to his vocation and you can tell how much he loves the Lord!"

As Catholics, we see many, pastors come and go in our lives. But for sure, one Western Kentucky priest who is loved by his former parishioners will always be remembered, Fr. Jerry Calhoun.

Pat S. Smith is parishioner at Holy Spirit in Bowling Green and loves writing personal experiences about her nearly 30 years as a member of the Catholic faith.



Principal Takes New Approach

By Dawn C. Ligibel

Hopkinsville, KY. - Catholic Schools Week, which was celebrated nationally from February 1 through 5, took on a whole new look and feel at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville this year. New principal, Sarah Kranz, immediately announced that there would be no pajama day, no crazy hat day, and no board games during the traditional friendship day. While many of the students were initially disappointed, most came to appreciate the change in focus. "I've gotten very positive feedback from the students and the teachers," Kranz said. "The parents were thrilled," she added.

"We planned a variety of events that focused on different aspects of Catholic education," explained Kranz. "It was evident that Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School provides the dividends for life," she added. Dividends for Life was this year's theme across the nation for Catholic Schools Week. "There was still a great deal of focus on instruction, but there was also a theme each day," she continued. The different themes included focusing on the community, the students, the nation, vocations, the parish, and faculty, staff and volunteers.

To demonstrate a connection with the community, many classes in the school created and mailed cards to the parish's sick and shut-in members. In addition, the fifth grade baked and delivered cookies to the local fire department while other students created "sweet" baskets for employees of a local free medical clinic and of the emergency department at the local hospital.

Jacqueline Anderson, Family Health Care Advisor for St. Luke's Clinic, the free medical clinic, followed up receiving the gift with a thank-you letter. "I have had this job for several years and over those years people have brought the clinic and myself presents, but none has ever been as nice as the one you children brought," she wrote. "You are all such sweet students," she concluded.

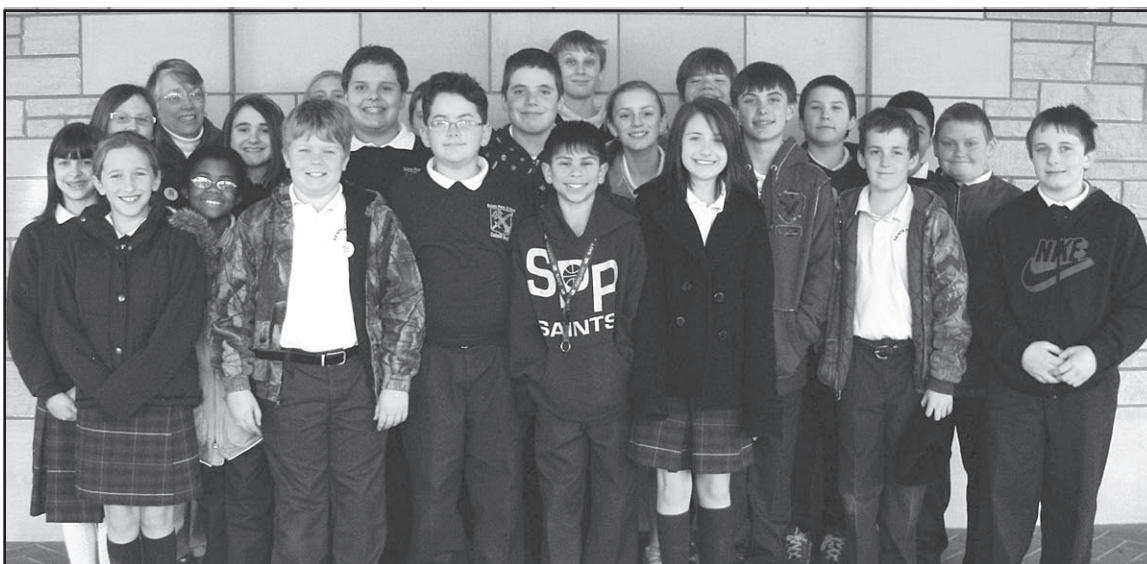
Also on that first day of Catholic Schools Week, the diocese hosted its annual Diocesan Spelling Bee in Owensboro. Joseph Baxter, a sixth grade student from Sts. Peter and Paul, won the spelling bee for the fourth through sixth grade division.

On Tuesday, the agenda focused more on the students. While enjoying a "free dress day," the entire student body attended Mass and also received a blessing of the throats. Later that day, the students delighted in a carnival parade. Middle school students had prepared personal "floats" by decorating cardboard boxes and then paraded for the lower classes in the school.

While the theme for Wednesday was officially focused on the nation, the students primarily focused their attention toward the military. Weeks prior to Catholic Schools Week, students were encouraged to donate items that could be sent to a military unit in Afghanistan. During Catholic Schools Week, when it was time to box and mail the donations, the school mailed 12 boxes full of snacks and toiletries.

In addition to supporting and praying for active members of the military, several students honored military members who had paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. On this day, the sixth grade class visited and paid their respects at the Kentucky Veterans' Cemetery while the second grade class visited Fort Campbell Memorial Park. Fort Campbell Memorial Park, locally referred to as Gander Memorial, is dedicated to the 248 members of the 3rd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division who perished in a plane crash near Gander, Newfoundland on December 12, 1985. While visiting each location, the students read a passage from the Gospel of Matthew, citing the beatitudes, prayed the prayers of the faithful and sang a hymn of their choosing.

In addition to honoring the military on Wednesday, Kranz also recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the students using the



The students of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville focused on honoring the military Wednesday, February 3, during Catholic Schools Week. On that day, the sixth grade

class traveled to the Kentucky Veterans' Cemetery West where they held a brief prayer service. Photo taken by Shannon Pape.

version made popular by comedian Red Skelton. During this version, each phrase of the pledge is explained in detail. Kranz also elaborated on the phrase "under God" and how the Knights of Columbus were instrumental in getting those words included in the official version in 1952.

Focusing on vocations on Thursday included a visit from Sr. Ellen Frances who spoke to the students about her vocation. In addition, all classes in the school were encouraged to adopt a sister from Mount Saint Joseph. Sr. Mary Cabrini Foushee, who was adopted by the fifth grade, responded to the children by writing a letter about herself and her vocation. Students also mailed cards and letters to the seminarians in our diocese as well as to our retired Bishop, John McRaith.

The week was wrapped up by allowing students to wear their "spirit day dress," which consists of blue jeans and school or school sports t-shirts. After another all-school Mass, parents were invited to attend "pastries with parents" in the classrooms. Superintendent Jim Mattingly also visited the school on Friday.

As a way of highlighting the staff, faculty and volunteers of the school, Kranz encouraged the aforementioned to provide photos of themselves when they were younger, preferably during their school years of kindergarten through eighth grade. Those pictures were displayed on one of the main bulletin boards in the school for students to see. "It gave our students a look into our lives at their age," Kranz explained her motivation.

Catholic Schools Week was officially concluded at Sts. Peter and Paul during the weekend Masses on February 6 and 7. As is the tradition at Sts. Peter and Paul, the school children performed the duties of altar servers, cross bearers, lectors, commentators and gift bearers. Another new addition this year included an essay contest earlier in the week. The winners of the contest were asked to read their essays during the weekend Masses.

Reading his essay during the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Christian Barefield of the sixth grade focused on the value of a Catholic education. The following are excerpts from his essay.

"I value the privilege and opportunity to attend a Catholic school. I had spent three years in public school before coming to Sts. Peter and Paul. I found the teachers and the students here very kind and caring. Our teachers here are serving God.



Joseph Baxter won the Diocesan Spelling Bee (division 4-6) held in Owensboro on Monday, February 1, the first day of Catholic Schools Week. Baxter is in the sixth grade at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. Photo taken by Sarah Kranz.

"The opportunity of having religion classes daily and attending Mass three times a week is one of the great things about attending school here. Every year we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This gives our church and school the opportunity to share the importance of Catholic

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Welcome, New Western
Kentucky Catholics!

Many will receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation in April and May. Celebrate their progression in faith formation. Pray for their continued development throughout life. Serve as a good role model and mentor to encourage further personal and spiritual growth.

Stewards mentor others toward a closer relationship with God. “Stewardship starts with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts. It is a vocation to discipleship.”(Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response-A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship). We have so much to consider as we progress through Easter and spring.

Learn about Our Lord’s special grants of mercy and forgiveness to sinners on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11).
Citizen
stewardship is reflected on tax day (April 15th).

We celebrate and value God’s Creation in special ways on Earth Day (April 22nd).

Throughout the month let us strive to further develop our personal relationship with the Risen Christ and give witness to our discipleship through our stewardship expressions of daily living.

A steward is grateful.

Catechumens in Parishes of the Diocese

Darla Alvey
Brandon Archer
Jaimie Lee Barber
Renetta Bemiss
Ashleigh Bibbler
Kevin L. Boulard
Seth Browning
Jessy Bullis
Maria Burgos
Chris Butler
Stephen Chappell
John Cobb
Sabrina Collins
Russ Cox
Christina Craig
Scott Craig
Storm Davenport
Bailey Davis
David Dearstein
Joseph DeWeese
Shelby DeWeese
Alexander Earhart
Paulette Frasca
Mary Michelle French
Becky Fulkerson
Adam Gilbert
Emma Marie Harwood
Sarah Claire Harwood
Aaron Hauser
Jessica Hope Heck
Beth Herdegen
Jessica Hobbs
Jennifer Hohn
Jessica Marie Holland
Rachel Lauren Holland
Will Andrew Holland
Cleo Hubble
Chris Jeffries

Colton Daniel Jessie
Tiffany Kalichun
Phil Klapper
Benjamin Ryan Lancaster
Jeremy O’Neal Lindsey
Marie Corabeth Lomax
Candy Marsh
Sarah Christine Mayleben
David Michael Minnicks
Stephanie Morgan
Amanda Sue Mudd
Shanika Nard
Kim Newman
Sydnie Nix
Bryan Norris
Diana Payne
Brian Adam Priest
Ashley Davenport Rasdall
Kelly Rose
Chrystal Samuels
Austin Shaw
Hannah Shaw
Danny Snyder
Sarah Sparks
Daniel William Thomas
Mike Vadbunker
Alayna Villanueva
Hadley Lauren Walker
Jacey Walker
Kelly Walker
Kelly Ward
Alissa Wink
Colton Wink
Channa Woodall
Adam Yeisley
Brad Young

Candidates in
Parishes of the
Diocese

William Acosta
Priscilla Acosta
John Murray Adams
Casey Lynn Adams
Brian Allen
Hayley Allison
Erin Leigh Alvey
Rachel Gish Alvey
Amy Anglin
Kenneth Michael Apple
Mark Allan Atkins
Jeanne Baez
Elizabeth Bartolon
Matthew Daniel Boisseau
Kenny Brandle
Bonnie Braun-Grant
Starla Breuer
Robert Browning
Alvin Buck, Jr.
Lynn Buckman
Jim Bullis
Mike Burden
Wendy Burden
Barbara Campbell
Erin Cecil
Llyssa Chandler
Zachary Chandler
Jeremy Childers
Melissa Chmielewski
Hope Church
Richard Church
Erica Cobb
Melinda Cole
Sabrina Collins
Melissa Connor
Ronnie Cook
Dana Cox
Noah Cox
Tiffany Craig
Jamie Crawford
Lyle Crouch
Whitney Cumbie
Brittany De La Rosa
Charlee Dees
Sharon Drury
Sara Dukes
Clay Durbin
Lisa S. Dyer
Michelle Eadens
Angela Edwards
Shannon Elliott
Kendra Esparza
Tracie Etensohn
John Harl Foreman
Ann Futrell
Gilardo C. Garcia
Jessica Kate Gilbert
Donald Gladis
Allison Grooms
Patrick S. Hammond

Larry Hamrick
Tiffany Lynn Hatcher
Magan Hayden
Glenn Hays
William Walter Helwig
John David Henshaw
Amy Hester
Valerie Hill
Matt Hobbs
Alesha Hutcheson
Chelsey Jones
Brian Mark Kadet
Carol Kelly Kadet
Alex King
Caleb King
Katie Kirtley
Cindy Krampe
Marisa LaCasse
Linsey Lanham
Karen Leachmann
Todd Lee
Tommy Leonard
Nicholas Lindsey
Sue Long
Katie Lowe
Janice Mathis
Tony Mattingly
Kacie Mattox
Pat McCally
Billy McDaniel
Debbie McDaniel
Ryan McDaniel
Shayla McGill
Helen McNeill
Eddie Meek
Kelly Meek
Travis Melton
Kiesha Quinones Mitchem
Shelia Moore
Brooke Nicole Morgan
Ryan Morrow
Nicholas Moyet
Melissa Murphy
Jonna Neihoff
Randy Newcomb
Jim Newman
Ian Nix
Brandi Oberst
Chris O’Connor
Wesley Oechsel
Ambrosio Garcia Oronia

Sandy Eloise Osboe
Glenda Parker
Victoria Lynn Perez
Ann Frances Perry
James Dale Pollock
Ricardo Ramos
Jose Angel Ramos Martinez
Aaron Record
Walter Redd
Bridget Colleen Reid
Jeremy Riter
Michelle Rivera
Juliann Ros
Johnny Samples
Peggy Sauer Williams
Melissa Jean Schatzel
Jenna Scott
Eric Seavers
Anne Segebarth
Brian Segebart
Craig Segebarth
Kevin Segebarth
Angela Sheldon
John Shofner
Melissa Simpson
Layne Smith
Dorothy Starr
Larry Starr
Laura Burnett Staynings
Jamie Stewart
Londa Stockton
Debra Sullivan
Charles Sweeney
Lloyd Switzer
Pamalia Tallman
Elizabeth Ann Toth
Bill Tucker
Pearl Tugwood
Marya Lynn Waters
Thomas Daniel Waters
Alana Webb
Morgan Whitson
Jake Williams
Tara Winders
Haylee Wink
Lucas Wink
Cathryn Wolfe
Cami Woodall
Angela Yeisley
Jason Young



Misericordia motus est
"He was moved with mercy."
(Luke 15:20)

Fathers of Mercy
Preaching Roman Catholic Missions since 1808

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11, 2010 , 2:00 - 4:00 PM.
Fathers of Mercy - 806 Shaker Museum Road
- Auburn, KY 42206
(270) 542-4146 - fax (270) 542-4147
At the Generalate of the Fathers of Mercy,
Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Mercy Chaplet
"Divine Mercy, Fountain Gushing Fouth From The
Mystery Of The Most Blessed Trinity, I Trust In You"
- Diary Of St Faustina

Audit Shows Fewest Reports Of Sexual Abuse By Clerics Since 2004; Most Incidents From Decades Ago

*Accusations against diocesan clergy drop a third from last year
Virtually all cases from decades ago
More than six million children have undergone safe environment training*

WASHINGTON—The 2009 annual report on compliance with the U.S. bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People shows the fewest number of victims, allegations and offenders in dioceses since 2004. Most cases reported to dioceses were from decades ago.

The data show that in 2009 there were 398 allegations and 286 offenders reported to dioceses, most from earlier decades. Of the allegations reported in 2009, six allegations (2 percent) involved children under the age of 18 in 2009. About an eighth of the allegations in 2009 (48) were unsubstantiated or determined to be false by the end of the year. Similar declines were found in data from religious orders of men.

Data for the 2009 calendar year were collected by the Georgetown University-based Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). It began gathering data on sexual abuse of minors by clerics in 2004 as part of the bishops' annual report on compliance with the Charter. The audit report can be found at http://www.usccb.org/ocyp/annual_report2009.shtml

CARA reported that most allegations cited were against pre-teen or teenage males and occurred decades ago. "For the majority of new allegations (71 percent) brought to dioceses, the abuse began between 1960 and 1984. The most common time period for allegations reported in 2009 was 1975-1979," CARA noted.

Costs paid by dioceses for settlements, therapy for victims, support of offenders, attorney fees and other costs amounted to \$104,439,629 in 2009. Of this total, 53 percent was for settlements with victims and another six percent for therapy for victims if not already included in settlements. "Compared to 2008, amounts paid for settlements in 2009 decreased by 83 percent and the amount paid in attorneys' fees declined by three percent," CARA reported.

Dioceses also invested more than \$21 million for child protection efforts such as training programs, background checks and salaries for staff, CARA reported. The annual audit looks at dioceses' compliance with the 17-point Charter adopted by the bishops in 2002. Auditors examine steps dioceses take to deal with allegations of abuse, reports of such allegations to civil authorities, and efforts to prevent child sexual abuse.

Virtually all 195 dioceses and eparchies in the United States participated in the audit. Six refused to participate including the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska, and five eparchies (Eastern rite dioceses): the Eparchies of St. Peter the Apostle for Chaldeans; Eparchy of Newton for Melkites; Eparchy of Our Lady of Nareg in New York for Armenian Catholics; Eparchy of St. Josaphat of Parma for Ukrainians; and Eparchy of Our Lady of Deliverance of Newark for Syrians.

The Charter compliance audits, which cover the time period July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009. They found 21 cases of allegations against current minors. Nine allegations were against international priests visiting or serving in the United States. Their countries of origin included Pakistan (1), Nigeria (1), El Salvador (2), Poland (1), Mexico (2), and India (2). Almost six million, or 96 percent of children in Catholic schools or religious education programs, underwent Safe Environment training, and all but two dioceses that were audited, the Diocese of Baker, Oregon and the Diocese of Fresno, California, were compliant by year's end with this particular provision of the Charter.

The audit found that background evaluations were performed on over two million priests, deacons, seminarians, educators, employees and volunteers. In a memo to all bishops and eparchs to accompany the audit report, Cardinal Francis George, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, highlighted efforts to keep children safe. "The number of children now equipped with the skills to protect themselves more effectively continues to grow," he said. "The Charter is causing a cultural change in the U.S. Catholic Church, one I hope will permeate all areas of society."

He also cited the need for bishops to continue to reach out to victims of child sexual abuse. "Of course, as bishops, we take the responsibility to reach out to victims/survivors and create safe environments seriously. The life and dignity of the victims/survivors and of little ones lie at the core of our responsibilities as shepherds," he said.

A letter from Diane Knight, chair of the United States Conference of Catholic

Bishops Encourage Vigilance That Health Care Legislation Protects Conscience, Does Not Fund Abortion

*Applaud efforts to expand health care to all;
Emphasize need to guarantee federal money does not go to abortion;
Need to address flaws in health reform plan just passed*

WASHINGTON - The U.S. bishops called on Congress and people in the Catholic community on to make sure promises are kept that new health care legislation will not expand abortions in the United States.

Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, made the call March 23, moments after president Barack Obama signed the Senate version of health care reform legislation approved by the House of Representatives by a slim margin, March 21. The statement was approved unanimously by the 32-member Administrative Committee of the USCCB.

"We applaud the effort to expand health care to all," Cardinal George said. He noted concerns about the legislation, including that "the statute forces all those who choose federally subsidized plans that cover abortion to pay for other people's abortions with their own funds."

Cardinal George pointed to President Obama's executive order that said "it is necessary to establish an adequate enforcement mechanism to ensure that Federal funds are not used for abortion services." The need for such an order underscores deficiencies in the bill, Cardinal George said. "We do not understand how an Executive order, no matter how well intentioned, can substitute for statutory provisions," he said also.

President Obama and others claimed the bill does not expand abortion, Cardinal George noted. "We and many others will accompany the government's implementation of the health care reform and will work to ensure that Congress and the Administration live up to the claims that have contributed to its passage. We believe, finally, that new legislation to address its deficiencies will almost certainly be required," he said.

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Bishops National Review Board, to Cardinal George noted the need for vigilance and warned against complacency. "There will always be human beings who are attracted to children, and children will therefore always be at risk," cautioned Ms. Knight, a social worker with more than 40 years of experience. "Our efforts to protect them have an impact beyond our own environs," she added. "Our efforts are crucial to living out our Church's commitment to the life and dignity of each and every human being."

44 Free Hispanic training workshop to be held May 1 At Saint Meinrad



Maura G. Robinson

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology will host a free one-day workshop for those who have an interest in ministering to or working with the Latino population.

Multicultural consultant and trainer Maura G. Robinson of Evansville, IN, will lead the workshop, titled "Preparing for Globalization: Understanding the Latino Culture."

The workshop will be held on Saturday, May 1, in Room G160 at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN. Workshop hours are 9-11:15 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. CDT. There is no cost for the workshop, but lunch on site will cost \$10.

The workshop will offer training to those who serve the area's Latino community. Participants will learn how to better understand Latinos and their customs and culture, examine cultural biases and myths, promote healthy relationships, build trust, and discover best practices for serving this community.

The training will be interactive, including group exercises and team-building activities to help the audience "think Latino" and apply the knowledge obtained.

Robinson is the president of M.G. Robinson Inc. and an adjunct faculty member at the University of Evansville. She earned a sociology degree from the University of Evansville and a master's degree in public administration from Indiana State University.

The training is developed for ministers, pastors, faculty, administrators, students, church staffs, and others who serve the Latino community.

To make a reservation, call (812) 357-6791 or e-mail nramsey@saintmeinrad.edu. The deadline for reservations is April 20.

St. Mary Junior Serves as a United States Senate Page

PADUCAH, Ky. - Sarah Hendley, a junior at St. Mary High School was 1 of 25 in the nation, and 1 of 15 females to successfully complete the 5-month fall semester as a United States Senate Page.

She attended the Senate Page School, graduating with honors and worked on the Senate floor in the Capitol Building from September 7, 2009 until January 22, 2010.

Sarah recently provided presentations about the experience to the Rotary Club of Paducah and the Paducah Lions Club.

Sarah Hendley, wearing her uniform, provides a presentation to the Rotary Club of Paducah describing the United States Senate Page Program experience. Photo by Missy Eckenberg



Brescia University Alumni Weekend 2010

Brescia University's Alumni Weekend and 60th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for April 9-10, 2010. Friday evening Brescia will recognize our previously-honored and newly selected Distinguished Alumni. Saturday morning will include the "Are You Smarter than a Brescia Freshman? Brunch" and Alumni Art Show. Saturday afternoon

How to Learn Conversational Spanish

By Tami Schneider

A variety of languages enrich our world. They help us realize just how different we really are, but at the same time, how we all share the same basic needs and desires. Verbal language is important because, although some claim a high percentage of communication comes through body language, no one can really know who you are or understand your deepest needs if you don't speak the same language.

Although the majority of the world continues to learn English as a universal language, the fact is, the majority of the western hemisphere speaks Spanish, not to mention Spain. Often United States citizens argue that Spanish-speaking immigrants should obligatorily learn English, but wouldn't it be Christian to make an effort to speak their language as well?

Newly-ordained Bishop Medley thinks so. On two different occasions, he mentioned his intention and desire to begin to learn Spanish. But, where does one begin? What is the most efficient way to learn?

After tutoring several students individually, I undoubtedly confirm that consistency is the key. Some swear by Rosetta-Stone, others by Spanish NOW, others by watching soap operas in Spanish, but none of these methods work without consistency. Many of us are now in our adult years, yet we still come across a word now and then that we are unfamiliar with in our own language. Imagine how long it might take to feel comfortable with a foreign language!

As a first step, I suggest studying basic vocabulary, everyday phrases and basic verb conjugation. Try flash cards or placing post-its around your house on various objects. Once you have mastered basic nouns, move on to verbs, beginning with "ser" and "estar". The book entitled 501 Spanish Verbs comes in handy here, but do not get bogged down with all the conjugations. Be content with simply present tense at first, and as you become more comfortable, move on to past and future tenses.

Many of my students have fallen into the capital sin of language learning: fear. Do not be afraid to try! If you do not speak, you will not learn. Find a bilingual buddy or go to the nearest Spanish Mass one Sunday to get used to hearing it. Find some simple children's books in Spanish to read, preferably Spanish translations of familiar stories to get your feet wet.

Last but not least, immersion is a must! Although high school and college courses and individual tutoring provide the basic tools, if you are not forced to use this knowledge, you won't. Six months in a foreign country is best, but highly unrealistic. Go on a mission trip or take your next vacation to a Latin American country and force yourself to speak only Spanish. You will be surprised at how much you understand by the end of your trip!

So, in order to get you off on the right foot, here is Lesson One: Suppose you attend the Spanish Mass at a parish nearby. What would you say during the sign of peace? "La paz esté con usted." Peace be with you. And just remember, "Amen" is the same in both languages!



Tami Schneider

Pilgrims of Hope



Pilgrims of Hope will travel Sept. 19-26 to Mandeville, Jamaica, to work among the poor.

If you are interested in joining us on this mission trip, contact Suzanne Rose at kyrose@att.net for information.

Pilgrims of Hope meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at Christ the King Catholic Church in Madisonville. Join us for prayer and reflection.

begins with a Family Picnic in the Quad, featuring games for adults and children, campus tours, and honoring the 2010 annual alumni awards recipients, with mass following. Gambrinus will host a Brescia Happy Hour Saturday evening and alumni are free to make their own plans with classmates and friends. The deadline to register is April 5th. For a registration form or more information, visit www.brescia.edu or contact Josh Clary at (270) 686-2111.

“En Nombre de Dios”

Tiempo de Cuaresma en el Mundo Hispano

Por Luis Ajú

Desde nuestros países latinoamericanos, al hablar de Cuaresma que se entiende un tiempo para ejercitarnos a tener control en nuestro comportamiento humano sobre el uso de nuestra libertad que Dios nos lo ha dado, nos comprometemos al inicio de la Cuaresma, con la imposición de las Cenizas como un recordatorio de nuestra frágil humanidad pero que al final tiene una resurrección por ser obra de Dios.

En los pueblos latinoamericanos, usualmente cada viernes de los 40 días, tenemos las estaciones de la Cruz (Vía Crucis) en las calles de nuestras ciudades, llevando en hombros a la imagen de Jesús de Nazaret, (el Nazareno) vestido de púrpura en señal de sus dolores, los fieles lo acompañan, con cantos, candelas, alfombras en las calles, no tan grandes como la Semana Mayor (Semana Santa) pero el ambiente de cuaresma es tan diferente que otros tiempos, podemos apreciar la Fe, la devoción, el respeto a la experiencia de Jesús como víctima de los insensibles de su época. En estas procesiones van niños, jóvenes, adultos y ancianos del pueblo, así se educa a los pequeños desde su niñez y la expresión de Fe de sus Padres en las procesiones, con velas, oraciones etc...

Este es una de las nostalgias de Fe, en las comunidades hispanas en Estados Unidos, no es fácil tener la riqueza que disfrutábamos en nuestros pueblos. No hablo de riqueza material sino de tradición, de comunidad de acompañamiento. La presencia nuestra en USA causa muchas interrogantes. Nos preguntan ¿qué es esto? ¿Por qué lo hacen? ¿Qué significa este acto? Para los que les gusta investigar, pero para los simples de pensamiento, sencillamente optan por ignorarnos. No nos asustemos porque estas maneras de comportamiento están en todos los niveles de la sociedad.

Para nuestra reflexión cuaresmal, las palabras de Jesús que pronuncio hace más de 2,000 años, siguen sonando a nuestros oídos, tan frescas, reales y contundentes, debemos de acomodarnos a estos mensajes y no acomodar las palabras de Jesús a nuestra conveniencia. Dijo, “No rasquen sus vestiduras sino su conciencia, no oren como hacen los hipócritas para que la gente los vea. Cuando des limosna no lo publiques a son de trompetas, no sean como los hipócritas, lavan y cuidan lo de afuera y adentro esta la podredumbre, ayunen con alegría.”

En nuestro tiempo mucha gente solo cambia el menú de sus banquetes “no coma carne” pero coma pescado y camarones para justificar que esta ayunando. Dar de comer al hambriento, vestir al desnudo, recibir al extranjero (me pregunto si solo la Inmigración discrimina en esto) el prejuicio está por todas las calles de la sociedad. En la cuaresma y fuera de la cuaresma, Jesús sufre el hambre, la desnudez, el rechazo de los que se llaman importantes, la marginación por su lengua, color, raza y nación es hoy día en todos los niveles de esta sociedad mundial, que esta padeciendo tantos males por la misma maldad de gentes que no conocen a Dios.

Vale la pena pensar, hasta donde hemos llegado a ser parte de todo esto, la cuaresma sirve para purificar y escuchar la voz amorosa de Dios, “Vuelvan a Mi.”

Querido lector, no basta con rezar, aprender de memoria la Biblia, o juntarse las manos, cuando Jesús sigue su camino de la cruz todos los días, en nuestros hermanos que sufren en cuerpo y alma en el campo, en la fábrica, en la cárcel, en el hospital o simplemente en el olvido porque vive la soledad.

Esperamos que Dios nos dé la sabiduría y fuerza para seguir adelante, haciendo historia siendo nosotros los propios protagonistas, y no una historia en la que somos ajenos.



Luis Ajú

Lent in the Hispanic World

By Luis Ajú, translated by Tami Schneider

In Latin American countries, Lent is a time to exercise self-control in our behaviors and our god-given free will. Therefore, we make this commitment at the beginning of Lent, as we receive ashes as a reminder of our fragile humanity. But in the end there is the resurrection, since we are a work of God.

In Latin American towns, we usually have Stations of the Cross during the 40 days of Lent, usually every Friday. They are held in the streets of our cities, with someone carrying the image of Jesus of Nazareth on his shoulder, dressed in purple as a sign of His pain. The faithful accompany him, with singing, candles, and carpet in the streets. It is not as full blown as it is during Holy Week, but the atmosphere of Lent is so different from other times. We can appreciate our Faith, devotion, and respect for what Jesus went through as a victim of the injustice of His time. Children, young people, adults, and seniors of the town all participate in these processions. In this way, the young people

are educated from childhood and they observe the expression of Faith of their parents in the processions, with candles and song, etc.

This is one of the nostalgic celebrations of our Faith. It is not easy for the Hispanic communities in the United States to obtain the same richness in these celebrations as they enjoy in their home towns. I am not speaking of material wealth, but rather of the richness of traditions, of the company of the community. Our presence in the United States evokes much interrogation. They ask, what is this? Why do you do that? What does that mean? Here I am speaking about those who take the trouble to ask, but others who simply chose to ignore us. However, we are not frightened because these behaviors are present on all levels of society.

For our Lenten reflection, the words Jesus uttered over 2,000 years ago continue sounding in our ears, just as fresh, just as real, and blunt. We should adapt ourselves to these messages and not adapt the words of Jesus according to our convenience. He said, “Don’t rend your garments but rather your hearts; don’t pray like the hypocrites so that others see them. When you give alms, don’t blow the trumpet; don’t be like the hypocrites who wash the outside but inside there is decay; fast with joy.”

In this day and age, many people only change the menu of their banquets. “Don’t eat meat,” but eat fish and shrimp to justify that you are fasting. Feed the hungry, dress the naked, take in the stranger (I ask myself if only Immigration discriminates on this point). Prejudice is on all of the streets of society. During Lent and outside of Lent, Jesus suffers hunger, nakedness, rejection from those who call themselves important, marginalization because of their language, color, race and nationality. And today, on all levels of society throughout the world, we suffer ills because of the evil of those who don’t know God.

It’s worth thinking about: what part do we have in all of this? Lent helps us to purify ourselves in order to listen to the loving voice of God, “Return to Me.”

Dear reader, it’s not enough to pray, to learn the Bible by heart, to join your hands, when Jesus continues His way of the Cross every day in our brothers and sisters who suffer in body and soul out in the field, in the factory, in jail, in the hospital or simply the forgotten who live in loneliness.

We hope God will give us the wisdom and the strength to move forward, making history in which we are our own protagonists, not a history which is not our own.

Calendario de Actividades del Ministerio Hispano

7-8 de mayo 2010

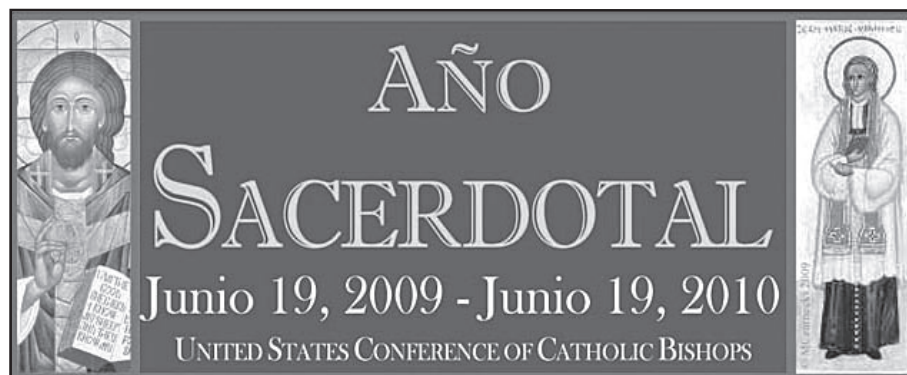
- Retiro juvenil en el Monte de San José.

Fechas variadas en la primavera

- Congresos Regionales

12 de junio

- Encuentro Diocesano con el Obispo Medley



“Estuve en la Cárcel...” Reflexiones del Año Pastoral

Por Byron “Paco” Macias

Es domingo por la tarde. Después de apagar las luces en la iglesia cuando se había acabado la Misa de las 11:00am, el P. Richard Meredith y yo vamos en camino hacia la cárcel del Condado Daviess. Una vez que llegamos, el Padre le avisa al diputado que hemos llegado. Después de unos momentos, un portón de hierro se abre y un diputado nos deja pasar. Nos revisan con un detector de metales y entregamos los celulares, las llaves, y otras cosas y nos dan un radio de doble sentido. De inmediato, nos llevan a “la capilla.” Una vez que entramos, empezamos a sacar las Biblias, los libros de oración, y el cantoral “Breaking Bread” (en inglés y español). Me puedo dar cuenta que el Padre está rezando, y rezando por las personas que vamos a ver. Pero yo, me encuentro asegurando las sillas están completamente en orden.

La puerta se abre y un desfile de hombres vestidos de anaranjado entre marchando a la corte interna. Van a ser nutridos por la Palabra y por el Cuerpo de Cristo. Extendiéndoles la mano, el P. Richard les da la bienvenida en la puerta. Yo ayudo a entregar los libros. Me siento con ellos. Después de platicar un rato, el Padre inicia el servicio. Mientras comparto la Buena Nueva, miro a mi alrededor para ver sus caras: hombres de diferentes caminos en la vida, ahora reunidos en el nombre de Cristo, gracias a la Iglesia y sus ministros. Algunos reciben la Sagrada Comunión, otros no son católicos y algunos ni hablan inglés. Me imagino lo que tenía en mente San Pablo cuando escribió 1 Corintios 12, 12.

Cada domingo a la 1:00pm un grupo de hombres y mujeres católicos pasan alrededor de un promedio de tres horas en la cárcel, evangelizando y siendo evangelizados. Este ministerio se llama simplemente “Jail Ministry” (ministerio de la cárcel) y está compuesto por personas laicas y sacerdotes (y ahora un seminarista) de diferentes parroquias en Owensboro quienes poseen autentica caridad para nuestros hermanos encarcelados. Su testimonio hace eco de las palabras de las palabras de Cristo: “Estuve en la cárcel y me viniste a visitar” (Mateo 25, 36).

Mientras el P. Richard y yo guardamos los libros y las Biblias después del último de varios servicios por la tarde, pienso en el buen Papa Juan XXIII. Un día declaró su intención de visitar la prisión *Regina Coeli* en Roma; sus asistentes protestaron que no había ningún protocolo para tal cosa. El Papa respondió: “Entonces, ¡hagan unos!” Regresamos a la parroquia y nos alistamos para el grupo juvenil y después la Misa de 8:00pm. Le miro al P. Richard devolviendo el Sagrado Sacramento al tabernáculo y le agradezco a Dios por el don que es la Iglesia. Que honor ser parte de ese don.

**Gracias a Suzann Millay por su ayuda en escribir esa reflexión.*



De izquierda a derecha, Emilee Howard (mirando a la cámara), John McCarty, Delores Turnage, Ronnie Cecil, Carolyn McCarty, Austin Howard, Pam Howard y Brownie Alford llevando bolsas con materiales para Navidades para los encarcelados y el personal de la Cárcel del Condado Daviess County el pasado 19 de diciembre. Foto por Byron Macias.



Un grupo de jóvenes de varias parroquias se reunieron el 28 de febrero en Hopkinsville para planear el próximo retiro juvenil que se llevará acabo el 7 y 8 de mayo en el Monte de San José cerca de Owensboro. Foto por Luis Ajú.

Obispos Estadounidenses Ofrecen Oraciones y Ayuda para Víctimas del Terremoto en Chile

WASHINGTON—El Cardenal Francis George de Chicago, presidente de la Conferencia de Obispos de Estados Unidos transmitió el 1 de marzo sus condolencias por las víctimas del reciente terremoto en Chile mediante una carta dirigida al Obispo Alejandro Goic Karmelic, presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal de Chile.

“Le escribo para transmitirle mis oraciones y la de mis hermanos obispos en los Estados Unidos por todos aquellos que han sido afectados por esta tragedia. Le ofrecemos también nuestras oraciones por la Iglesia y nuestros hermanos obispos en Chile”, escribió el Cardenal George en su carta y añadió que la agencia internacional de ayuda humanitaria de los obispos estadounidenses, Catholic Relief Services, “está lista para ayudarles a ustedes y a todos los grupos de Cáritas que trabajan por aliviar el sufrimiento causado por el terremoto”.

Catholic Relief Services está aceptando donativos para ayudar a los afectados por el terremoto en Chile. Para más información visite www.crs.org/chile/maule-quake.cfm. El texto de la carta del Cardenal George se adjunta a continuación:

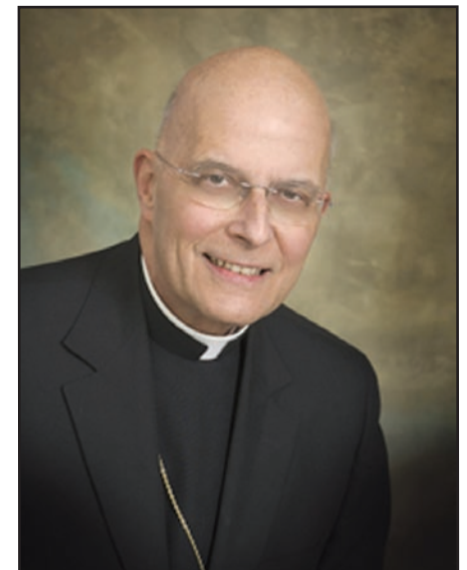
Estimado Obispo Goic,

Le escribo tras escuchar esta mañana la noticia del devastador terremoto que ha azotado su país.

Le escribo para transmitirle mis oraciones y la de mis hermanos obispos en los Estados Unidos por todos aquellos que han sido afectados por esta tragedia. Le ofrecemos también nuestras oraciones por la Iglesia y nuestros hermanos obispos en Chile.

Al hacerse patente el alcance de la tragedia, [deseamos transmitirle que] nuestra agencia para ayuda de emergencia a zonas de catástrofe, Catholic Relief Services, está lista para ayudarles a ustedes y a todos los grupos de Cáritas que trabajan por aliviar el sufrimiento causado por el terremoto.

Finalmente, Obispo Goic, tenga la certeza de mis oraciones por usted en este momento de prueba. Que el Señor lo bendiga y lo fortalezca en su servicio a la Iglesia en Chile.



Francis Cardenal George, OMI
Arzobispo de Chicago
Presidente del USCCB

2 Vive Tu Matrimonio en Plenitud, Sálvalo de la Mediocridad o el Fracaso

Por Mar Muñoz-Visoso

¿Alguna vez te has hecho la pregunta: qué puedo hacer hoy por mi matrimonio? Lo creas o no, hacerse esa pregunta cada día y tomar en serio la respuesta puede significar la diferencia entre un matrimonio feliz o uno estancado en la mediocridad o con tendencia al fracaso. La mayoría de las veces, la diferencia está en los pequeños detalles de cada día que alimentan o envenenan la relación y que nacen del entendimiento que ambos miembros de la pareja tienen de qué es el matrimonio y el valor que le dan a esta unión.

Todos los matrimonios pasan por pruebas difíciles. A todos les llegan, tarde o temprano, las crisis. Y como a todo organismo vivo, la crisis puede ser de crecimiento o de extinción. Un problema dialogado a tiempo puede hacer la unión más fuerte y cercana, así como una serie de crisis ignoradas o desatendidas pueden descarrilar el matrimonio.

Para ayudar a las parejas hispanas casadas o a punto de casarse a vivir más plenamente su relación, la conferencia episcopal estadounidense acaba de lanzar www.PorTuMatrimonio.org, un portal de Internet completamente en español donde pueden encontrar consejos, historias, testimonios y recursos que los acompañen en su vida diaria.

El portal es la versión hispana de otro popular portal en inglés, www.ForYourMarriage.org. Ha sido creado de manera original por un grupo de expertos en pastoral matrimonial y familiar de todo el país con una perspectiva latina.

El resultado es un rico abanico de posibilidades: testimonios, viñetas que describen situaciones de la vida cotidiana, el pensamiento del día, la cita bíblica de

la semana; artículos en profundidad tanto para parejas casadas como para aquellos que se están preparando para el matrimonio; ideas para alimentar y evaluar la relación; problemas comunes que afectan a las parejas; enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre el matrimonio católico y reflexiones sobre cómo la relación de pareja se refleja en la vida de familia. Hay de todo y para todos.

Al leer los artículos o pensamientos y escuchar los testimonios, me vinieron a la mente numerosas experiencias propias y de otras parejas conocidas. Instintivamente les fui asignando posible destinatario: este se lo tengo que pasar a fulanita de tal; ¡ojalá que Pepito y Pepita leyeran esto!; a Juanito y Juanita les pasó lo mismo, les voy a recomendar este sitio...

No todos los días una página de Internet despierta en mí tantas emociones—y créanme que visito unas cuantas. Pero este es un tema que toca un nervio profundo: el de la vocación de muchos de nosotros en la vida. Pocas veces nos paramos a reflexionar y a evaluar cómo estamos alimentando nuestra relación, si estamos creciendo juntos en ella y qué ponemos de nuestra parte para que se haga más fuerte cada día.

Si usted es de los/las que ha estado aguantando mecha por muchos años porque “no había de otra,” quizá aun no sea demasiado tarde para descubrir el tesoro escondido de su matrimonio, para salvarlo de un naufragio aparentemente inevitable o para desempolvar las razones que les llevaron a tomar la decisión de casarse en primer lugar y hacerlas brillar de nuevo. Quizá este portal les pueda ayudar.

Para los que están pensando en casarse, hacerse ciertas preguntas antes de tomar una decisión tan importante es algo básico. La lista que hay “Por Tu Matrimonio” les puede ayudar a comenzar. Si piensa que a su matrimonio le falta algo, o se ha convertido en una crisis continúa, esta página es para usted. Si cree que ya hace o ha hecho todo lo posible por su matrimonio, esta página es para usted.

En la Primera Carta a los Corintios (1 Cor 7, 3-4), Pablo da un consejo a las parejas que no pasa de moda a pesar de tiempo: “Que el marido dé a su mujer lo que debe y la mujer de igual modo a su marido.” Y es que el matrimonio es cosa de dos—con la ayuda de Dios. Conviene, pues, que ambos estén en la misma página con respecto a sus expectativas y responsabilidades. ¿Cuidas a tu esposo/a? ¿Le das lo que le debes?

Cariño, creo que encontré el perfecto ejercicio de Cuaresma para ambos. ¿Te animas?

Mar Muñoz-Visoso es subdirectora de prensa y medios en la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos.

La Diócesis Alcanza \$2 Millones en Colectas para la Campaña Capital Diocesana

En esta temporada que por fin ya viene llegando la primavera a unas partes de Kentucky Occidental, la Diócesis de Owensboro llegó a un punto clave, cuando las colectas de cantidades prometidas hacia la campaña capital llegaron a \$2 millón. La meta de la campaña es \$9 millón. Hasta el día de hoy 59 parroquias en la diócesis están participando activamente en la campaña y 8 parroquias más se han comprometido empezar sus campañas individuales este año. Incluso durante estos momentos económicos difíciles, las parroquias y los individuos han seguido su compromiso a la campaña.

Lista de Organizaciones Patrocinadores del la Feria de Salud en la Parroquia del Santo Nombre en Henderson

1. Kentucky Diabetes Prevention & Control Program (KDPCP) with Green River District Health Department: Carmen Allison: Information regarding diabetes in the Hispanic population.
2. Trover Foundation:
 - Vouchers for free mammograms
 - Breast Cancer Information and Education
 - Staff to provide: checks for blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol
 - Lunch Assistance
 - Door Prizes
3. Kentucky Cancer Program (KCP): Breast Cancer awareness and education.
4. Midge Stribling - Henderson County Schools: Migrant Program: Information and Education.
5. Henderson County Schools: Child Find Program: Ms. Reynolds: Information and Education
6. Office for Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Henderson Office: Lisa Medley Information and Education
7. Tonya Dixon - Matthew 25: Information and Education
8. Becky Nix - New Beginnings: Information and Education
9. Nancy Roberts - Audubon Area Community Services: Child Care Resource and Referral: Information and Education
10. Dr. Silva, Dr. Farina Dr. Deon Perkins
11. Community Garden Project - Holy Name Just Faith group/Dr. Farina and HCC: To offer information on gardening space at HCC.
12. Gail Clancy - Holy Name Parish nurse.
13. Census Bureau 2010 (Ed Shelton): Information and Education Door Prizes
14. HOLA (Hospitality and Outreach for Latin Americans): Stephanie Roberts - Information and Education Door Prizes
15. Methodist Hospital (Screenings and information)
16. Henderson Community College (Screenings and information)
17. Roger Clark with the GRADD Program

Los Miembros del Comité de Revisión Diocesano Están Listos para Contestar Llamadas

Los miembros del Comité quienes tratan las alegaciones de abuso sexual abuse en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Mr. Ken Bennett, Dr. Charles Bohle, Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kay Castlen, Rev. Pat Connell, Mr. Jeff Ebelhar, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Teresa Henry, (Chairperson), Mr. Dan Howard, Sr. Eula Johnson, SCN, y Rev. Pat Reynolds. Ms. Louanne Payne sirve como enlace del obispo al Comité de Revisión.

A cualquier persona que quiera comunicar con el Comité de Revisión Diocesano se le pide que llame al Centro Pastoral Católico al 1-270-683-1545 y pregunte por un miembro del Comité de Revisión. Si quiere hablar con un miembro particular del Comité, lo puede mencionar a la recepcionista. En cualquier caso, la recepcionista en el Centro Pastoral Católico entregará la información de la persona que llamó al Comité de Revisión para seguimiento. Los que llaman pueden escoger mantenerse anónimos para la primera llamada a la recepcionista del Centro Pastoral Católico. No se harán públicos los números telefónicos de los miembros del Comité.

También pueden comunicarse con el Comité por email al: reviewboard@pastoral.org. Asegúrense de incluir su información personal. No les contestaremos directamente por email porque nunca se puede garantizar la confidencialidad al usar email. Nos comunicaremos con ustedes por teléfono.

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Feria de Salud en la Iglesia Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson



Una estudiante de enfermería de Henderson Community College averigua la presión sanguínea de una señora que asistió a la feria de salud en la parroquia de Holy Name in Henderson. Foto por Abraham Brown.



Un grupo de voluntarios del Trover Foundation vinieron para dar una presentación sobre el cancer del pecho y entregar información y muestras. Foto por Abraham Brown.



Carmen Allison, del Kentucky Diabetes Prevention & Control Program (KDPCP) con Green River District Health Department entrega folletos sobre la diabetis y muestras a una señora durante la feria de salud en Henderson el 28 de febrero. Foto por Abraham Brown.



Una voluntaria de una clínica dental le dan información o unos señores sobre la boca y los dientes. Foto por Abraham Brown.
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