

## Announcing! DRF Grants Now Available



The Disciples Response Fund Grant Application is now available on our Diocesan website. 15% of the dollars raised through the Disciples Response Fund Appeal are available to parishes and institutions to aid in their ministry efforts. Grant requests are funded in April & September.

Look online at [rcdok.org/\\_documents/stewardship/Grant\\_app.pdf](http://rcdok.org/_documents/stewardship/Grant_app.pdf) and complete the application and mail to: Office of Stewardship, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301

## Disciples Response Fund Honor Roll Top 10

### TOTAL PARTICIPATION PRAYERS & PLEDGES

*(Parish size less than 250 homes)*

Saints Mary & James, Guthrie – 45%  
Saint Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers – 42%  
Saint Charles, Livermore – 42%  
Saint Joseph, Central City – 37%  
Saint Augustine, Grayson Springs – 36%  
Saint John the Evangelist, Paducah – 36%  
Holy Cross, Providence – 33%  
Sacred Heart, Hickman – 32%  
Saint Edward, Fulton – 32%  
Saint Charles, Bardwell – 31%

### TOTAL PARTICIPATION PRAYERS & PLEDGES

*(Parish size more than 250 homes)*

Saints Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville – 36%  
Saint Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro – 32%  
Saint Joseph, Mayfield – 30%  
Immaculate, Owensboro – 26%  
Blessed Mother, Owensboro – 25%  
Saint Ann, Morganfield – 24%  
Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson – 23%  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro – 23%  
Saint Francis de Sales, Paducah – 21%  
Saint Pius X, Owensboro – 21%  
Saint Thomas More, Paducah – 21%

### MODIFIED AVERAGE GIFT

*(Parish size less than 250 homes)*

Saint William, Marion - \$216  
Saint Pius X, Calvert City - \$171  
Saint Augustine, Grayson Springs - \$150  
Saint Mary, Franklin - \$148  
Saint Edward, Fulton - \$134  
Saint Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers - \$121  
Saint Michael Archangel, Oak Grove - \$112  
Saint Stephen, Cadiz - \$111  
Christ the King, Scottsville - \$108  
Saint Joseph, Central City - \$105

### MODIFIED AVERAGE GIFT

*(Parish size more than 250 homes)*

Saints Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville - \$150  
Saints Joseph & Paul, Owensboro - \$136  
Saint Thomas More, Paducah - \$105  
Saint Leo, Murray - \$98  
Saint Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro - \$96

Holy Name, Henderson - \$94  
Holy Spirit, Bowling Green - \$86  
Blessed Mother, Owensboro - \$82  
Immaculate, Owensboro - \$73  
Saint Ann, Morganfield - \$70  
Saint Francis de Sales, Paducah - \$70

## Making History

St. Romuald Catholic Church in Hardinsburg, Breckinridge County, has been approved to receive a Kentucky Historical Marker. On Friday August 27, 2010 at 10am CST we will be having a dedication ceremony to celebrate the marker's installation and 200 years as a parish here in Kentucky.

Our marker commemorates this milestone saying:

**ST. ROMUALD CHURCH**  
Founded in 1810 by Fr. Charles Nerinckx, a Catholic missionary from Belgium. It is the oldest parish remaining at one location in the Diocese of Owensboro. Original 3 acres of land donated by Zachariah Mattingly. First log church built in 1810; second church built in 1841, outgrown by congregation; third and present church built between 1897-1900.



## Disciples still responding in large numbers to annual appeal! DRF Sunday scheduled for Sept. 12!

The annual request for a contribution to the Disciples Response Fund will be arriving at Catholic households throughout the diocese soon. Contributions to this appeal allow us to put more efforts into areas of Church life that make a difference for people throughout western Kentucky. "Asking people for their time or money is always difficult, but the needs are so great and the results are so positive, that asking is an obligation that falls to all members of the Church."

"Money can't solve all the problems that face our Church today, but if we do a good job of stewarding God's money, then our efforts will be multiplied in the good that they are able to accomplish."

The mailing for this year's Disciples Response Fund is set to go out in the middle of August, and DRF Sunday is scheduled for September 12, 1999. On that date, all of the parishes in the diocese will read a reflection from the Bishop concerning the effort, and everyone will be asked to contribute to this unified effort.

The fund contributes to seminarian education, religious education, outreach, the poor and indigent, retired priests and parish endowments.

The 2009-2010 Disciples Response Fund effort generated over \$317,000 with over 4200 Catholics participating.

"We make every effort to maximize the financial potential of the annual appeal." Because the Catholic Church has the broad-based mission of teaching the Catholic faith, spreading the Good News of Christ, we must ask for money, and ask people to make prayerful, mature decisions regarding charitable donations. This important effort has a direct impact on the future of the faith in western Kentucky.

You are invited to join us for this celebration. In the event of bad weather dedication ceremony will take place inside the church. If anyone has information or pictures relating to the history of St. Romuald Church, we would welcome hearing from you. Contact Marie Rose or Kim Brumfield at 756-2356 or 394 N Hwy 259, Hardinsburg, Ky. 40143



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## 2 The Diocesan Permanent Diaconate Program begins Second Section

**By Father John Thomas**

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - In 2006, with the approval of the Presbyteral Council, the bishop instituted the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program for the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky. Under the direction of Saint Meinrad School of Theology, the diocese will call forth and form candidates for the permanent diaconate. Candidates in this program prepare to be ordained to the Order of Deacon in the Catholic Church and to live out this Order in a life of public witness as the Church's minister and a life of service to the People of God, the Body of Christ.

We currently have 18 candidates preparing for diaconal ordination which will be scheduled for the summer of 2012. They have been gathering the fourth weekend of each month for the past three years in conjunction with Saint Meinrad Seminary to be formed into ministers for the Church.

Bishop Medley has requested that I begin calling together men to form the second class for the Permanent Diaconate Program of the Diocese of Owensboro. I am happy and honored to do so. We will begin meeting one Saturday each month to initiate the process of discernment which will lead to formal application to the diocese. The first meeting will be 10:00 am – Noon, Saturday, September 25th at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Hopkinsville, KY.

Men who are ordained to the permanent diaconate promise to live out the charism of service to God and the people of God through a life of ordained ministry. This commitment is characterized by service to the Word of God, the Sacrament of the Church, and a life of Heroic Charity.

Permanent Deacons share with other ordained members of the Church a dedication to serve God's people through the proclamation of the Word, administration of the Sacraments, the offering of Worship to God through Christ, the service of the poor and the faithful of Christ. Since the Second Vatican Council the Church has seen even more clearly that the deacon is called to serve the Bishop, and his Priests, by becoming more intimately associated with, and involved in the life of the poor, the marginalized, the forgotten, the abandoned, the silent, and the voiceless. The deacon is asked to give his voice to the poor so that their concerns may be heard by the whole Church, especially the Bishop. Intimately united to the ministry of the Bishop and the Priests, they are called to serve the Church, giving their lives in

service to their brothers and sisters, the People of God.

Qualities Sought in Potential Deacon Candidates

- emotional maturity
- personal integrity/ appropriate self-knowledge
- demonstrate a personal commitment to growing in Christian holiness/ an active prayer life/ participation in the Eucharistic and Sacramental life of the Church
- generosity for service already being demonstrated
- good physical and psychological health (both candidate and wife, if married)
- ability to work in a team/ works well with people
- clearly demonstrates an ability and willingness to lead
- good communication skills (both as a speaker and as a listener)
- ability to speak publicly and proclaim the Gospel effectively
- ability to articulate and explain the moral and doctrinal teaching of the Church effectively
- need in the community for his service and leadership
- acceptance by the Christian community as evidenced by his ministry in the parish
- he must show an acceptance and personal commitment to the teaching of the Church

Over the next several months, you will be receiving information through your local parish about the Permanent Diaconate Program for the Diocese of Owensboro. Also, look for articles in the Western Kentucky Catholic answering questions like: Who can be a deacon? What exactly does a deacon do? Why have we not ordained permanent deacons before in the diocese?

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## Bishop Medley's Calendar for August, 2010

August 7	2:00 p.m.	Fancy Farm 130th Annual Picnic
August 8	5:00 p.m.	Rural Life Mass and Celebration, Owensboro Sportscenter
August 10	11:00 a.m.	Age Group 2 Gathering/Luncheon
August 11		Catholic Conference of Kentucky Executive Board Meeting,,Louisville Provincial Meeting, Louisville.
August 12		Provincial Meeting, Louisville
August 14	10:00 a.m.	Diaconate Ordination, Ryan Harpole, St. Peter of Antioch Parish, Waverly
August 14	5:00 p.m.	Mass - Sacred Heart Parish, Russellville
August 16	9:30 a.m.	Personnel Board, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council, CPC
August 17	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Pastoral Center Staff Mass and Meeting
August 17	5:00 p.m.	Seminarian Gathering and Dinner
August 18	8:30 a.m.	Administration/Finance Committee Meeting
August 19	11:00 a.m.	Age Group 6 Gathering/Luncheon
August 21	4:30 p.m.	Mass – Gasper River for Parish Catechetical Leaders
August 23	11:00 a.m.	Age Group 4 Gathering/Luncheon
August 24	10:00 – 3:00	Paducah Office, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
August 25	11:00 a.m.	Age Group 3 Gathering/Luncheon
August 26	9:00 a.m.	Holy Name of Jesus School Mass, Henderson
August 27	9:00	School Mass, St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
	10:00	Dedication of KY Historical Marker, St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
August 28	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Ambrose/St. Francis at Henshaw
August 31	11:00 a.m.	Age Group 1 Gathering/Luncheon

## Diocese Of Owensboro Priest Assignments For 2010

### **PARISH PASTOR**

**Bakka**, HGN, Rev. Suresh: Pastor of St. Augustine Parish, Reed, and St. Peter Parish, Stanley, effective May 17, 2010.

**Bittel**, Rev. Pat: Pastor of St. William Parish, Knottsville, and St. Lawrence Parish, St. Lawrence, effective May 17, 2010.

**Buckner**, Rev. Mark: Pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Sorgho, effective May 17, 2010.

**Garner**, Rev. Andy: Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green, effective August 9, 2010.

**Goetz**, Rev. Ray: Pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Joseph, effective June 15, 2010.

**McCarty**, Rev. Bruce: Pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville, effective June 15, 2010.

**McClure**, Rev. Jason: Pastor of St. Leo Parish, Murray, and Chaplain and Director of the Newman Center, Murray, effective May 17, 2010.

**Ottagon**, Rev. Anthoni, HGN: Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Calvert City and St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Grand Rivers, effective June 15, 2010.

**Stevenson**, Rev. Tony: Pastor of St. Mary of the Woods Parish, McQuady, and St. Anthony Parish, Axtel, effective June 15, 2010.

**Vadakumkara**, HGN, Rev. Shijo: Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Hickman; St. Edward Parish, Fulton; and St. Jude Parish, Clinton, effective May 17, 2010.

**Venters**, Rev. Darrell: Pastor of St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm, effective May 17, 2010.

### **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

**Enoh**, Rev. Uwem: Parochial Vicar of Sts Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville, effective June 15, 2010.

**Hohman**, Rev. Steve: Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green, effective June 15, 2010.

**McCarty**, Rev. Joshua: Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green, effective August 9, 2010.

**Williams**, Rev. Brandon: Parochial Vicar of St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, effective June 15, 2010.

### **OTHER**

**Goetz**, Rev. Ray: Chaplain to the Motherhouse at Mount Saint Joseph, St. Joseph, effective June 15, 2010.

**Puryear**, Rev. Stan: Missionary work in the Diocese of Bani, Dominican Republic effective August 9, 2010.

**Roof**, Rev. Frank: Chaplain of the Miami VA Medical Center, Miami, Florida, effective June 21, 2010.

# Silk flowers bouquet a reminder that Bp. Medley has 391 children praying for him 3

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Bishop William Medley presided at Mass on April 29, 2010 with Father John Vaughan at Our Lady of Lourdes Church for the students, staff, and parents of the Owensboro Catholic Schools, K-3 campus. Mrs. Cheri Hayden's Kindergarten Class planned the mass, did the readings, and led the music and prayers. Mrs. Carolyn Taylor's 2nd Grade Class did the Meditation/Sign Language after Mass. Mrs. Heather Hayden, Music Teacher and Mrs. Judy Brandon, Liturgical Sign Language Teacher, worked with the students to prepare for Mass and to ensure that it was a joyful celebration.

The children had been anticipating Bishop Medley's visit and the entire school was "buzzing" before Mass with excitement. To the younger children, the bishop is the next best thing to having the Pope come and visit!

The school gave Bishop Medley a Spiritual Bouquet as a student handed him a vase of flowers. Their Total Prayers, according to principal Lori



**Eli Fogle gave Bishop William Medley a vase of flowers and a Spiritual Bouquet. Eli is in Mrs. Hayden's Kindergarten class, and was also the Cross Bearer. Mel Howard Photo**

Whitehouse, were 6,123 Hail Marys, 5,083 Our Fathers, 4,479 Glory Be's,

to lunch so they could add that to the number of prayers said specifically for the Bishop to be added to the Spiritual Bouquet we gave him. Families got involved, too. Many children "brought in" prayers that their family said at home for Bishop Medley."

Ms. Whitehouse added, "We gave the Bishop a "Spiritual Bouquet," an old Catholic tradition in which you give someone a card/bouquet indicating that the giver will undertake certain devotional acts/prayers on behalf of another person, as in honor of a special occasion.

"Rather than just give him a card, we wanted to make it more 'visual' by actually making the bouquet with silk flowers. Each flower had the number of prayers for that particular type of prayer said attached to it. So one flower had a ribbon attaching a card that said 6, 123 Hail Mary; another flower had 5, 083 Our Fathers, etc.

"We thought the colorful silk flowers would brighten up his office (more than a card) and, each time he sees it- it will be a reminder to him that he has 391 children praying for him!"

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## 4 Christian Conversations Bridge to Visible Unity—four conversations set for October 16

By Fr. Tony Bickett, Ecumenical Officer

The Diocesan Office for Ecumenism in partnership with Brescia University, Kentucky Wesleyan College and the Kentucky Council of Churches is happy to announce a special ecumenical event coming soon. This historic ecumenical event entitled, "Ecumenical Conversations: Bridges to Visible Unity" will be held at Brescia University on Saturday, October 16. The day of dialogue will consist of four ecumenical conversations with four Owensboro pastors from non-Catholic faith communities and four Catholic conversationalists. These conversations represent the desire we all have for greater visible unity in the Body of Christ.

Pastors from eight Owensboro churches will assemble to converse about their faith, history and belief. Four Protestant and four Catholic pastors will each focus on their history, and their practice of baptism, Eucharist and ministry. These topics were the focus of the historic Lima Document. The Lima Document entitled "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" (BEM) is an important international ecumenical document published by members of the World Council of Churches in Lima

in 1982. This famous text, adopted by Faith and Order at its plenary commission meeting in Lima, Peru in 1982, explores the growing agreement - and remaining differences - in fundamental areas of the churches' faith and life. The most widely-distributed and studied ecumenical document, BEM has been a basis for many "mutual recognition" agreements among churches and remains a reference today. These topics are the foundational topics of Christian unity. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity to draw these pastors and all those attending, into a stimulating conversation.

This understanding of Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry is foundational to the ecumenical movement. From that international conversation, many other inter-church dialogues have taken place. It seems vital, to increase our understanding and acceptance of one another and that the dialogue begins to take place at the grassroots, where all Christians are doing the Lord's work. This historic unity conversation event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Fr. Tony at [ftonyb@yahoo.com](mailto:ftonyb@yahoo.com) or call (270) 756-2356.

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## Sister Vivian serving as director of St. Mary School System

Sister Vivian Bowles, O.S.U. began as the director of the St. Mary School System in Paducah on July 1. She accepted the position on a one-year interim basis, and is spending three days a week in Paducah. She will oversee the principals and teachers of the elementary, middle, and high schools in Paducah. Ursuline Sister Mary Jude Cecil also ministers in Paducah.

Sister Vivian taught at the former St. Thomas More School in Paducah from 1966-71. She also taught in Owensboro and Leitchfield before beginning her long tenure at Brescia College/University in Owensboro. Sister Vivian began as an education assistant, director of the Counseling Center, and as a professor of psychology. From 1995-2007, she was president of Brescia and was at the helm when the college became a university and when the campus expanded across Seventh Street.

From 1992-96, Sister Vivian was a member of the Leadership Council for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. She has been serving in family ministry since 2007.



Sister Vivian Bowles, O.S.U.

### MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS THROUGH 2010

"GIVE PEACE, QUIET, AND PRAYER A CHANCE"

#### August

- 1-6 Youth Choir Retreat - St. Francis de Sales Oratory
- 7 **Yarn Spinners Day**
- 13-15 Retrouvaille
- 14 Sierra Club tour and lunch
- 20-22 Yoga and Meditation Retreat
- 21-22 **Life and Writings of Saint Angela Merici Retreat**
- 27-29 **Retreat for Married Couples**
- 27-3 **Centering Prayer Retreat**

#### September

- 12 40th annual Mount Saint Joseph Barbecue Picnic
- 13-17 Glenmary Retreat
- 17-18 Leadership McLean County
- 21-24 Runaway Quilters



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#### October

- 1-3 **Marian Retreat**
- 1-3 Yoga Retreat
- 2 Private Wedding Reception
- 8-9 United Methodist, Madisonville, Women's Retreat
- 10 **Pray at the Rosary Walk**
- 15-17 Mount Hope Weekend
- 18-22 **New Spiritual Direction Class Starts**
- 22-24 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 25-29 Priests Retreat Week

#### November

- 5-7 Academy for Young Leaders
- 12-14 **Thomas Merton Retreat with Fr. Anthony Shonis**
- 13 **Yarn Spinners Day**
- 19-21 Pax Christi/Women's Retreat Lexington

#### December

- 9 **Advent Day of Prayer**



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# Mandeville Mission Immersion Trip Scheduled for October 12-18, 2010

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By Richard Murphy

You are invited to take part in a truly unique opportunity on October 12-18, 2010 when you participate in a Mission Immersion trip to our Sister Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica. This trip is unlike any you may have taken in the past! It is equal parts adventure, grand mission to serve those in need, witness to the remarkable experience of the Catholic Church in a different culture than our own, and an experience in community living while involved in ministry.

## An Experience of a Lifetime

You have taken vacations before and you may have even gone out of the country to see places you have never seen. Likely, you have looked at sites, stayed in a nice hotel, but had little to no interaction with the people in the area.

This experience is different. It will not leave you the same person.

**The Adventure of a Mission Immersion Trip** - You will plan for the trip with others that have been to Jamaica before and with other participants in your group about various aspects of the trip including what to take, what to expect, and travel itinerary. For many, it will be the first time ever outside the United States, and this alone makes for high adventure.

International travel presents the first time traveler with some very unique experiences, such as obtaining a passport, and going through international security. Once in country, many new experiences await the traveler as well, such as going through immigration and customs, traveling to your destinations, and meeting people from a uniquely different culture with different customs.

**Mission of Service** - You will have the opportunity to meet, and work alongside with the Jamaican team that builds homes for the poor for the Diocese of Mandeville. It has been the experience of many of our previous groups that construction of the house draws people from the area including many children to watch the process. The recipient of the house frequently works alongside the team during construction as well.

This up close and personal experience of service allows for a greater appreciation of the importance of the work. Interaction with the wonderful Jamaican people allows for getting to know them better on a first hand basis. The people appreciate the work done to make their lives a little easier, and enjoy meeting the team as much as the team enjoys meeting them.

There are several opportunities in the course of the week to visit with selected individuals in their homes, with which the

Diocesan staff have previously assisted, to better understand how service is given to those in need.

## Witness to the Work of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Mandeville

Your team will get a first-hand look at many of the ministries of the Church of the Diocese of Mandeville. Among other things, the Church provides many services that would not be available to meet the needs of the Jamaican people otherwise. The Catholic Community provides an orphanage, sheltered living for troubled boys, educational opportunities at all levels, and with the help of Mother Teresa sisters, a home for the abandoned elderly. Whether the individual or family that is receiving the assistance is Catholic or not, all are helped in Christ's name.

## An Experience of Community Living

- You and your team will travel together, work together, eat together, play together, meet and get to know people from a different culture together, share thoughts and feelings together and will pray together. You will see that each person has a valuable part to play in making this experience worthwhile to the group. In short, you will be called to be a vibrant and living community in Christ.

## Costs Involved in the Trip

There are several expenses involved with making the trip. These include the cost of round-trip airfare of approximately \$600-\$800, in country room, board, and travel expenses of approximately \$300. Please note that should you need help with one of these expenses that there are a limited number of scholarships available for each trip for which application can be made to the Diocese of Owensboro's Mandeville Sister Diocese Committee.

Other expense items may be the cost of a passport, if one does not already have it and money for incidentals for tipping those serving the team.

## Signing Up for the Journey

Please consider joining the team that is now forming to go together on October 12-18, 2010 to Mandeville Diocese. To apply to go and represent the Diocese on an upcoming trip, please submit an application to the Diocesan Sister Diocese Committee **by August 16, 2010.**

An application can be obtained in one of three ways. Call Richard Murphy at 270/ 683-1545; email him at richard.murphy@pastoral.org and request that a form be forwarded to you; or go to the diocesan website at [www.owensborodio.org](http://www.owensborodio.org) and download an application. This can be done by clicking on Diocesan Offices, and locating the office of Social Concerns, and click on it. Once there, find the section on

Mandeville Sister Diocese and click on it. You'll find an application on the upper left of the page. Complete the application and mail it **by August 16, 2010** to: Richard Murphy, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro KY 42301. An unforgettable journey awaits you.

# Collection of Goods to Help Diocese of Mandeville Scheduled for October 8, 2010

By Richard Murphy

A collection of needed items requested by parishes and institutions in the Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica has been initiated by the Diocese of Owensboro beginning August 1 through October 8, 2010. The needed items will be collected at the Annex to the St. Benedict Joseph Homeless Shelter at 1001 West 7th Street in Owensboro Ky.

## Obtaining List of Needed Items and Selecting a Partner

After a careful survey of the needs of the Parishes and Organizations of the Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica by their own Development Director Team, a number of them will be able to identify what they consider to be their three greatest needs to assist their mission to the people they serve. Should you wish to be involved with this effort please contact Richard Murphy at 270/ 683-1545, or email him at [richard.murphy@pastoral.org](mailto:richard.murphy@pastoral.org) for a complete list of needs by item and/or organization.

## Delivery of Collected Goods to Storage Area

Once the requested items have been collected, then call or email Richard Murphy at the number and email address listed above to arrange for delivery of the needs. If directions are needed to the Annex at 1001 West 7th Street in Owensboro, then they can be shared, and a person can be assured of someone meeting them & safely storing the items.

Here are the packing instructions needed: clearly label the inventory of the contents in the boxes with the name of the item(s) and quantity of each item on a slip on the outside of the box. Also, please label where these items are destined to go on the box; probably a generic type label that would be self adhesive would do. Note: please place the inventory label and the notation about the destination on the width side of a rectangular box, and not on the length side, top or bottom. This consistent method makes it is easier to determine where things need to go that way and the label has less of a chance of tearing off in shipment.

*The current last date to bring collected goods in for the collection will be September 30, 2010, unless an arrangement is made for a necessary later date.*

## Volunteers Needed to Help Sort, Inventory and Load Items for Shipping

Preparations leading up to the loading date will go on through August, September and early October. The current tentative date to load is October 8, 2010. The Diocese is partnering with Food for the Poor in this process to cover the transportation costs of the container. Food for the Poor works with groups and organizations around the United States to supply shipping containers to get cargo to those countries in the Caribbean Basin with which it works. The date of our loading is subject to change depending on Food for the Poor's access to shipping containers in the USA, and its rules governing this process.

Here is a scheduled list of dates and times of work opportunities for potential volunteers who may wish to assist in the project. Please note that the site of the work will be at the Annex to 1001 West 7th Street in Owensboro.

Tuesday, September 28 from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Wednesday, September 29 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Friday, October 1 from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Saturday, October 2 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Monday October 4 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesday, October 6 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Thursday, October 7 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Friday, October 8 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 AM (Note: the tentative Loading Day)

## Many Hands Make Light Work

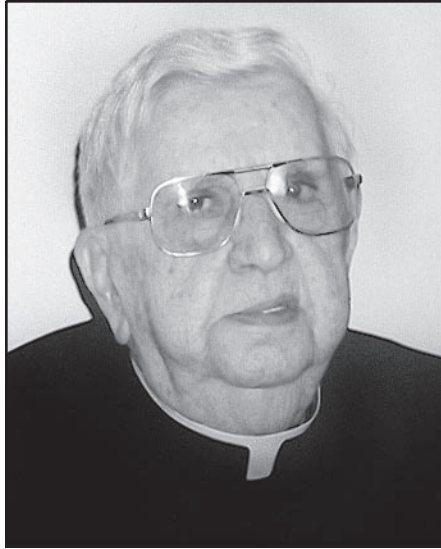
All are welcome to participate in this project. It was truly a labor of love for our Diocese to ship the items that were sent in November 2004, October 2006 and October 2008. Countless people throughout the Diocese collected a wide range of goods for our Sister Diocese, and nearly 100 people were involved with processing and loading the trailer. Once again your generosity is counted on to meet the needs of a great people that seek assistance in carrying out the mission of the gospel. Please consider answering this call.

## 6 In Your Kindness, Pray for the Repose of the Soul of The Rev. Charles A. DeNardi

The Rev. Charles A. DeNardi, 100, of Carmel Home, died May 25, 2010, at Owensboro Medical Health System.

Father DeNardi was born in St. Mary in Marion County. Father DeNardi was ordained for the Diocese of Louisville on June 6, 1936. He is the last of the priests who were assigned in what is now the Diocese of Owensboro when it was formed in December 1937. These 40 priests affectionately called themselves "The Forty Martyrs." Father DeNardi was associate pastor of St. James Parish in Louisville until Jan. 1, 1937, at which time he was assigned associate pastor of St. Ann Parish in Morganfield. He also was pastor at the following parishes: St. Elizabeth, Clarkson; St. Mary, Big Clifty; St. Paul, Leitchfield; St. Francis de Sales, Paducah; St. Pius X, Calvert City; Rosary Chapel, Paducah; St. Jerome and St. Denis, Fancy Farm; St. Charles, Bardwell; St. Paul and St. Elizabeth, Clarkson until his retirement in 1984.

Survivors are nieces and nephews. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Retired Priests Fund, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301.



**Rev. Charles A. DeNardi,**



**Students of St. Vincent Academy, circa 1820, posing in front of the school in their "uniform of the day," complete with mortar board. Photo courtesy of the Diocesan Archives.**

## St. Vincent Academy Reunion

Submitted by Kay Owen

MORGANFIELD, Ky. - A St. Vincent Academy Reunion will be held at St. Ann Parish Hall in Morganfield on Saturday, October 30. This reunion is open to anyone who attended St. Vincent Academy. The 2010 Reunion Committee is inviting anyone attending to bring any memorabilia for display.

Anyone interested in attending can call Lark Buckman at 270-822- 5128 or Kay Owen at 270-389-3044 or write to "St. Vincent Reunion Committee", P.O. Box 24, Waverly, Ky. 42462

The Reunion is still in the planning stages and letters will be mailed soon.

## Contemporary Woman Program Announces Programs for Fall 2010

Brescia University's Contemporary Woman Program, directed by Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Rose Marita O'Bryan, enters the fall semester with a variety of programs. The brochure lists new and continuing programs available to both women and men:

- Women Doctors of the Church, exploring the life and writings of the three women doctors of the Catholic Church: Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, and Therese of Lisieux, is presented on five Wednesday afternoons, beginning on October 6 from 1:00-2:00.
- Women and the Bible, begins on October 4 and continues through November 15 on Monday mornings from 10:30-11:30.
- The Canticle Group, exploring the gift of years, meets on Friday mornings from 10 till noon, beginning on September 10.
- The Partnership Group, in its 22nd year, has chosen to study and discuss the book, *The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See* by Richard Rohr on the second Wednesday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m., beginning September 8 and continuing through May.
- Soul Gardening during Autumn, a special opportunity for four Tuesday mornings in November from 10:30-11:30, consists of guided reflections, journaling, and silence.
- Spirituality in a Quantum Universe, which begins September 23, from 6:30-7:30, continues for four Thursday evenings through October 14.
- Soul Gardening with Angela Merici, a program exploring the life and writings of Saint Angela Merici, founder of the Company of Saint Ursula, is presented on the third Saturday of each month from 10:30-11:20 a.m.
- Christ in Evolution, a program exploring the spiritually enriching and theologically challenging reflections of author Ilia Delio, OSF, is scheduled on the Wednesday mornings of November 10, 17 and December 1, 8 from 10:30-11:30.

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

## Bishop Medley Ordination DVD Set Still Available

A limited edition commemorative DVD

set of the celebration of Vespers and the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of His Excellency the Most Reverend William Francis Medley as the Fourth Bishop of Owensboro is available now

On February 10, 2010, thousands gathered at the Owensboro Sportscenter for the Ordination and Installation of William Francis Medley as the fourth bishop of Owensboro. This commemorative set of two DVDs includes not only the Ordination, but the Vespers liturgy celebrated the night before at St. Stephen Cathedral. The cost of the DVD set is \$20. For shipping and handling, \$3 will be added to credit card orders.

The DVD set is available from the following bookstores in Owensboro:

**Mount Saint Joseph Bookstore (270.229.0200)**

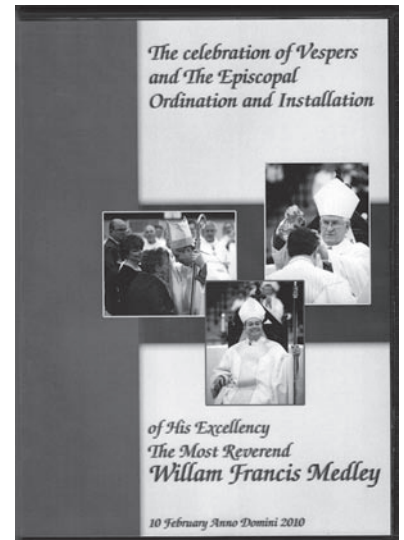
**St. Maximilian Kolbe Bookstore (270.689.9485)**

**Your Source Bookstore (270.689.9665)**

In Paducah, The Dvd Set Is Available From The Lourdes Hospital Gift Shop (270.444.2444, Ext. 2188)

In Louisville, Dvds Are Available From Tonini Church Supply, 502.897.7100.

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



# Sunday/Monday Connection Wins NCCL's First New Wineskins Award <sup>7</sup>

By Rose Wheeler

HENDERSON, Ky. - Father Anthony Shonis has been associate pastor at Holy Name of Jesus here for almost five years. In that time he has touched every aspect of this parish. He has formed committees, empowered laity, encouraged involvement, and expected change. His energy is infinite and ideas are non-stop.

It is his program "Sunday/Monday Connection" that received national recognition on April 21 in Las Vegas at the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, NCCL. Fr. Shonis accepted, as the first recipient, the New Wineskins Award. This award is designed to :

- highlight and celebrate extraordinary achievement of evangelization and catechesis;
- share successful initiatives that may benefit other diocese;
- encourage continued creative evangelization efforts;
- reflect spirit of "new evangelization" by Pope John Paul II and Directories for Catechesis.



Fr. Tony Shonis holds the NCCL's first New Wineskins Award. Pictured with him above is Michele Harris, presenter of the award, and a member of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership board of directors. The picture at right shows Fr. Tony giving his presentation on his Sunday to Monday connection. Rose Wheeler photos

## Evangelization

### A simple way to witness Fourth in a series by Carol Hulsey

Evangelizing is exciting business. I find it irresistible because it smacks of a love, full-blown, waiting to be unleashed. I love it because it is the Holy Spirit showering the fire of a New Pentecost over the land. Like the first Pentecost, a few disciples, fresh with the dew of new grace, rush out proclaiming something important and missing in the world that transforms the world.

We all have been given some charism that we might obey the command to go out and make disciples of all nations. Our gifts and personality are our first clues as to how God wants us to spread his message of love and forgiveness. Most of us feel comfortable with the idea that we must try to witness our Christian faith with our lives. But talking about our faith! This kind of witnessing is scary and without practice, may be awkward.

Johnnette Benkovic provides a straightforward method of witnessing in her book Full of Grace. Stated simply the formula is: I was. God did; I am. Dr. Mark Ginter a professor at St. Meinrad School of Theology recommends that we should just write out our story, making sure it runs no longer than two or three minutes when read aloud. Once we have been able to gather

our thoughts and write down our experience, we are better able to share our story when the opportunity presents itself. That doesn't seem too hard.

Let's give it a try. I was out of the Church and struggling mightily, albeit ineffectually to make a comeback. I tried one parish after another for a year or so. I must have looked needy or desperate or else my invisibility cloak was clinging about me, as no one spoke to me or acknowledged my existence. Then suddenly, happy day, my cloak dropped for a minute, and Fr. Pete Hughes saw my husband and me. But apparently we were only visible to him. My husband was not Catholic at the time, and his attendance was more sporadic than mine. Although I was not attending Mass regularly, I signed up for the first Renew held in the mid '80s, but I didn't have the strength to go. After all, I had no faith to share. Enter Darrell and Ladonna French. What a couple! These people just didn't know how to take no for an answer.

When I missed the first week, I received a call from the group leader wanting an explanation. The night of the next meeting Ladonna called, "I hope you are coming to the meeting. We missed you last week."

"Well, no, actually I am pretty tired," I said, "but thanks for calling."

Ladonna is friendly, and not the least bit timid. "Darrel and I are picking you

A Sunday/Monday Connection is an idea Fr. Shonis had over 20 years ago. He promotes the idea of visiting the workplace of parishioners. He goes to where they are and talks to them about their jobs. At the masses on Labor Day weekend, he asks for people to sign up for him to visit. At the workplace, he stays no longer than ten minutes and asks specific questions. The idea of fellow workers seeing a "collar" tends to make for colorful conversations for days to come.

Father then writes a reflection paragraph for the bulletin describing his visit. Parishioners get to know each other and have an opportunity to visualize the workplace in a new light. There is a follow-up invitation to all he has visited in a six-month period where the group discusses spirituality in the workplace.

This program is going strong in Henderson, as it has in all the parishes Fr. Shonis has been. It has sparked workers to consider spirituality outside of the "church." We are called to take God with us when we are commissioned to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!"

## May I Tell You Just a Little About the Workers I Meet?



Father Tony commented on how he meets people, and tells us a little about some of those most memorable to him:

"I visit people at their job and then when we meet afterwards in small groups, we discuss the spirituality of work (which is not what 80% of the people think it is). This is the new evangelization by connecting the Dismissal Rite of the Mass as a commissioning rite and sending the parishioners out to make the work better and more just.

"I'd like to tell you a little about the workers I meet, some happy, some facing challenges, some very passionate workers, and one whom I found the most interesting - just a line or so on

each.

"The most interesting person that I ever visited was a woman who had cerebral palsy and who owned her own company. She was a medical transcriptionist and ran her business out of her home. She mentioned to me when I came to see her that she had never met her employees and they had no idea that she was handicapped. She was a very good worker and provided a home for her father and her twin sister who also had cerebral palsy. She was able to run her business completely by voice over the telephone through speakers. Fascinating!

"Now, the happiest people I visit, and I have visited many of them, are the hairdressers. They are upbeat, positive, they enjoy interacting with people and they feel fully involved in creating hair styles.

"The most passionate worker I ever met was a woman who created scrap books/ memory books for a living. She had been doing it for ten years, and could not talk about it without tears filling her eyes. Oftentimes, the scrap books or memory books were for families where someone was depressed, sick, or maybe had Alzheimer's. It really touched her to prepare a book of memories for people who were losing their memories."

up in fifteen minutes. See you then." And she actually hung up. Now I could have ignored the doorbell, pretending I went to bed, or maybe just told her to buzz off, but that would have been ugly. So I ended

up going. The exact same thing happened for the next two weeks, but after that, I was hooked. I found a group to support my faith life during my reentrance to the

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## 8 Paducah Native Wins St. Mary's College 2010 Award for Service in Education

April 26, 2010 (Notre Dame, Ind.)—The Office for Civic and Social Engagement at Saint Mary's College is pleased to announce that Caitlin Cummins '12 of Paducah, Ky., has received one of its six unique service and volunteer awards. Five of the awards are named for Sisters of the Holy Cross. The Congregation founded the Catholic all-women's college in 1844 and the awards are a tribute to the founders' mission—to help where help is needed. Caitlin, an education major, will be honored with the Sister Maria Concepta McDermott, CSC, Award for Service in Education at an awards banquet at the College tonight.

Sister McDermott (1913-1990) was an outspoken voice for the rights of the poor. This dynamic, determined sister was known for her work in multi-cultural education and with troubled youth. In the early 1970s she established a school for wards of the court on the Saint Mary's campus. She also instituted an interdisciplinary approach to teachers' education at the College. In addition, she also taught in Uganda, Brazil and China.

Caitlin shares Sister McDermott's heart for education. As an officer and coach for Five Star Mentoring, Caitlin helps recruit more coaches for the program and works with a group of middle-school girls each week. Caitlin is also a Girl Scouts Daisy Troop Leader. Twice a month, she works with a group of eight



**Madison Larkin, then-4th grader, Warren Primary Center in South Bend, posed with Caitlin, at right, who was Madison's pen pal in 2009, and the photo was taken at Pen Pal Day on campus. Submitted Photo**

girls to teach them what it means to be a responsible and productive person. Her passion for education is demonstrated further in her role in the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) Program. For CAT she works as a Teacher's Assistant at Warren Primary Center in South Bend, participates in the Pen Pal Program (at two South Bend elementary schools), and tutors at the St. Joseph County Public Library.

Pam Hirschler, a teacher at Warren wrote, "Miss Caitlin is extremely dedi-

cated, reliable and trustworthy ... she works wonderfully with the students and makes materials to help improve the learning of the ENL students. She helps with anything and everything that needs to be done in the class – what an asset to our class!"

Caitlin was chosen as a Citizen Scholar in 2009 and as a CAT Scholar in 2010. Both scholarship awards entail completing a minimum of 300 hours of service work in a given year. On campus, Caitlin is on the Dance Marathon Fundraising Committee, is involved with Daughters of Isabella (a Catholic women's service organization), and has participated in Light the Night, a community walk to support cancer research, and Rebuilding Together, a program that restores homes belonging to elderly, disabled or low-income homeowners. Her dedication to service and her presence in the community have helped better the lives around her and especially the lives of children.

Faculty and staff nominate students for the annual service awards. The Division for Mission chooses the award recipients from the pool of nominations. The award winners were revealed during National Volunteer Week, April 18-24.

About Saint Mary's College: Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., is a four-year, Catholic, women's institution offering five bachelor's degrees and more than 30 major areas of study. Saint Mary's College has six nationally accredited academic programs: social work, art, music, teacher education, chemistry and nursing. Saint Mary's College ranks among the nation's top 100 liberal arts colleges in U.S. News & World Report's 2010 annual survey. Founded in 1844, Saint Mary's is a pioneer in the education of women, and is sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

### Evangelization A simple way to witness (Continued from page 7)

Church.

I credit Darrell and Ladonna for my coming back into the Church, but, of course, it was not just them, but the whole RENEW group that brought me back to knowing and accepting the love God had for me. Joy, mercy, and peace reentered my life when I received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and returned to Jesus in the Eucharist. And the blessings have just multiplied since that time.

I was miserable and invisible, God intervened in my life through the efforts of some wonderful people; now, I know that I am loved by a great and wonderful Good Shepherd who stayed faithful to his lost little lamb.

If you have a conversion story, send it along to the WKC (email: Mel. Howard@pastoral.org).

I would love to read it!

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# New Priest Assumes Role with a Grateful Heart

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPINSVILLE, Ky. - Fr. Uwem Enoh, newly ordained to the priesthood on May 29, 2010, became Associate Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville effective June 14, 2010. During his first weekend Masses on June 19 and 20, Fr. Enoh preached the homily while Fr. John Thomas, Pastor, presided.

He began his talk by thanking the members of Sts. Peter and Paul for actively praying for vocations. "It is because of your prayers that I stand here today, a priest," Fr. Enoh humbly claimed.

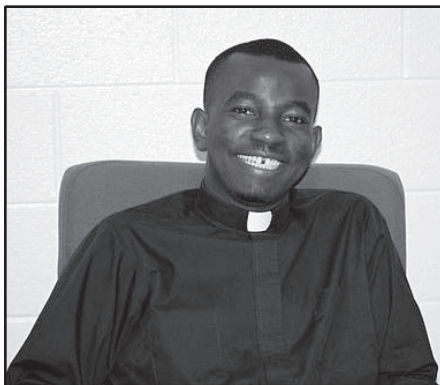
Fr. Enoh then recounted his path to the priesthood by way of a brief history lesson. "Between the late 18th century and early 19th century there was a renewed missionary endeavor from Europe to Africa. Specifically, missionaries came from Ireland to Southern Nigeria where I come from. The climate in the rainforest belt of Southern Nigeria was unfriendly to the Europeans. Several of them died from malaria caused by mosquitoes. Even death and all kinds of difficulties did not stop these early missionaries," Fr. Enoh said with awe.

"The natives, my ancestors were confused. In their minds they must have been asking the same questions that we hear in today's Gospel reading (Luke 9:18-24). 'Who are these people? Where did they come from? How can people leave the comfort of their fatherland and be ready to die for some belief?' I became fascinated about these missionaries as I read about them," Fr. Enoh continued.

"So, who were these men and women who were not deterred by death? What message was so important that they were ready to die for it? These questions continue to be asked even as we gather here today. For several years, you have been praying for the seminarians who are training to become priests. One of them had a four-lettered name that you tried hard to pronounce, that only God knew who you were referring to," Fr. Enoh said with a chuckle.

"Today God has heard your prayers and I stand here celebrating my second Sunday Mass ever. Since I am not Jesus, I will not ask you the question 'Who do people say I am?' Instead I will tell you a little bit about myself. My name is Uwem Enoh and I was born 30 something years ago in Abak in Southern Nigeria. Nigeria is the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, where the hurricanes come from. I now have three brothers and two sisters. My eldest brother died in the early nineties. My parents are still living. My dad is a retired school principal; my mum is still teaching in middle school," Fr. Enoh explained.

"About my vocation to the priesthood, I began serving at Mass when I was



**Fr. Uwem Enoh, Associate Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, was ordained a priest on Saturday, May 29, 2010. During his first Mass as Associate Pastor, he shared with the congregation a brief history lesson and information about himself and his calling to the priesthood. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.**

about twelve and I went to high school seminary. I think my parents probably thought there was something strange about me, because I was the first one to go far from home for high school. I began thinking seriously about the priesthood two years after high school. After reading about the missionaries that I mentioned earlier, I applied to join them, and I was accepted. So I spent two years in formation with them. I went to South Africa for college to study philosophy and international studies. Then a friend told me about the Glenmary's. I applied, and was directed to relocate to the U.S. I arrived in this country in 2004 and through all your prayers I was ordained three weeks ago and today is my second Mass. I'm thankful that you prayed me through seminary and now I'm working among you," he elaborated.

Returning to the scripture readings for the Mass, Fr. Enoh said, "For some of the people in the Gospel Jesus was Elijah, for some he was John the Baptist, yet still for some Jesus was one of the prophets. So for real, who is Jesus for you? Saint Paul gives us a clue in the second reading. He says and I quote, 'Through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ, you have clothed yourselves with Christ,'" he reiterated.

"When we are able to answer the question 'who do you say I am?' then there will be no Jew nor Greek. There will be no slave nor free person. There will be no male nor female. For we shall come to know that we are all one in Christ," he concluded.

# Home School Families Honor 2010 Grads at St Martin Church, Rome, Ky. 9



**The 2010 Owensboro Catholic Homeschool graduates pictured with Father Pike Powell on May 7, 2010: back row: Matthew St. Clair, Mark Ebelhar, Rachel Gayhart; front row: Whitney Ebelhar and Jacquelyn Buckmaster. Not pictured: Katie Vincent**

## Special to The Western Kentucky Catholic

ROME, Ky. - At the end of the school year, May 7, 2010, St. Martin parish celebrated a Mass here for Home School High School Graduates. Father Paul Pike Powell had the honor of being the Celebrant. Six graduates from the area were honored; one (Katie Vincent) was not present for the picture.

Every week, on Tuesday during the school year, the parents and children gathered at St. Martin's parish hall to share talents and experiences as well as some recreation together. There are plenty of parents to take care of the toddlers. Neither their educational needs nor their social life is neglected. On a regular basis, the group gathers for Mass and to have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Daily, each parent instructs his/her children in their own homes.

We appreciate the efforts and sacrifices the parents make to teach their children and bring them together on a weekly basis. Mark Ebelhar, one of the Home Schoolers, received the Scholarship from St. Martin's Parish this year.

## Central City Parish Honors Pastor June 13, 2010

In June of 2009, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed a "Year for the Priest." This special year closed on the same day it opened on the Solemnity of the Apostles or Peter and Paul in June, 2010. On June 13, the St. Joseph Ursuline Associates and the Saint Joseph Church Parish Council of Central City sponsored a celebration of the ministry of our pastor, Father Ben Luther. Saint Joseph Church Parishioners & guests gathered after Mass for refreshments and well wishes and prayers for Father Ben Luther and priests everywhere. Jean Simpson, Parish Council President, presented a basket of cards and gifts from the Saint Joseph Parishioners to Father Ben. Father Ben Luther and Jean Simpson are both Ursuline Associates.



## 10 A Ministries Picture Gallery



Immaculate Conception's first communion; Front Row, Left to Right: Morgan Curry, Trey Curry, Taylor Curry, Mollie Burk, Dakota Terry, Kennedy Lucas, Hannah Allard Back Row: Angie Curry, Christopher Woodward, Jessica Wells, Fr. Chrispin, Keira Duncan, Ben Gily, Shelby Harpenau, Amy Hess. Submitted by Donna Reine



In the picture above, Precious Blood Church Religious Education Classes hosted their annual Spring Fling FUN-raiser for parish on Saturday, May 1st. Religious Education teachers and parents helped to organize the day along with DRE Sr. Ros anne Spalding. They had several booths including Balloon Pop, Grab Bag, Cake Walk & more. Sr. Ros anne Spalding, O.S.U., at right, sold some 25¢ tickets to Linda & Madison Connor. Submitted by April Dickens



Immaculate Conception and St. Columba's confirmation class. Submitted by Donna Reine



Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro, celebrated 1st Communion on Sunday, April 26th. Submitted by April Dickens



## Giving Back To The Church

In the picture above, St. Peter, Stanley, parishioners stir Burgoo for their parish picnic, July 17. In the picture at left, Javier Guerrero watches the burgoo bubble as he works a stirring paddle, getting the color just right. Mel Howard Photos

# Bishop Medley Attends Bowling Green KofC Banquet Celebrating Vocations 11

By Janet Mott

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - Bishop William Medley was the honored guest along with all the priests, deacons, and nuns at the annual Vocations Banquet for the Bowling Green Deanery at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bowling Green, Ky. on March 18, 2010. The event was sponsored by the Father Korte Assembly of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Even just one picture with a timeless subject, compassion and caring, can be worth a thousand words, like the five photos here. These pictures from the annual Vocations Banquet for the Bowling Green Deanery show that Bishop Medley is a very pastoral bishop. He can come to a remote south central Kentucky deanery for something other than Confirmation, or a blessing of churches, and St. Joseph's School.

Viewed from top left, clockwise, the first picture shows Carol Dales, Bishop Medley, Allen Freeland, and Martha Peters. The large picture shows Bishop Medley and Fr. Jerry Riney blessing Dan Conner whose house burned. At lower right, Bishop Medley spoke after introduction by the KofC Faithful Navigator Bill Liscomb. In lower left picture, Fr. Brian Johnson, Assembly chaplain, and Paul McCavick. At center, Bishop Medley commended Gabe Gabral for planning the event. Photos submitted by Janet Mott.



## Saint Joseph, Mayfield, Catholic Community Celebrated May First Communions



Parishioners, friends, families, and parish staff at St. Joseph Parish in Mayfield celebrated with eight children who received their First Communion in early May.

The photo above is from a May 1, 2010, retreat for the First Communicants, which the parish calls Prayer Day. The students are holding the banners they have made to adorn their pews in church for First Communion Mass. In the top row, Ethan Jenkins, Sophie Pitts, Coleman Pickard, Ethan Barnett; bottom row, Jennifer Armstrong, Shelby Gargus, Clair Lamb, Kaylie Strong.

In the larger group picture at right, the children posed with Pastor Father Ken Mikulcik after their First Communion Mass on May 2, 2010. In the back row, from left, are Melissa Armstrong, Coordinator of Religious Education for St. Joseph Church, Pastor Fr. Ken Mikulcik, with Gina Shade. In the middle row, Ethan Barnett, Ethan Jenkins Coleman Pickard; in the front row, are Kaylie Strong, Clair Lamb, Sophie Pitts, Jennifer Armstrong, Shelby Gargus. Submitted Photos



## The Rainbow Mass Fills the Sportscenter with Many Bright Colors



Students representing all the Catholic Schools in Western Kentucky sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro gathered in the Owensboro Sportscenter for the bi-annual Rainbows Mass with Bishop William Medley on May 12. Photo composite by Mel Howard

**By Tami Schneider** color. The normally drab atmosphere of OWENSBORO, Ky. - Even before 10:00 am, the Sportscenter was already full of grey floor, metal bleachers and yellow wooden seats shone with bright colors

### *A Profile of A Young Catholic Leader* Leadership in the Face of Fads!

Submitted by Owensboro Catholic Middle School

In a world where society pushes our teens to follow the latest and greatest fad, or the "it" person, it refreshes the spirit to see one of our students doing everything she can to encourage those around her to do just the opposite!

Being a strong leader with a strong voice in not always the popular choice, but Jenna Ruth is that type of leader. If you have ever had any experience with the "middle school years" of a teen, you know the many changes they go through, both physically and emotionally. Jenna works hard at giving those around her a living example of how to navigate these many changes with the proper attitude.

She serves as Treasurer of our middle school Beta Club whose 4 pillars are academics, service, leadership and character. She is also Student Council Representative. She is an active member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and earned enough service hours to travel to Washington, D.C. for the Right to Life march. She is a member of the Blessed Mother Youth Group and sings in the Worship choir at OCMS Masses. She also earns a place on our OCMS Honor Roll each quarter. And she plays softball for OCHS.

One of Jenna's teachers, Julie Renshaw, commented recently that Jenna "excels in the classroom, always preparing for tests (and earning high marks) and always doing her homework. She takes part in



Jenna Ruth

every service project we do at OCMS, and she encourages others to do their best. She is truly an example of Christian service in word and deed.

Jenna is "an amazing leader in Beta Club" according to the club sponsor, Mary Cheshire. Mary also said "Jenna works hard with our service projects, and after we brought in 7th graders, she was great at encouraging them and helping

as children and adults of all ages filed into the arena after just getting off buses from home. Students from every Catholic School in Western Kentucky did not come to an athletic event, nor a comedy routine, nor a circus. They came to a banquet, the banquet of life. They came for the traditionally biannual "Rainbow Mass."

The little ones sat cross-legged in their chairs, anxious for it all to begin, as some of the older ones looked and moved about nervously, preparing to be ushers or lectors. Looking around the Sportscenter, smiles lit faces as blocks of white, black, blue, green, gold, and red awaited the opening song.

Bishop Medley began by stating that he had been bishop for three months now, and from the beginning he had been looking forward to this Mass. "Now I understand why it's called the Rainbow Mass," he said, "because as I look around I see a rainbow of color... I think we should do this once a week!" He told the children that he recognized many of their faces from his visits to their schools. "So far I have visited 15 of the 18 schools and I will be getting to the other 3 very soon," he stated.

You could almost reach out and touch the energy and high spirits as Bishop Medley, Bishop Emeritus McRaith, over 20

priests, thousands of students and hundreds of staff and family members from all over the diocese united in one place to celebrate Catholic Education. A student from each school brought up a banner during the offertory. Other students participated in the choir, played guitar or signed songs in sign language. And all present together sang praise to God. The students were so enthusiastic about singing and the music so well done that they did not want the communion song to end. They continued clapping and singing, clapping and singing, "Lord I lift Your Name on High!"

As Mass drew to a close, Bishop Medley asked Bishop Emeritus McRaith to say a few words. As he approached the lectern, the young people broke out in spontaneous applause. He admitted that the Rainbow Mass was something he had always looked forward to, and that it gave him hope for the future of Catholic Schools and the future of the world. A standing ovation brought him back to his seat where words of gratitude from Bishop Medley awaited him. Truly the students had no desire to return to school that day. The Bishop's energy, the Divine Word, the Sacred Eucharist, and the Holy Spirit had filled their cups to the brim!

them learn the ropes. She is a very polite young lady who is always willing to lend a helping hand.

Jenna is the daughter of John and Sheri Ruth.

# New York- New York What a bus trip!

By Ed Simon

*(Written from the perspective of a scared novice guide for a Senior Citizen bus trip)*

Recently, my wife, Ginny Knight-Simon sponsored a bus trip to New York City (NYC) through the Diocesan Office of Wisdom. The itinerary included five nights and six days of sightseeing, shopping, eating, (really great food from almost every venue imaginable) and a marvelous Broadway play (The Lion King), where we were told we would have orchestra seating. Ginny and I both were



**"Tour Guide," Ed Simon. Photo by Freddy Barr**



**Girls just want to have fun: Shirley Taylor, Rita Hayden, Karen Cole and Maureen Jackson. Photo by Freddy Barr**

excited about seeing this play as we had heard it was absolutely fabulous.

We left the Sportscenter parking lot in Owensboro early Thursday morning. Ginny didn't sleep well the night before. I had assumed it was just a result of all the hard work she had done in getting this trip together. She was trying to be her usually bubbly self. We were on Interstate 64 just outside of Louisville when I noticed she was sitting sort of blankly and not smiling at all. She said, "I really don't feel very well." She tried to use a damp cloth, eat some ice, and drink a soda with some cheese crackers. Nothing seemed to help. The first scheduled rest stop was at mile marker 13 on Interstate 71, thirteen miles east of Louisville. By the time we arrived I realized my wife was feeling terribly bad. She told me, "I don't think I can make it. I'm afraid I might have something contagious and don't want to take the chance of getting others sick." Now just imagine all the planning, all the work, all the anticipation of a wonderful trip and having to make that decision. Needless to say she was horrified at the thought of being left alone at a rest stop while waiting for her sister to drive the two and a half hours to pick her up. She asked me if I would take



**Martha Rousell flashing her great NYC smile. Photo by Freddy Barr**

over for her and do the things necessary to make the trip enjoyable for the others. Bravely, on the outside, scared to death on the inside, I said, "Sure it won't be a problem at all." Ginny had organized everything I would need in her brief case; all I had to do was pick out what was appropriate for the time. I never will forget leaving her, feeling so bad, leaning over on her suitcase, and weakly smiling trying to put on a brave front. I could tell she was scared to death.

Off we went, my body on the bus flying down Interstate 71, my heart and

soul on rest stop number thirteen. I called her about every half-hour to see if her sister had arrived. Finally she told me she was safe and on the way home.

As we traveled along, it didn't take me long to realize what a wonderful bunch of people these are. Each one asked me about Ginny, and expressed sincere regrets about her illness. I guess I shouldn't have been one bit surprised as we were all Senior Citizens, all Catholics, therefore with many common bonds. It was a wonderful trip.

We started each day with a prayer and were able to attend Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. I gave thanks each day for the wonderful, patient and understanding people on board. I got to know them all; there was the happy couple, always smiling, always happy, just glad to be where they were rain or shine; there was a couple that lived just a few blocks from our house and many ladies traveling together. I'm so glad I got to know them all. I know each of us had a favorite event



**Phyllis and Freddy Barr from St. Mary's, Whitesville, posed in front of NYC skyscrapers. Submitted Photo**

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or adventure. My two favorites were the Lion King and the Intrepid Museum. On our way home we all discussed the highlights of our trip, and there are way too many to write about.

Many started the trip as strangers and returned with new friends. I really enjoyed the trip, but I was glad to see Ginny holding up a "welcome home" sign when we pulled in the Sportscenter parking lot at the end of our trip.

Oh! One other little incident really got me thinking. One day we went to a shopping mall in New Jersey. The women were just tickled to death. This was a huge three story mall. I'd never been there before in my life. I walked in the door and there was a map of the mall. Do you know what it said? It had a big arrow that pointed to the exact spot I was standing in and it said, "You are here." How in the world did they know that?

Maybe "Big Brother" is watching.



**Always smiling. The "Pats," Patrick and Patricia Clark. Photo by Freddy Barr.**



**Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro ladies Veronica Whilite, left, and Gloria Adams liked the Big Apple. Photo by Freddy Barr**

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## Diocese of Owensboro Welcomes Three New Priests

# Bishop William Francis Medley ordains his first priests

By Larena Lawson

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Saturday May 29 brought a wellspring of blessings for the Diocese of Owensboro when newly ordained Bishop William Francis Medley, ordained his first priests as bishop of Owensboro. St. Stephen Cathedral was filled to capacity with people from all over the diocese who had excitedly come to witness this grand celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, which was bestowed upon Deacons Brandon Williams, Uwem Enoch and Steve Hohman.

The three deacons were called forward by name and presented themselves before Bishop Medley, making a sign of reverence. Bishop Medley then questioned their Vocation Director, Father Andy Garner, about their readiness for ordination. Finding them worthy, Bishop Medley said, "Relying on the help of the Lord God and our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose these, our brothers, for the Order of the Priesthood." The abundantly overflowing Church responded with resounding applause to show their consent.

"This is a moment of great joy for the Church of Owensboro. It is a moment of great joy for Bishop John McRaith who has nurtured the Church and these young men. It was he who brought them to the seminary, he who approved their call to pursue the presbyterate," Bishop Medley stated in the opening of his homily. He went on to thank Bishop McRaith for all that he has given in service to the Church of Owensboro.



The Diocese of Owensboro's Newest Priests, from left, Rev. Brandon Williams, Rev. Uwem Enoch and Rev. Steve Hohman, ordained May 29, 2010 at St. Stephen Cathedral by Bishop William F. Medley. Larena Lawson Photo

After the homily, the elect stood before Bishop Medley who asked them questions. Then they each individually came before the bishop and knelt in front of him. They placed their hands in the bishop's and made their promises of obedience to him and his successors. The Promise of the Elect and the Litany of Supplication followed. The three deacons laid prostrate before the altar. They humbly prayed, along with the congregation and all the angels and the saints in heaven, for God to pour out the bless-

ing of His Holy Spirit and the power of priestly grace upon them. All the while, the Litany of Saints was beautifully sung in full accord. It was a visibly powerful supplication of the members of the Body of Christ.

After the Laying on of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination, the new priests were vested with stoles and chasubles, the signs of the office of the priesthood that had been conferred. Another sign of their commission to serve the Church was the anointing of their hands which fol-

lowed their investiture. The sacred chrism that was used in their anointing was consecrated by Bishop Medley at the Chrism Mass that was held on March 30, 2010, his first. This rite of anointing symbolizes the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Medley presented each of the newly ordained priests with the chalice filled with wine and the paten filled with bread during the next part of the Ordination Mass. With each step in the rite a special prayer was prayed for them by Bishop Medley. Upon completion of the handing over of the bread and wine, Bishop Medley offered a fraternal kiss of peace to Father Brandon, Father Uwem and Father Steve. Likewise, all of the other priests and Bishop McRaith followed in the same manner.

At the conclusion of the Rite of Ordination, the rest of the Mass continued on with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The now vested, newly ordained priests concelebrated the Mass with Bishop Medley at the altar, together with all the priests who were present.

After the distribution of Holy Communion, a rather unusual and yet, very fitting time of Thanksgiving was planned. Father Uwem, a native of Nigeria, had several friends in attendance who brought forth their drums, their African music and their lively song and dance to offer praise and thanksgiving to God Almighty. The integration of their culture and tradition was welcomed with surprise and delightful acceptance. It was a joyful sharing that united everyone in thanking God for all His blessings. They energetically and enthusiastically sang "Siyahamba" (We Are Marching in the Light of God) and "Oshe Baba" (We Thank You, Lord.) Father Uwem came down from the sanctuary to join them with the biggest and brightest smile on his face. It was a way for him to show the people of his Diocese of Owensboro, how the people of his native land celebrate. Afterwards, a seemingly highly impressed Bishop Medley quipped with sincerity, "Father Uwem, you have been holding out on us." It was an extra special, unique finale that illustrated the richness of the universality of the Catholic Church and the common bond that holds us together in union with Christ.

After the closing prayer, Owensboro's newest priests gave their first blessings to the Church of Western Kentucky. If joy could be measured by smiles and cheerful faces, the Church was filled to the brim and overflowing as the three Fathers processed out of the Cathedral as their Mass of Ordination ended.

## Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon



Maureen Hardesty Jackson  
Sts. Joseph & Paul  
Owensboro, Kentucky

Maureen Jackson lives in a uniquely designed home with her sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Mickey Cole, in Owensboro.

"We each have private living areas with a common area in the middle. The arrangement has worked out nicely for us," Maureen said when I visited her recently.

"Besides my sister I have one brother. Our parents raised us Catholic and we all went to Catholic schools. We went to Sts. Joseph and Paul elementary school. I still go to church there. Our parish has a lot going on and a lot to offer people. I try to get involved in the Block Party each year," Maureen said.

The Block Party has donated gifts and services that are available for free to the people in the community of the church. Items range anywhere from cakes to haircuts!

"Being raised Catholic has given me strength my whole life. My faith is very meaningful to me and has literally gotten me through some of my most difficult times and times of joy too. I really can't imagine my life with my faith.

Maureen said she is the gardener for the house as she took me on a tour of the beautiful backyard. "This is my passion. I love working in the flowers and landscaping. Even when it's hot!" she said

"I love to travel, too. My sister and I are going to the Holy Land in October ... I can't wait! We just came back from a bus trip to New York City. (Sponsored by the Office of Wisdom) We really enjoyed it. I appreciated being able to go to Mass and travel as one group.

"My greatest blessings are my children, grandchildren and my family."

## 24 Welcoming New Employees to the Staff of the Diocese of Owensboro

By Tami Schneider

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The Catholic Pastoral Center is pleased to welcome Kathy Rasp as a new member of the staff. Kathy, now Bishop Medley's Administrative Assistant, brings with her much joy, enthusiasm, and a heart of gold. She is the wife of Ken Rasp, Director of Owensboro Catholic Schools. They have three children: Benjamin, an '04 graduate of OCHS and an '08 graduate of Murray State is now an MBA student at Bellarmine in Louisville. Benjamin will be married in October of this year. Their second child, Erin, is an '06 graduate of OCHS and a 2010 graduate of Bellarmine. She will begin teaching 5th grade at Highland in the fall and is planning a June 2011 wedding. Their youngest, Sam will be a junior at OCHS this fall. The Rasps attend Immaculate Parish.



Kathy Rasp

and supports activities in conjunction with St. Joseph Peace Mission.

Because of her work at Immaculate and her husband's connections with the Diocese, Kathy already knew the majority of the staff before coming to work here. This made her transition much easier and helped her to feel welcome and part of the CPC family. "I truly feel this was a calling... after being hired, I was so surprised! I am humbled and honored." Kathy speaks very highly of Bishop Medley, calling him truly genuine, a wonderful person as well as a great leader. She hopes that they, along with the rest of the staff, can work together to truly make a difference. "I can't believe I'm a part of this!" she exclaimed.

The Catholic Pastoral Center welcomes Kim Haire as our newest employee. She is now an Accountant in the Administration Office. She and her husband Phil have three children, Andrew (25) who resides in Nashville, Amy (23) who is finishing up her degree at Murray State University, and Logan (18) who will be a freshman at Middle Tennessee State University this fall. All three went through the Catholic School system and graduated from Catholic High. The Haire family attends Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, where Kim and Phil serve on the Stewardship Committee and are Eucharistic Ministers and Hospitality Ministers. Kim also volunteers at the St. Joseph Benedict Homeless Shelter, has been very involved in Cursillo and volunteered at many school functions.



Kim Haire

Kim is a graduate of Brescia University, where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. She has been employed by Texas Gas for most of her career, although she lived in Paducah for about 10 years and then moved back to Owensboro. She was very happy to be able to work here, especially since she already knew several employees, including Ernie Taliaferro, who she also worked with at Texas Gas, Kevin Kauffeld, from Stewardship ministry, Elaine Robertson from Lourdes Parish, Mel Howard, who is a relative, and Charlotte Hedges, who is a good friend. This made it all that much easier for her to transition into her new position.

Kim considers her new position in the Diocesan Administration Office an answer to prayer. "I was ready for more meaningful work, ready for a change," she commented. So far she has really enjoyed her position. "It is a great place to work and there are great people here."

## Called to Catholic Priesthood

By Tami Schneider

Priest, Father, Reverend, Clergyman, Associate Pastor, Presbyter, Confessor, Parochial Vicar, Celebrant, Concelebrant... as of May 29, 2010, Fr. Uwem Enoh, Fr. Steve Hohman and Fr. Brandon Williams can now be referred to by any one of these titles, or perhaps by some as shepherd of souls, spiritual guide, counselor, teacher, confidant and friend.

Called by name from the womb, they chose to follow Christ's footsteps in Catholic Priesthood. Called by name by Bishop Medley, they presented themselves before him and the congregation at St Stephen Cathedral.

Following the Rite of Ordination, the Vocation Director, Fr. Andy Garner, declared that the three to be ordained had been found worthy, as they presented themselves before the Bishop. They turned, and the congregation gave them their first heartfelt applause. After the homily, they promised obedience to the Bishop and his successors, then all present sang the Litany of the Saints, as the ordinands lie prostrate on the floor. After the Bishop laid his hands on their head, they were vested in priestly garb for the first time by close clergy friends, Fr Brandon by Fr. Brian Roby, Fr. Steve by Fr. Mike Clark and Fr. Uwem by Fr. Mike Williams. Bishop Medley then anointed their hands with oil and presented each of the newly ordained with a chalice and a paten. To end the Rite, Bishop Medley gave each of them the kiss of peace.

The following day, each of them celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at their home parish, Fr. Brandon at Sts. Joseph and Paul in Owensboro, Fr. Steve at St. Anthony in Browns Valley and Fr. Uwem at St. Leo in Murray. The grace of state and the support of the community helped each of them get through nerves and emotions to celebrate their first Masses at the altar of God. Our Diocese is truly blessed!



Fr. Steve Hohman prepares the gifts for consecration during his First Mass at St. Anthony Parish in Browns Valley on May 30. The servers pictured are Alex Ross, Andrew Wilson and Ashley Barna. Photo by Tami Schneider.



Fr. Uwem Enoh invokes the Holy Spirit to come upon the gifts of bread and wine during his First Mass at St. Leo Parish in Murray on May 30. Many priests were there to concelebrate, including those pictured in the background, Fr. Joseph Uko, Fr. Andy Garner, and Fr. Kelechi Anyanwu. Photo by Larena Lawson.



Fr. Brandon Williams, center, celebrates his First Mass, a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving, at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro on May 30. He is accompanied by the Pastor, Fr. Carl McCarthy, Fr. Tony Robbins, a friend from seminary. Photo by Carol Alvey.



# Welcoming the Roman Missal third edition

*Within the next year and a half, we in the United States will be worshipping at Mass with some new words!*

The Vatican has approved a 3rd edition of the Roman Missal – the book that contains all of the prayers (for both the priest and the congregation) used for every Mass that is celebrated.

For eight years, the Bishops from the English-speaking countries around the world have been working on translating the new Roman Missal. **This translation will not change the structure of the Mass, but will change some of the words we now proclaim at Mass.**

Some of the priest's words at Mass will sound different to us. Some of our prayers and responses also will be different. These new prayers should help us to pray more consciously, since we will be thinking more about what we are praying and not saying the words by rote. Think of the way we say the Our Father. Do we really think about what we say when we pray "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"?

**Why is this change in the prayers of the Mass necessary?** The revised translation will be a more literal translation of the Latin edition. This translation will sound more formal in language and will be scripturally richer in its meanings and images. Now, instead of hearing in the Sunday eucharistic prayer, "from east to west a perfect offering may be made," you will hear, "from the rising of the sun to its setting, a pure sacrifice may be offered." This text presents a richer biblical image for us to picture.

The Mass parts will have new musical settings, since some of the words we sing have been changed. The sung Mass prayers that we usually sing that

will change are the Gloria; the Holy, Holy, Holy; and Memorial Acclamations.

Other changes you will notice are the responses to the Confiteor, Lord, I am not worthy," and "The Lord be with you"; to which we will respond "And with your spirit."

Most likely, these changes will not go into effect until the First Sunday of Advent in 2011. From now until that date, you'll be hearing much more on both the diocesan and parish levels. We'll be exploring the revised texts with you so that we can all come to a greater understanding of the reasons for the changes and how they can help us grow in our relationship with God.

We encourage you to do some further study on your own. There is a place to begin your search, from a trusted source, for information on this new Roman Missal. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a dedicated website: [www.usccb.org/romanmissal](http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal).

Additionally, we are beginning this series in the *Western Kentucky Catholic* in an effort to bring you much more information on what to expect from the new Roman Missal.

It will take some time to become accustomed to the idea of our prayers changing. But after a year of exploring the translation, it will seem more natural to us. As we begin this journey together, may we grow in our appreciation and love for the liturgy, understand it more deeply and engage it more intentionally.

*Questions or comments may be directed to: Fr. Larry McBride (fatherlarry@bellsouth.net) or Martha Hagan (martha.hagan@pastoral.org) in the Office of Worship.*

## Mary Helen Rhodes Receives 2010 Bishop John J McRaith Catechetical Award

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On May 10, at the annual Parish Catechetical Leaders Appreciation meal, it was announced that Mary Helen Rhodes was the 2010 recipient of the Bishop John J McRaith Catechetical Award. Since 1996, Mary Helen has been a full-time Director of Religious Education for the parishes of St. William and St. Lawrence in Knottsville. This followed many years of volunteering in the parish programs. Because of illness, she was not present to receive the award. Her pastor, Fr. Pat Bittel accepted the award on her behalf. The following Sunday it was presented to a very surprised Mary Helen at the Sunday morning liturgy at St. William. Fr. Pat remarked that it was the best kept secret and absolved any who had to fib to keep it from her. The parish gave a standing ovation in response to the announcement in order to show their appreciation for Mary Helen.

The person who nominated Mary Helen stated, "She works tirelessly to make sure the catechists at St. William/St. Lawrence parishes are not only trained properly, but equally committed to their



**Left to right: Pictured are Tony Rhodes (Mary Helen's husband), Mary Helen, and Fr. Pat Bittel. Submitted Photo**

own faith formation. Her primary commitment is to the children in the Parish Religious Education Program, but she is adamant about the lifetime process of growing in faith. She never stops learning and is always eager to pass on her own faith experiences. Her life is a constant example of Christian living. Mary Helen does nothing without looking to God for guidance. Prayer is an integral part of her existence as much as breathing. Her integrity is recognized by everyone who knows her. She quite simply 'walks her talk'."

### *In Your Kindness, Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sister Mary Regina Boone, OSU*

Maple Mount — Sister Mary Regina Boone, 92, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died April 29 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 73rd year of religious life. She was a native of New Haven, Ky.



An educator for 47 years, Sister Mary Regina was noted for instilling a love for math in her students. She was an avid reader, enjoyed saying the rosary, loved her family, and was always grateful for any kindness shown to her.

She taught at St. Joseph School, Central City (1941-42), and St. Romuald High School (teacher 1954-65 and 1969-73, principal 1973-74). She was also principal at Mary Carrico High School, Knottsville (1965-67), and Trinity High School, Whitesville (1967-69). She served at Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Maple Mount (1979-83), and Brescia College, where she taught mathematics (1983-88). Her teaching ministry also included schools in Louisville and Nebraska City, Neb. From 1983-93, she served as director of hospitality at the Mount Saint Joseph Guest House.

Survivors include seven sisters, Margie Johnson, Bardstown; Cecilia Johnson, Mary Jean Hagan, and Teresa Thompson, all of New Haven; Josephine Dworzan, Orange, Calif.; Sister Joseph Angela Boone, OSU, Owensboro; and Catherine Keene, Louisville. She is also survived by nieces and nephews and the members of her religious community.

The funeral was May 3 at Mount Saint Joseph Chapel, with burial in the convent cemetery. Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements. Gifts in memory of Sister Mary Regina Boone may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

# Wisdom

by Ginny Knight-Simon



**Joan Frey**  
Blessed Mother Parish  
Owensboro, Kentucky

In a recent conversation with Joan Frey, I learned that she is sometimes called the "Billboard Lady."

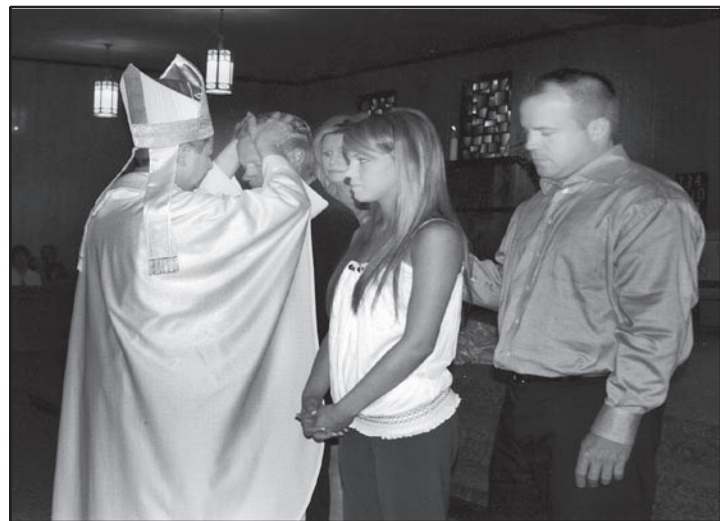
"I was coming home from Louisville one day, and I saw this beautiful billboard with our lady of Guadalupe on it. The sign read, "And, She brought forth her only son."

The sign was placed by Catholics for Children, project Billboards for Life. With some phone calling and lots of work, Joan has since placed 5 Billboards for Life in Owensboro. That was over 8 years ago and she has been doing annual fund raising and talks at Sunday Mass ever since to keep the billboards in place. "The billboards cost about \$16,000 per year and are paid for with tax deductible donations," Joan said. ProLife is a number one mission with Joan. As a previous volunteer at the Birthright Center she was able to help the many women of all ages that came in needing help. "Some of the women that came in having problems were very young and some were older but they just needed some love, hope and help." She said.

Joan and Vince have been married 51 years. They met at Owensboro Catholic High School while selling the class Annuals. They started dating and after graduation Vince went to the Navy for 3 years. When he came home they got married. They have 3 children who went to Catholic schools and now their 6 grandchildren are attending. "Vince and I are strong supporters of Catholic education," Said Joan.

The Frey's have been members of Blessed Mother parish for over 45 years and feel like it is a home away from home for them. Joan said that her Catholic faith is all important to her, and being raised Catholic has made it a part of who she is. "Through my faith, I can see how God works in my life every day," she said. "I have been blessed with a very good husband. He is always behind me 100% when it comes to work for the Church."

(On being a senior citizen) "Well, it hasn't hindered me," Joan said with a big smile. Joan says she has more time to do things now than when she was younger with different kinds of obligations. She volunteers at the Carmel home and finds that she still learns from the residents there.



## Sharing The Spirit, A Laying On Of Hands

Two Confirmation candidates, whose participation in the regular Confirmation class at Parish of the Immaculate being held over, were confirmed in a special ceremony on April 18, 2010, by Bishop William Medley. Receiving the sacrament were Todd Lee, head basketball coach at Kentucky Wesleyan College, and Katie Lowe. Lee was sponsored by his wife, and Katie was sponsored by Jason Lowe. Photo by Dave McBride

In talking with Joan I realized that she and her husband, are involved in many good works that aren't made public.

"God blesses you and you give back," said Joan Frey.



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*Pictured: Sister Mimi, right, in Chile.*

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## New Principal at Holy Name School

**By Rev. J. Edward Bradley, Pastor**

HENDERSON, Ky. - I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Sandy Fleming as principal of Holy Name of Jesus School beginning July 1, 2010. Ms. Fleming has her bachelor's degree from Murray State University and her Master's degree from Western Kentucky University. She is currently working on her Rank One certification. Before coming to Holy Name, Ms. Fleming taught in the Owensboro Catholic Consolidated School System. She has five years of administrative experience, three years at Catherine Spaulding School, Owensboro, and three years as principal of Bishop Soenneker School, Owensboro.

Ms. Fleming has distinguished herself as an excellent teacher at Holy Name and the school council and I look forward to working with her in continuing the excellent Holy Name school tradition. Ms. Fleming is married to George Fleming and they have one son, Ross.

Our best wishes go with Mr. Daryl Hagan as he assumes his new position as superintendent of the Catholic School System in the Diocese of Evansville. We are grateful to him for the outstanding leadership he has provided these past twelve years. Mr. Hagan, his wife, Jill, and their children Maxx and Maggie, will continue to be members of Holy Name parish.

## OCHS Students Named Governor's Scholars

Congratulations to Chase Kauffeld and Lyndsey Whitehouse, who have been named KY Governor's Scholars from Owensboro Catholic High School:



In photo at right, Chase, of Owensboro, is the son of Kevin and Ann Kauffeld in photo at left, Lyndsey, of Owensboro, is the daughter of Richard and Lori Whitehouse



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# Fun Ways To Make A Difference

Submitted by Stephanie Keelin

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Boulware Mission has been blessed with many wonderful supporters throughout Owensboro and the surrounding counties. If you are one of those supporters we sincerely thank you! If you have not had the opportunity to become a part of our mission to serve the homeless, we invite you to contact us for more information.

Here are a few simple and fun ways to contribute to our cause:

1) Join Boulware Mission on Facebook. We post important information including upcoming events. Invite your family and friends to join us!

2) Support our cause by searching the web at [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). The question "Who do you Goodsearch for?" will appear on the home page. Type in "Boulware Mission" and each time a search is completed, Boulware earns one penny.

When you shop online through the Goodsearch site, Boulware earns a percentage of the total cost.

To generate additional revenue for Boulware click on "Spread the Word" at the bottom of the page for directions on making Goodsearch your homepage. Tell your family and friends how they can support Boulware by using Goodsearch.

3) Join us for Boulware Mission's 1st Annual Cornhole Tournament. Participants are encouraged to preregister for the event.



## Boulware Mission Alumni Association Pays It Forward

The Boulware Mission Alumni Association is a group of former clients of Boulware Mission and other treatment facilities who meet weekly for mutual support. This group gives advice and encouragement to clients currently enrolled in a treatment program.

Boulware's licensed substance abuse treatment program involves a 12-Step Recovery program utilizing sponsorship, relapse prevention, and textbook study of the "Big Book." In order to emphasize ownership and responsibility of their recovery, Boulware clients are asked to purchase their own Big Books. When a client cannot afford this purchase, Boulware purchases the book for them with the understanding that the client will reimburse Boulware when they are able to do so.

In the spirit of paying it forward, the Boulware Mission Alumni Association has begun taking up collections during their weekly meetings and have been able



to purchase two large boxes of Big Books and donate them to Boulware for the use of others in recovery. The Alumni Association plans to continue their weekly collections and donations to Boulware. Having experienced what it is like to be in desperate need, Boulware alumni appreciate the value of an extended hand filled with help, understanding and resources. Thank you Boulware Mission Alumni Association for committing yourself to meeting the needs of those who are standing where you once stood.

### Next Spinning Day is Saturday, Aug. 7

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

Future date: Nov. 13, 2010.  
Contact Kathy McCarty to register:  
270-229-0200 ext. 413  
[kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org)



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## Annual Marian Retreat

### Oct. 1-3, 2010

With Retreat Director Msgr. Bernard Powers



The annual Marian Retreat includes opportunities for solitude as well as communal prayer, recitation of the rosary, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Liturgy.

The \$175 fee includes retreat, meals, and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$120. Take 10% off if paid in full by Sept. 1, 2010.

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Saturday and Sunday  
Aug. 21 - 22, 2010

- Prayer
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Retreat begins 9 a.m. Saturday and ends after lunch on Sunday



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## 2010 Youth Slim Awards Named

**By Melinda Prunty, Director, Office for Youth Ministry**

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

We are proud to announce that for 2010, seventeen youth from around the Diocese of Owensboro representing eleven parishes and seven deaneries were awarded plaques in recognition of their Servant Leadership In Ministry. They are:

### Youth, Parish

Olivia Warren, St Francis de Sales, Paducah  
 Lesley Nash, St Francis de Sales, Paducah  
 Emma Bridges, Holy Name, Henderson  
 Maddy Fritz, Holy Name, Henderson  
 Victor Mallari, St Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove  
 Amanda Vendl, St Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove  
 Audrey Camp, St Anthony, Axtel  
 Haley Flood, St Romuald, Hardinsburg  
 Michael Anthony Clemons, St Augustine, Grayson Springs  
 Brooke Bland, St Rose, Cloverport  
 Kelley Carrico, St. Joseph, Mayfield  
 Emily Lester, St. Joseph, Mayfield  
 Logan Haire, Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro  
 Grant Tichenor, Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro  
 Emma Hagan, St Mary of the Woods, Whitesville  
 Ethan Hagan, St Mary of the Woods, Whitesville  
 Trenton Ackerman, Immaculate, Owensboro

### Deanery

Paducah  
 Paducah  
 Central  
 Central  
 Hopkinsville  
 Hopkinsville  
 Eastern  
 Eastern  
 Eastern  
 Eastern  
 Eastern  
 Fancy Farm  
 Fancy Farm  
 Owensboro East  
 Owensboro East  
 Owensboro East  
 Owensboro East  
 Owensboro West

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

Cassie Benson, Holy Name, Henderson  
 Taylor Payne, Holy Name, Henderson  
 Dustin Grillon, Holy Name, Henderson  
 Ryan Kirkpatrick, St Joseph, Central City  
 Christopher Ryan Clemons, St Anthony, Peonia  
 Dustin W Armstrong, St Augustine, Grayson Springs  
 Ryan Vogt, St Joseph, Mayfield  
 Kathryn Dueker, Blessed Mother, Owensboro  
 Kaley Robertson, Blessed Mother, Owensboro  
 Matthew Horn, St Pius X, Owensboro  
 Katy Gerteisen, St Pius X, Owensboro  
 Clayton Higdon, St Pius X, Owensboro  
 Bayly Zoglmann, St Pius X, Owensboro  
 Joseph Hayden, St Pius X, Owensboro  
 Andrea Howard, St Pius X, Owensboro  
 Caitlin Wilson, St. Anthony's, Browns Valley

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

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



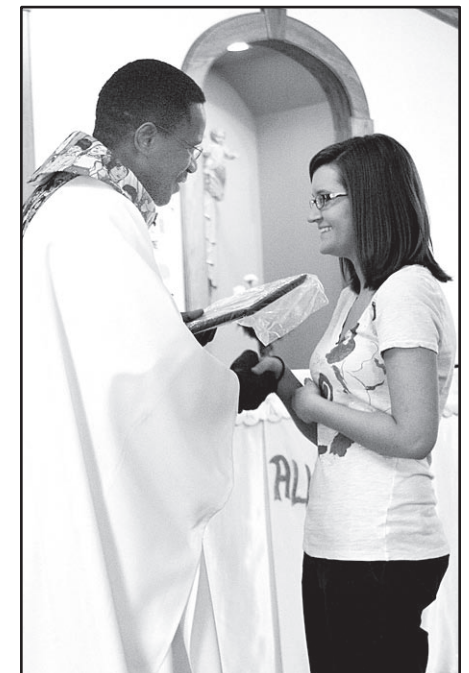
St. Francis de Sales, Father Brian Roby and SLIM Award winner Olivia Warren.



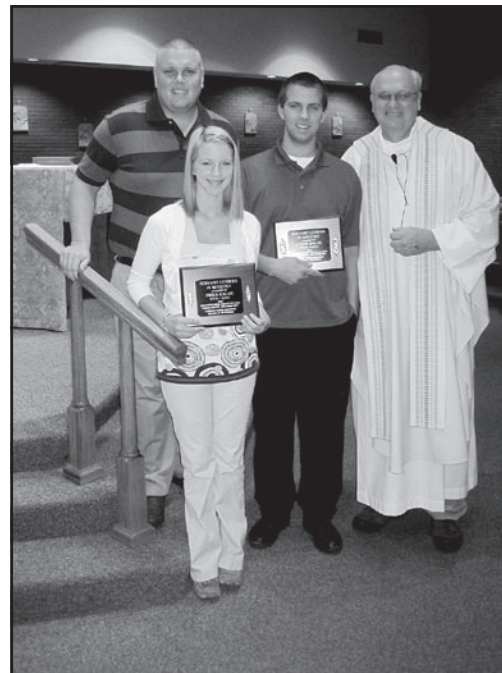
St. Francis de Sales Parish, Father Brian Roby and SLIM Award winner Lesley Nash.



St Romuald Parish, Father Tony Bickett and SLIM Award winner Haley Flood.



Saint Anthony, Axtel, Father Maxwell Okello and SLIM Award winner Audrey Camp.



St Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, pastor Father Dave Johnson, right, posed after Mass May 9 with Pastoral Associate Joe Bland and SLIM Award winners, Emma and Ethan Hagan. Photo by Mel Howard



Here is a photo of the winners of the Diocese of Owensboro, Servant Leaders in Ministry Award. St. Joseph Church, Mayfield, KY. May, 16, 2010. Left to right, Emily Lester, Ryan Vogt, and Kelley Carrico. Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

# Catholics Prayed One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies on Friday, May 7-9, 2010

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (May 7th, 2010) - A 3-day Rosary event for unborn babies began Friday, May 7 and continued through Sunday, May 9. People from more than 40 nations registered over 29,000 Rosaries to be prayed as part of the ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event coordinated by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization of Memphis, Tennessee.

"I am very thankful for each person who has made the commitment to participate in the ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event," said Patrick Benedict, President of the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization.

"And, on behalf of the unborn babies who are, or will be, in danger of being killed, I sincerely and greatly thank all

pro-lifers throughout the world who pick up their Rosary and pray it at least once for the following intention: For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons.

Persons participated in the ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event joined their Rosaries with those of a multitude of other people. Some examples include the following: an Association from Italy will be praying 150 Rosaries; a lady from Switzerland and 19 of her friends will be praying 145 Rosaries; 10 Rosaries will be prayed by a lady from Mexico; 230 Rosaries will be prayed by members of a parish in South Africa; Members of the Sisters of the Precious Blood of Ohio will participate; A lady and her Family and friends from Kuwait will be praying 15 Rosaries; More than 500 Rosaries are scheduled to be prayed at a school in Illinois; A lady from Poland, her

husband, and her friends will pray 120 Rosaries; A Mother from Malta and her 2 daughters will pray 9 Rosaries; a lady on Indian Hill Road in eastern Daviess County, Ky.

Persons who want additional information about the ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event may go to the website [www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org](http://www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org). Persons without access to a computer may write to: P.O. Box 41257; Memphis, Tennessee 38174; U.S.A.

**Denise Payne praying the Rosary before noon Mass in St. Stephen Cathedral May 7 during the ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event. Mel Howard Photo**



## Eight From Diocese earn degrees from Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology

Graduates of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN, were awarded master's degrees on May 8. Graduates accepted their diplomas from the Rt. Rev. Justin DuVall, OSB, archabbot of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and chairman of the School of Theology's Board of Trustees.

The convocation address was given by the Dr. Tom Walters, the School's academic dean since 2002, who is returning to fulltime teaching in the fall. "While each generation has its unique understanding of how best to share the light of faith and to enculturate the Good News in their time and space," he told the graduates, "all catechists and catechetical leaders have a responsibility to honor their colleagues who have gone before and to support those

who follow."

Students from the Diocese of Owensboro receiving Master of Divinity degrees were: Rev. Mr. E. Uwem Enoh, Rev. Mr. Steven A. Hohman, and Rev. Mr. Richard Brandon Williams,

Students from the Diocese of Owensboro receiving Master of Arts degrees in Catholic Thought and Life were: Charles Russell Hardesty, Henderson, Ky.; Carol Hulsey, Philpot, Ky.; Matthew John Monsour, Owensboro, Ky.

From the Diocese of Owensboro, receiving a Master of Theological Studies degree were: Elaine Marie Robertson, Owensboro, Ky.; Melinda Gibbons Prunty, Greenville, Ky.

**Congratulations to the 2010 Lay Graduates of St. Meinrad School of Theology from the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky. From left to right: Matt Monsour, Melinda Prunty, Elaine Robertson, Charlie Hardesty, and Carol Hulsey. Patty Blair Photo**



## Rediscover Your Marriage - Retrouvaille

(pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, or a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug 13-15 call 270-683-1545 ext. 357 or email: [sherryvincent@insightbb.com](mailto:sherryvincent@insightbb.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## 30 In Your Charity, Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Mary Christine Edge Mulligan, 80, Who Died May 8, 2010



Mary Christine Edge Mulligan, 80, a native of Whitesville and longtime resident of Sorgho, passed to her just rewards on Saturday, May 8, 2010, at Owensboro Medical Health System, following a courageous battle with congestive heart failure and respiratory failure. Born Aug. 22, 1929, she was preceded in death by her mother and father, Elizabeth Ward Edge and Hugh William Edge; her husband, John Simeon Mulligan Sr.; and three brothers and three sisters, Maurice, Joe Bill, Martin, Betty, Agnes Eileen, and Anthony.

A 1995 graduate of Brescia College, she received her two-year degree as a member of the first graduating class of the newly established Brescia College in 1954. She married in 1956 and spent the next four decades as the mother of seven children and devoted wife of a western Daviess County tobacco farmer. She returned to Brescia to complete her four-year degree

in 1993, and received a standing ovation as she crossed the stage at the age of 65 in 1995.

Christine was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Sorgho. She proofread *the Western Kentucky Catholic* for more than 15 years, and was a former employee of the *Messenger-Inquirer*. As a Brescia student, she was the first editor of the *Brescia Broadcast*. She was an avid reader, a student of folk ways and a never-ending source of family history knowledge. She was a literacy volunteer at the Longfellow Center, volunteered at the Wendell Foster's Campus for Developmental Disabilities and served as president of the residents' council at the Hermitage Care and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a model of good character, humor and intelligence, who bore both joys and hardships with grace and dignity. She

was and is an inspiration to all who knew her.

She is survived by her children, Yvonne Marie Hileman (and husband David), Dr. John S. Mulligan Jr. (and wife Cynthia Beemer Mulligan), Vernon Dale Mulligan, Hugh Milton Mulligan, Timothy Joseph Mulligan, Mary Katherine "Katie" Polston (and husband Dale) and Thomas Carl Mulligan; grandchildren Jeffrey Lynn Hayden Jr., Kimberly Annett and John Andrew Mulligan and Zachary Riddle; and her brothers and sisters, Rose Ann Boteler, Therese Ellen Hardinge, Ollie Jay Edge, Martine Edge and Aloysius Edge.

Funeral services were held May 12 at St. Mary Magdalene in Sorgho, with Father Mark Buckner officiating. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Brescia University or a charity of the donor's choosing.

## Sts. Peter and Paul Students Showcase Talent

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - On the morning of Wednesday, May 19, 2010, the students of Sts. Peter and Paul School here performed for what they hope will be an annual talent show. First-year principal, Sarah Kranz, wanted to hold the event to showcase the multitude of talent in her school. "I just thought it would be a fun way for the students to share their talents," said Kranz.

While the children in kindergarten through fourth grade were "required" to develop some sort of exhibition, many more children and groups signed up and performed. A total of 35 different acts entertained the crowd gathered in the school gym that morning, including all the school's students, parents, grandparents, some parishioners, the pastor and both associate pastors.

In addition to the songs sung by

Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, joined in the fun at the school's first talent show by playing a piano duet with Virginia Cincotti, a fifth grade student at the school. The talent show was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 in the school's gym. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



each class from preschool through fourth, twenty students individually played the piano, several groups sang songs, the first and second grades combined in reciting a poem, four students from the eighth grade danced the "Cotton-Eyed Joe," one student played the guitar, and one showed off his archery skills. Even the pastor, Fr. John Thomas, got into the action by playing a piano duet with fifth grade student Virginia Cincotti.

Most likely the funniest performance came at the very end of the nearly two-hour show when Kranz, dressed in a nun's full habit, and the sixth grade teacher, Lynn Hensley, dressed like a construction worker, performed the "YMCA" to the cheers of the entire student body as well as everyone else in attendance.



Principal Sarah Kranz (right) and sixth grade teacher, Lynn Hensley, (left) got the crowd excited while singing "YMCA" to conclude Sts. Peter and Paul's talent show on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



## Defending Their Generation's Right To A Safe Environment

St Pius Tenth Daycare stand supporting prevention of child abuse April 30, 2010 on East Highway 60 in Owensboro. Submitted Photo

Owensboro Catholic Middle School hosted a series of speakers to celebrate Earth Day. The speakers presented methods to preserve the earth's resources. All the students participated in the events. The speakers this year were:

- Stacey Ramming Potts from 4-H talked about soil conservation
- Sr. Amelia Stenger from Mt. St. Joseph talked about stewardship of God's gifts
- Ron Rhodes from Fox 7 talked about weather
- Steve Janson from Resource Recycling discussed the importance of recycling
- Brenda Hagan from the Green River Health Department talked about the importance of 'Going Green'
- Grace Ford discussed conservation and ways to make recycling a habit in your home
- Teresa Taylor and Brandon Coomes from OMU talked about energy and conservation
- Bill Fannin from the Department of Fish and Wildlife reviewing the types of animals in Kentucky

At Owensboro Catholic High School the Earth Club encouraged students to ride their bikes to school. A special section of the parking lot was allocated for bike parking. The faculty sponsor for the OCHS Earth Club is Durand Engineer.



**Above, Sr. Amelia Stenger, O.S.U. reviewed stewardship of God's gifts; at top right, Teresa Taylor talks about OMU, energy and conservation to an OCMS class; at lower right, Stacey Ramming Potts hands off a soil sample to George Bittel; at right, Bill Fanin demonstrates a duck call Bikes to school earth day.**



## In Your Kindness, Pray for the Soul of Sister Rita Lechner, S.P, 73, Who Died May 24, 2010



Sister Rita Lechner, S.P., formerly Sister Veronica, died May 24, 2010, in Mother Theodore Hall, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana.

She was born January 18, 1937 in Jasper, IN to Silas Lechner and Theresia Hopf Lechner of St. Joseph Church, Jasper, IN. She attended St. Joseph Elementary in Jasper; for high school she attended Providence Juniors, SMW, IN. She graduated from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College with a BS degree in Education. Sr Rita earned a MS degree in Education from Indiana University.

Sister Riata entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence on January 5, 1955 and received the name Sister Veronica. She professed Final Vows August 15, 1962. She earned a bachelors degree from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College and masters degrees from Indiana University. Of her 55 years as a Sister of Providence, she ministered in education for 22 years in schools in Indiana and Illinois. For six of those years, she served as principal. Leaving teaching, she moved into parish work, giving 13 years as pastoral associate in South Bend, IN and then 12 years as Pastoral Associate of parishes in Lewisport and Hawesville, KY. Because of illness, she returned to Terre Haute in 2007, and ministered at Providence Center as tour guide and

Woods Day Care as receptionist. In recent months, she committed herself totally to the ministry of prayer.

Sister is survived by three sisters, Elizabeth Lechner Bormann of Dennison, IL, Eileen Lauka of Temecula, CA, and Sister Mary Ann Lechner, SP, of Indianapolis. She is preceded in death by a brother, Robert Lechner, and sisters Martina Peters, Dorothy Fleck and Helen Meyers.

In Idiana, Sr. Rita ministered at St. Ann, Indianapolis, 1959-60; St. Benedict, Terre Haute, 1963-67; Holy Cross, Indianapolis, (principal) 1967-72; Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, , 1972-80. (principal) 1980-81; St. Jude, South Bend, 1982-95. In Illinois, she ministered at Our Lady of Sorrows, Chicago, 1960-63. In Kentucky, Sr. Rita ministered at Immaculate Conception/St. Columba, Hawesville/Lewisport, 1995-2007

Burial was May 29, 2010 in the Cemetery of Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana.



## Sharing Church Teachings

Fr. Brian Roby discussing the Social Teachings of the Church with the catechists of Paducah Catholic Community Faith Formation. Starting with the 2009-2010 school year, Ging Smith, the director of Paducah Catholic Community Faith Formation had invited the area priests to come every other month during the monthly meeting of the catechists to share on selected topics. Fr. Tom Buckman, the program's priest pastor and pastor of St. John parish church, shared on the Spirituality of the Catechists in August; Fr. Brian Roby of St. Francis de Sales talked on the Sacraments in October; Fr. Tom Buckman discussed about the Liturgy of the Hours in December; Fr. Pat Reynolds of St. Thomas More talked on Canon Law and Annulments in February; and on April 28, 2010, Fr. Brian Roby discussed the Social Teachings of the Church. Photos submitted by Ging Smith.

## 32 Experiences in Faith Formation: Paducah Serra Club and PREP Classes Raise Money For Seminarian Support



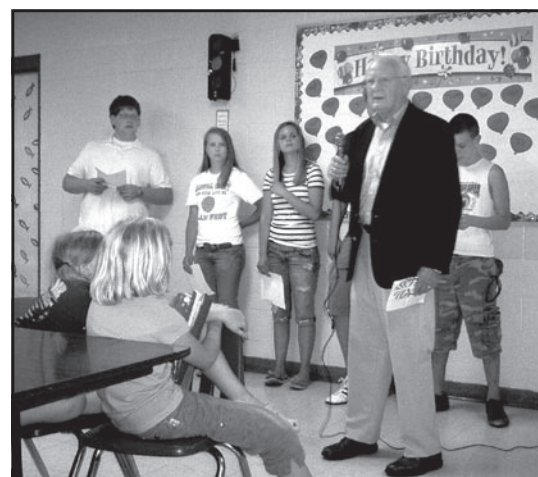
April 14, 2010 - Ice Cream Sale Kick-Off: Paducah Catholic Community high school students and their catechists joined with the Serra Club of Paducah to sponsor an ice cream sale for Pre-K through 12 grades to benefit a seminarian in Nigeria.



Pictured in center photo, Fr. Daniel Dillard of St. Thomas More who shared with the group at the kick-off the cost of a seminarian

education in the United States for a year; at far right, Dr. Jim Shumaker, the president of Serra Club, enlightening the group on what Serra Club in Paducah is doing to help promote vocation; and at top left, Robert Peters enjoying eating his ice cream.

At the ice cream sale on April 21, the high school team was able to raise \$490.00. The Serra Club added to the amount to raise it to \$600 - the annual cost of expenses for a seminarian in Nigeria to cover for tuition, books, food, surplice and other priestly clothing. Well done, high



school team! Through your efforts, you are helping to place another priest in the field where laborers are few. Photos submitted by Ging Smith

## Sts. Peter and Paul Graduates Share Strong Bond

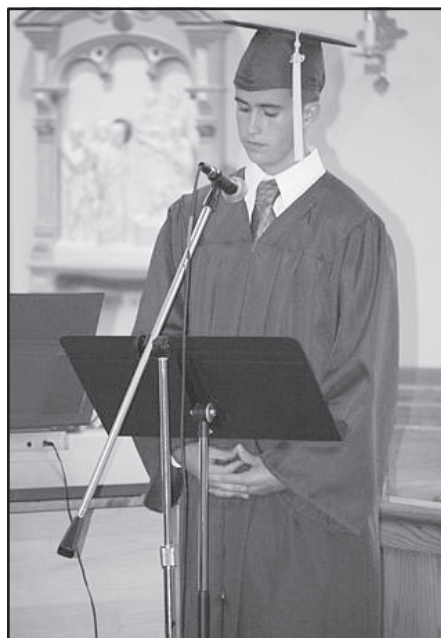
By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Sts. Peter and Paul School here graduated twelve eighth grade students on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, who will all disperse to the four different high schools throughout the Hopkinsville area and possibly beyond this fall. Like many graduating classes, this class is a tight-knit group. Unlike many classes, this group of individuals shares a unique bond that different schools and possibly different states may never alter.

One reason for this class's closeness grew from the fact that one student, Joseph Whitfill, lost his father this spring due to a tree cutting accident. During that period of time, the group of young people drew even closer together than they had already been during their eight years of school.

During their graduation ceremony, this solidarity was witnessed by a small, discreet black ribbon all the graduates wore on their gowns. "I just thought it would be a good idea," said Lela Hale, mother of one of the graduates who provided the ribbons. "It was for the kids. They are such a really tight-knit group," she added.

Without specifically referring to their loss, Fr. John Thomas placed a votive candle on the altar during the ceremony in memory of Joe Whitfill. He also alluded to the loss in his homily by saying, "There is a time for everything. Today we are proud," he said. "Today the church rejoices. Today the Church sees



Graduate Joseph Whitfill sings "Jesus, My Everything" after communion during Sts. Peter and Paul's graduation ceremony which was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. The black ribbon on Joseph's gown was also worn by every member of the graduating class in memory of Joseph's father, Joe Whitfill, who was killed as a result of a tree cutting accident in March of this year. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

the fruits of its labor. Today the Church received the promise that has been given. This is why we do what we do," he added.

"All we have to do is look at you



Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville graduated a uniquely close class of twelve individuals on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Fr. Anthoni Ottagan, Associate Pastor, Kayla Kalani, Anne Arnold, Zachary Nosbusch, Eric Bloodworth and Fr. John Thomas, Pastor. In the middle row are Marlee Thomas, Paige Ramos and Emily Pape. In the back row are Principal Sarah Kranz, Tadd Switzer, Alex Hale, Joseph Whitfill, Joshua Intessimone and Emily Fay. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

and we know what we do has meaning. What we do has purpose," Fr. Thomas continued. "Today we send you forward. What you have received here will serve you well wherever you go, wherever you live. Whatever you do, or don't do, know that Sts. Peter and Paul will always be here for you," he concluded.

Another indication of the unique closeness of this class was evidenced when one student read the speech of another. While Joshua Intessimone, the class valedictorian, agreed to write a re-

lection, he asked classmate Alex Hale to read it for him during the ceremony.

"We have all grown close at some point of time in the years we have gone to school together," Intessimone wrote. "We're like a family: we have our brothers, our sisters -- I mean, there are even those weird cousins that no matter what they do, in the end we all still love them. The bond we share cannot be severed just because we don't see each other every day."





St. Henry and St. Stephen tour group at St. Thomas Church in Bardstown

By Rich Logsdon

AURORA, Ky. - Led by Fr. Babu Kulathumkal, Pastor of St. Henry Catholic Church in Aurora, KY, 39 parishioners from St. Henry and 8 from St. Stephen in Cadiz, KY boarded an Anchor Trailways bus Mar. 15 at 6:00 A. M. for a 200-mile trip to the Little Holy Land of Kentucky at Bardstown.

Arriving at Bardstown, stops and tours were conducted at St. Thomas Church, Bishop Flaget's log home, the Abbey of Gethsemane, and the Nazareth Church/Heritage Hall. After a lunch break, the last visit was to the beautiful Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral, the oldest Cathedral west of the Alleghenies. Particularly moving was the 12:15 service with the Trappist monks of the Abbey. Later, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth showed us a very hospitable time at the immense Nazareth Church and Heritage Hall. The amount of good works the Sisters do all over the world is amazing. Centuries-old architecture and historical significance highlighted the rest of the trip.

Everyone commented how enjoyable, informative, and inspiring the trip was. The history of the Catholic Church in central Kentucky, explained by our tour guide "Dixie" Hibbs, was something most in our group knew nothing about.

The trip was well-planned and coordinated by Tom Moore, Loretta Vargocko, and Sally Hardt with good companionship among all of us pilgrims. Anyone interested in this trip should contact Dixie at [www.dixieh@bardstowncable.net](mailto:www.dixieh@bardstowncable.net). The actual tour takes about six hours, counting visits to the gift shops and a lunch break. This is a great opportunity for a family day-trip or a group outing to learn more about the Catholic Church in Kentucky.



St. Henry and St. Stephen back home after trip to Holy Land of Kentucky

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TRAINING PROGRAM

2010-2012

*Registration is now open  
for the next program, which  
begins in October 2010.*

The mission of this program is to prepare people for the ministry of spiritual direction and to enhance the skills of experienced spiritual directors, in the spirit of Saint Angela Merici. Participants will meet for eight weekly sessions over a two-year period.



### TOPICS AND DATES

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Prayer and Scripture .....	July 25-29, 2011
Theology.....	Oct. 3-7, 2011
Ethics of Spiritual Direction .....	Jan. 23-27, 2012
Supervision .....	April 23-27, 2012
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## 34 Two Daviess Co. KofC Councils Co-host Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner

**Special to The Western Kentucky Catholic**  
OWENSBORO, Ky. - On Wednesday evening April 28th, the Msgr. Hugh O'Sullivan Council #2046, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, and Owensboro's Our Lady of Lourdes Council #14290 co-hosted a Clergy and Religious appreciation dinner at Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall. One hundred invitations were mailed to all current and retired priests and all mother houses of the religious orders in the Owensboro Diocese. Eighteen priests and forty-five women religious, along with Bishop John McRaith, attended the dinner. The Knights and their families also attended and brought desserts.

There was a holy and jovial spirit in the hall all evening as just over one hundred guests in attendance at Our Lady of Lourdes parish center in Owensboro shared a good visit with one another, catch-



ing up on the latest news and not-so-news. Door prizes were given out to the clergy and religious from items donated by John Broxon, a Knight from Our Lady of Lourdes.

Those being honored this evening live in service to the Church, giving their all for the good of souls. The Knights of Columbus know that the honoring of priests and religious sends a message to all: that a life of service is exciting, fulfilling, and life-changing for both those who give and those who receive.

All the good works KCs do are informed by our four core principles: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. During the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.325 billion to charity. Supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life is a top priority of the Knights of Columbus. Although the focus of the Order's vocations programs is on encouraging men to consider the priesthood or religious life and women to consider religious life, Knights also encourage lay vocations to underline the fact that everyone is called through their Baptism to serve God, the Church, and their neighbors.

The cornerstone of the work of the Knights is allegiance to the Catholic Church and its mission. Millions of dollars are donated to the Church at all levels, and millions of hours of volunteer time are given.

A special *Thank You* goes out to all those who helped make this evening in Owensboro and also the other appreciation dinners across the Diocese of Owensboro a success!

**In The picture at top of page - Father Phil Riney and Sr. Cheryl Clemons, O.S.U., enjoyed the good food prepared by KC members plus some natural spotlight from the setting sun April 28 in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center.**

**Center picture - members of the Owensboro Catholic High School National Honor Society: Nathan Lasley, Anna McNulty, Laura Riney, Megan Alvey, Christopher Hayden, and Council #14290's Columbian Squires: Patrick Lasley, Nathan Lasley, and Joe Ceballos were recognized for serving the dinner meal.**

**Lower left picture - from left, Knights Bill Glenn, Tom Hayden, and Kevin Lasley received the thanks of Sister Mary Agnes Corraya, A.D., Sr. Helena Fischer, O.S.U., and Sr. Audrey Gold, A.D.**

**At left, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish D.R.E. and Knight Drew Hardesty read a Knight-sponsored novena prayer for Pope Benedict XVI; Sister Mary Thomas, A.D. is seen praying in the foreground. Mel Howard Photos.**



ing up on the latest news and not-so-news. Knights of Columbus and their families understand the many gifts which priests and religious are for the Church. Just as God loves a cheerful giver, Catholics trust that He also loves a cheerful receiver, and so Knights regularly host evenings of thanksgiving for priests and religious across the diocese.

Emceeding the event were Kevin Lasley and Bob Wedding, Grand Knights of Lourdes and Whitesville respectively. Helping out serving drinks, seating guests and cleaning up were volunteers from Owensboro Catholic High School's National Honor Society and the Columbian Squires from Our Lady of Lourdes. Bishop McRaith honored all present by praying before the meal. The evening ended with all participants praying in support of our





**Bishop William Medley and Bishop John McRaith exchanged humor in the hall outside Carmel Home Chapel before the April 29 Dedication Mass. Mel Howard Photo**

**By Michelle Bivins**

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Bishop William Medley presided over the dedication of the Carmel Home Chapel on April 29th. The Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus faithfully manage the nursing home in Owensboro, Ky. Carmelite Sisters from the Italian Province, the Central Province, the North Province, the Netherland Province, and the Central Province were present at the dedication.

The Carmel Home Chapel, which took about a year to build, was completed in December 2009. Only a bishop can consecrate a new altar, therefore, the Carmelite sisters waited for the new bishop to be appointed before the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass could be offered on the new altar.

"It is a great joy to be here," said Bishop Medley during his opening address of the Mass.

Bishop Medley previously had been a part of a dedication Mass; however, the Carmel Home dedication was the first dedication in which he was the main celebrant.

The Mass of Dedication of a Church and an Altar is a traditional part of the Catholic Church. The central aspect of the Chapel dedication was the anointing of the altar.

During one of the prayers of the Anointing of the Altar, Bishop Medley prayed, "May this Altar be the place where the great mysteries of redemption are accomplished: a place where Your people offer their gifts, unfold their good intentions, pour out their prayers, and echo every meaning of their faith and devotion."

One of the traditional components of the Mass is the depositing of the relics in the Altar. Some of the relics placed in the Altar were Pope Saint Pius X, Saint Maria Goretti, Saint John of the Cross, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, Saint Francis Xavier, and Blessed Maria Teresa of St. Joseph, the Foundress of the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus.

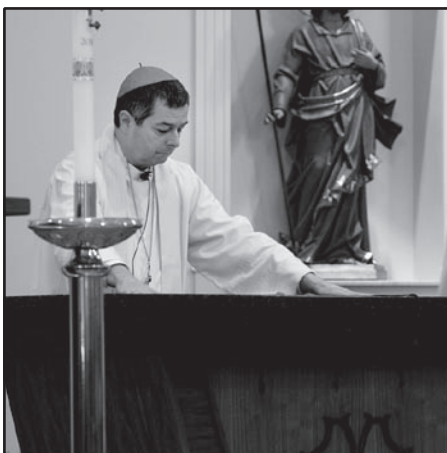
After the Bishop placed the relics in the Altar, Mr. Rick Thomas, stone mason, secured the relics with some marble in the Altar.

Once the relics were in the Altar, Bishop Medley poured oil all over the Altar to consecrate it to God for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Sr. M. Francis Teresa, DCJ, Administrator at the Carmel Home, said that the only thing she could think about during the dedication Mass was a quote from St. Mother Teresa of Avila, a Carmelite Saint, who said on her deathbed, "Lord, I thank you I die a daughter of the Church." Sr. M. Francis Teresa said that she



**Several Carmelite Sisters wiped the holy oils from the altar surface and prepared it for Mass. Mel Howard Photo**



**Bishop William Medley poured oil all over the Altar to consecrate it to God for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Kristin Bivins Photo**

is thankful that she was a member of the Catholic Church, who has such a beautiful rite.

The Bishop spoke of the tradition of the Mass during his homily. The focus of his homily was the importance of the Altar in Sacred Scripture. The Bishop referred to the Old Testament when Noah built an altar in Thanksgiving after the flood, as well as Abraham who built an altar to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Finally, he illustrated the New Testament fulfills the Old Testament.

"The Christian Altar has a profound, symbolic meaning," said the Bishop, "the Altar is Jesus Christ."

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## 36 St. Pius Tenth Parishioners Bring Guatemalan Alfombra Tradition to Owensboro

By Byron Macias

OWENSBORO, Ky. - A year or more after their immersion trip to Guatemala, Russ and Judy Payne still speak of how much they learned about life, themselves and their faith because of their experiences there. One thing that impressed them greatly was an "alfombra," which literally means "rug," and consists of dyed sawdust shaped in different designs and laid on the streets in order to honor the Blessed Sacrament. The tradition in Guatemala and other Latin American countries is to decorate these "alfombras" with many bright colors and Catholic symbols such as crosses, doves, chalices, etc, in order to lay down a kind of colored carpet so that the priest carrying the monstrance to process on throughout the city. It is a way honor the Lord Jesus Christ, fully present in the Precious Form.

During Lent 2010, Russ and Judy Payne, along with Judy's sister, Brenda, and her husband, Bruce, decided to create an "alfombra" at Saint Pius Tenth in Owensboro in order to share this custom. During the first Sunday of Lent, 2010, they spent about five hours working on this piece of popular religious art.

In their "alfombra," one can see a representation of the Transubstantiation: through the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and



wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. There is also a Cross surrounded by laurels, which speaks of the triumph of

At right, on display on the floor of the vestibule of St Pius Tenth Church during Lent 2010, an alfombra "rug," consisting of dyed sawdust shaped in different designs and laid on the streets in order to honor the Blessed Sacrament. Above, a detail of the alfombra. Mel Howard Photos

the Cross. The "alfombra" is surrounded by bright, colorful flowers.

The alfombra was on display at Saint Pius Tenth Church throughout Lent 2010.



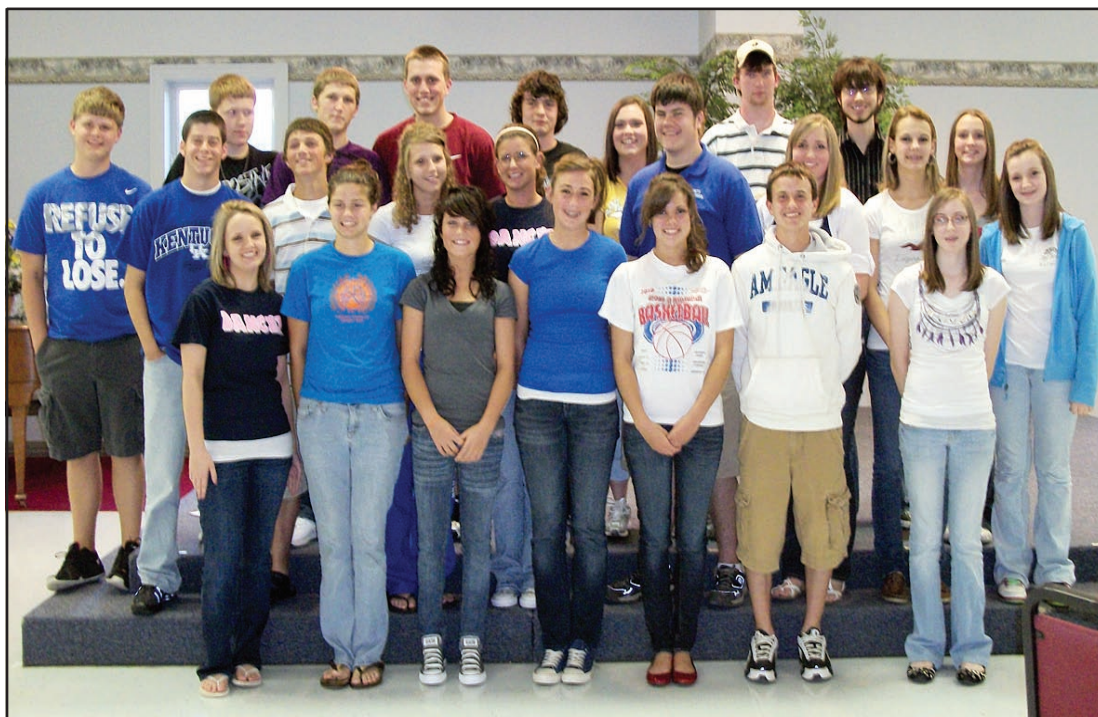
## Lourdes Holds Blessing Ceremony to Open Greenberg Garden

PADUCAH, Ky. - To celebrate the completion and grand opening of the Norman and Mary Rose Higdon Greenberg Garden on the Lourdes campus, a Blessing and Dedication ceremony was held on Thursday, May 6. Family and friends gathered with Lourdes leaders to pay tribute to the garden's namesakes. The project was fully funded by a \$60,000 gift to the Lourdes Foundation from Norman Greenberg in memory of his wife, Mary Rose.



The Greenberg Garden is located on the north corner of the hospital, near the Eckstein Cardiovascular Institute. It is a quiet space to escape the hectic pace of healthcare and enjoy God's creation, feeling the transformative power that the beauty of nature provides. Fragrant plants, flowering trees and comfortable seating areas create a serene and peaceful destination for patients, visitors and Lourdes associates. The statue of St. Francis, an icon of Lourdes' healing ministry, is featured atop a stone fountain.

Although Mr. Greenberg passed away in February before the garden woke from winter dormancy, his daughter, Susan



## Trinity High School Underclassmen Awards

These Trinity High School students received various awards at the end of the school year 2009-2010 at the underclassmen awards in the Saint Mary of the Woods Parish Center in Whitesville. The students range in class from freshmen to juniors. The students are from left front: Amanda Roby, Leah Collins, Chelsea Howard, Jamie Mattingly, Kelsey Armes, Blake Knott, Lauren Reynolds; row 2 - Jordan Fulkerson, Will Howard, Kasey Roby, Samantha Coomes, Jacob Riney, Jessica Beyke, Kalie Winkler, Jill Graham; row 3 - Nathan Huff, Cory Smith, Luke Merritt, Seth Bland, Jesse Rhinerson, Elizabeth Rhodes, Ethan Boehman, Johnathan Rhodes and Caty Gerteisen. Photo by Lisa Armes

Crews, spoke on his behalf at the dedication. "My parents loved Lourdes," said Mrs. Crews. "And my dad was excited about this garden and the ways he could give back to Lourdes for the care he and my mom received through the years."

"It is an honor to name this special place after someone who so generously supported our healthcare ministry," said Tara Miller, executive director of Lourdes Foundation. "The Greenberg Garden is a wonderful addition to the spiritual side of care Lourdes provides, ensuring patients, visitors and staff have a quiet place to reflect or pray."

# A New Look at An Old Form of Prayer: What the World Needs Now is Deeper Prayer 37

By Sr. Mary Otho Ballard, OP

Most people in our churches today do not realize that Contemplative prayer was the goal for the prayer for all people since the early years of the Church. Women and men sought solitude in the desert as well as in their homes, ministry and places of worship. This common mode of prayer lasted for 1,500 years. It is documented in the writings of many of the Church Fathers and Mothers and lives of the Saints. It was at the time of the Reformation that it became more the prayer of monks and nuns and stayed in the monasteries until recently. It seems that for all these years, prayer with words

was the prayer of the people. The early Christians and the saints have taught us that there is also the prayer without words. This prayer is called Contemplative or Centering Prayer.

Some of us remember back in the '50's and '60's, there was a tremendous hunger for meditation and silent prayer. So many Catholic young and not so young people went to other faith institutions to find what they sought. It was around this time that three Trappist monks in Spencer, MA, knowing their own experience and the tradition of the Church, decided to revitalize the Christian tradition by creating a modern method of prayer that

honored the tradition and answered the need for the people. The spiritual classic, CLOUD OF UNKNOWING from the 14th Century was prominent in the development of the method. Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO has written a manual (OPEN MIND, OPEN HEART) for the practice of this prayer called Centering Prayer. Contemplative Outreach, Ltd. is the organization which has accepted responsibility for answering the call for teaching the method for people all over the world.

The method of Centering Prayer is a prayer without words and calls us to silence, alone or in a group, and to become more deeply aware of God's presence within us. We are taught that our thoughts are part of the prayer and that the discipline of the prayer is in service to the growth of our relationship with God. To learn this method, Contemplative Outreach offers Introductory Workshops given by certified presenters. For the state of Kentucky, I am the contact person; contact Sr. Mary Otho Ballard, O.P. (859-284-5201 or maryothoop@att.net)

Recently, in June, 2010, I was invited to Holy Name Parish in Henderson to teach with Fr. Anthony Shonis as part of their FAITH QUEST week. Fr. Shonis taught about the mystics and I taught how they prayed using the Centering Prayer method. The Sisters at Mt. St. Joseph have a Centering Prayer Group that meets every Monday night. The Mt. St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center is offering a Centering Prayer Intensive Retreat from Aug. 27 to Sept. 3, 2010, for those who practice Centering Prayer. Other parishes are in the process of offering their people an opportunity for this deeper and disciplined prayer.



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## 38 St. Mary Students Take an Educational Tour of France

By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - Mrs. Cecile Kejzlar, French teacher, led St. Mary students on a spring break tour discovering the people and places of France. The group toured Paris for 3 days visiting the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Opera Garnier, Versailles, St. Chapelle, Louvre, and attended Mass on Easter Monday at Notre Dame Cathedral. They then took the "fast train" south to Avignon, visiting the aqueduct at Pont du Gard and Popes' Palace, an ancient Roman arena at Arles, the seaside village of Cassis, the medieval cliff town of Eze, along with the French Riviera cities of Cannes, Nice, and Monaco.

Saint Mary High School students pictured at a coliseum built in 1 to 2 A.D. in Arles, France; from left, Eric Butterbaugh, Alexandra Goreing, Megan Gipson, Sarah Hendley, Allie Mayo, Isabelle LaBarge, Mrs. Cecile Kejzlar - French teacher, Katherine Halicks, Sean Butterbaugh, Julia Colgan. Submitted Photo

### *Some Of What St. Mary Travelers Thought About Their Trip To France Spring Break 2010*

"I learned about the amazing, diverse culture of the French and it has inspired me to want to study abroad there whilst in college" - Sean Butterbaugh

"It was amazing, I never wanted to leave. I am already making future plans to go back ASAP." - Isabelle LaBarge

"It was a great experience that I will probably never have a chance to do again. I'm glad I had the opportunity to go on this amazing trip." - Megan Gipson

"I had the best time in France- I met new people, tried different things, and learned so much. I will definitely visit France again!" - Allie Mayo

"Experiencing the culture of France has inspired me to want to work hard and travel to other countries. I also grew closer to the people I was with and had an amazing time learning the ropes of the French ways." - Katherine Halicks

"I had an amazing time in France embracing a new culture. I loved learning about the different places we went and I hope one day I can go back." - Sarah Hendley



"France was AMAZING. I had a lot of fun and surprisingly, I learned a lot too! France was so cute! I liked Paris because it was a large city, and Southern France was beautiful. I'm so glad I went" - Alexandra Goreing

"France was remarkable; the landscape was beautiful, the architecture was incredible, and the people were fantastic. I'm

so glad that I was given the opportunity to visit there, and I would love to go back any day!" - Eric Butterbaugh

"France was the trip of a lifetime. It's something I'll treasure forever and never forget because I got to go with my Dad. We had a lot of fun together and just an amazing father-daughter bonding experience." - Julia Colgan

"Our trip to France was a very fruitful experience for everyone. The kids learned to think outside of their world and acquired a new perspective on cultural diversity." - Cécile Kejzlar, French teacher



Above, a group of OCMS students work together to plant flower seedlings in a flower bed in front of the school.

The Owensboro Catholic Middle School BETA Club's 2010 spring project was to landscape the school grounds. The kids had a great time and the school grounds are impressive. The BETA Club faculty sponsor is Ms. Mary Cheshire.



Meredith Whitehouse, Hannah Aull, and Rebecca Gross pull weeds in the front of the school.

## OCMS BETA Club Does Landscaping For School Campus

In the picture at right, Mason Jackson and George Bittel work together to pull weeds in a flower bed. OCMS Photos





# Vocation

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.

## Seminarians on Summer Assignments



Gary Clark, who will enter 1st Theology at St. Meinrad Seminary this fall, helps a camper prepare his bow and arrow during an archery session at Gasper River. Photo submitted by Susan Warrell.



Robert Ellegood chats with a few young people near the rock wall as a camper prepares to repel at Gasper River. Robert will enter 2nd Philosophy at St. John Vianney College Seminary. Photo submitted by Susan Warrell.



Byron (Paco) Macias is serving at St. Pius X Parish this summer. Here he is pictured in a small group with youth participating in the Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) at Brescia University. From left to right: Christina, Kelsey, Lear, Paco, Molly, Darin and Jacob. Byron will begin 3rd Theology at St. Meinrad Seminary. Photo submitted by Byron Macias.



**Mark your calendars  
for Ryan Harpole's  
Diaconate Ordination  
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Julio Barrera takes time off of his Clinical Pastoral Education at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville to give a talk at the Henderson Serra Club on July 13. He will begin a pastoral year at St. Leo in Murray this fall. Photo by Larena Lawson.

**Family Vocations Day  
Saturday, August 21, 2010  
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All are welcome!**

## 40 St. Joseph Catholic School inducts seven stu- dents into the Na- tional El- ementary Honor So- ciety

MAYFIELD, Ky.  
- The NEHS  
is a society  
that promotes  
scholarship,  
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community. The seven inducted students, shown here from left to right are Laken Warner, Liam Mahler, Anna Carrico, Lindy Warner, Dallas Crider, Jackson Purcell and Chaney Willett. Submitted Photo

## Can child protection efforts go too far?

By Sister Mary Ann Walsh

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 15, 2010 - I got that question last week from a reporter in Las Vegas who was writing about a new church policy in the Diocese of Las Vegas that requires anyone volunteering in a parish to be fingerprinted. The policy applied not just to Scout leaders and religious education teachers, who work closely with children, but also to bazaar volunteers, ushers and even the people who read the Scriptures at Mass.

The policy might be overbroad, I opined to the reporter, but in today's world I'd rather go too far to guarantee safety than not far enough. Indeed, I've since heard of other dioceses that require all staff and volunteers to go through background checks. Child sexual molestation exists: there's plenty of evidence of that on the evening news, recently the account (this time, with a happy ending for the child) of a four-year-old girl snatched by a registered sex offender from her front yard in Missouri.

Polling by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) suggests most Catholics think the church should do more to protect youth from abuse. Asked if they believe the church's policies to deal with allegations and prevent abuse "do enough" to protect children, only three in ten Catholics nationally say the church is doing enough. Seventy percent say the policies should go further.

Part of the problem is that most Catholics have no idea how much the church has done. For example, CARA notes that "less than three in ten Catholics are aware of" all the church is doing to prevent child sexual abuse. More than 1.8 million adult employees and volunteers in the church have had training in how to identify and report suspicious activity by an adult with a child, but only 29 percent of adult Catholics know that. Dioceses report annually on their adherence to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, but only 18 percent know that.

The church has an independent organization that conducts audits to determine whether each diocese and its bishop are enforcing the new sexual abuse policies yet only 16 percent of adult Catholics know it. The church has commissioned the John Jay College of Criminal Justice to conduct a scientific study of the causes and context of abuse, yet a mere 11 percent of adult Catholics know that.

Yet even when people have such information, I imagine many people will want the church to do even more to guarantee that children are safe from sexual predators. Sexual abuse of children is a problem well beyond the Catholic Church. There's data galore on that.

Safe environment programs have much more to offer than many realize. People who participate in them not only are cleared to be with children through fingerprinting and background checks, they also learn how to recognize steps leading to child sexual abuse and how to protect children from it.

It's unfortunate that we need such education, but we do. We drive slowly around schools and parks and hit the brakes when a ball rolls into the road because children need more than the usual protection. Going through fingerprinting may be just one more thing we do as part of a commitment to keep youngsters safe. The church in Las Vegas wisely bets that it is.



The officers for 2009-2010 National Elementary Honor Society from St. Joseph Catholic School from left to right are: Chris Vogt - Reporter, Landon Warner - Vice President, Chris Toon - President, Bella Russelburg - Treasurer.

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St. Mary of the Woods Grade School principal, Sr. Suzanne Sims, OSU and her secretary, Christina Huff, reward students during their break from ITBS testing in the first week of May, 2010. Healthy snacks of juice, fruits, nuts and peanut butter were provided by the school's PTO. Caption written by Shawna Aud; picture by Rose Mary Payne

## Director of Property Management and Real Estate

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington is initiating a search for a highly qualified and skilled individual to assume the role and responsibilities of Diocesan Director of Property Management and Real Estate. Duties shall include but are not limited to taking a leadership role in matters concerning real property throughout the Diocese. The successful candidate shall possess skill and experience in planning, negotiation, finance, real estate, team leadership, public policy, corporate policy development and oversight, and construction technologies.

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Interested individuals are asked to send a comprehensive resume, a complete salary history, and at least five (5) references - including e-mail addresses - to Stephen Koplyay, SPHR at [skoplyay@covingtondiocese.org](mailto:skoplyay@covingtondiocese.org), or by fax to 859/392-1538. EOE

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## Annual Rural Life Celebration

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Come enjoy an ecumenical celebration of rural life and the family farm in the air-conditioned comfort of the Owensboro Sportscenter. Meal will be provided followed by a program and a presentation of the annual Lifetime Achievement award.

Contact Richard Murphy at the Pastoral Center at 683-1545 for more information. Sponsored by the Rural Life Committee of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro in Western Kentucky.

## WHEN DOES THE HURTING STOP?

The journey through grief is difficult ... and painful. We are forever changed by a major loss experience. Clearly, we will never be the same person we were before this loss became part of our lives. The real struggle occurs when we consciously or subconsciously resist the change that must take place if we are to survive and learn to live with our loss. (It is difficult to get to know and accept this new person who is emerging.)

Grief is a complex process, unique to each individual, based on personality type, circumstances of death, and our relationship with the person who died. There are, however, emotions common to almost all bereaved persons. Understanding is the KEY to the tolerance and patience necessary to accept and integrate loss into our lives.

There will be a bereavement support group for anyone who has experienced a death at any time of his/her life. This group will run every Monday for four consecutive weeks and is open to all the public at no charge.

### **BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM-FOUR WEEKS SESSIONS**

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WHEN? at 6:00 pm – 7:30pm

WHOM TO CALL? CONTACT PERSON: Betty Medley (270) 683-1545 ext. 357

**August 9:** What Grief is Really Like: Some common reactions to a situation no one is ever prepared to handle. Why we feel the way we do, and why no one seems to understand.

**August 16:** Depression: Sadness, loss, and the feeling that nothing will ever be the same. Physical symptoms; healing can happen. Anger: Nice people DO get angry. Recognizing our anger, coping with it and getting over it. (Address suicide and our feelings of outrage and shame.)

**August 23:** Guilt: Blaming ourselves for what has happened, handling the "what ifs..." and "if onlys..." (touch on suicide, and our responsibility or lack of it.) From Grief to Living Again: Putting grief in perspective, learning to share our lives with the living and realizing that we will never "get over" our grief, but we can learn to live with it.

**August 30:** MEMORIAL



### **Glenmary Sisters Announce 2010 JONA Scholarship Winners**

The Glenmary Sisters would like to congratulate the 2010 JONA Scholarship winners from Livingston Central High School. From left to right, they are Weston Jones, Christopher Martin, and Kaitlin Travis. Not pictured, Emily Choat, Colby J. Phillips, and Jammie Wright.

The JONA Scholarship is given each Spring to students in the Glenmary Sisters' mission areas. The students must meet certain criteria and submit an essay in order to apply. The gift and regulations have had slight changes over the years, but the primary objective, allowing students the chance to go to college, has not. The JONA Fund is actually a combination of several past funds: the F. Joseph Gallagher Scholarship Fund, Joseph P. Gerardi Scholarship Fund, and the JONA Fund.

Since 2003, the following students have received all, or a portion of this award: Amber Arrington, Thomas Bevins, Cynthia Birchfield, Kourtney Burden, Stephanie Carroll, Viola Creekmore, Amanda Dickerson, Sonny K. Evans, Hayden Gerding, Katelyn R. Gillum, Kayla Gray, Cameron Guill, Amanda Kittel, Crystal Moreland, Treasa Pendelton, Sarah Perry, Christopher Prichard, April Riddle, Crystal Riddle, Macrina Rivera, Maria Rivera, Megan Taylor, Sasha Underwood, Staci Wagoner, James E. Walker, and Andrea Webb.

## The Death Of A Child- The Grief Of The Parents

By Betty Medley

Children are not supposed to die ... Parents expect to see their children grow and mature. Ultimately, parents expect to die and leave their children behind ... This is the natural course of life events, the life cycle continuing as it should. The loss of a child is the loss of innocence, the death of the most vulnerable and dependent. The death of a child signifies the loss of the future, of hopes and dreams, of new strength, and of perfection—Arnold and Gemma 1994, iv, 9, 39

It is frequently said that the grief of bereaved parents is the most intense grief known. When a child dies, parents feel that a part of them has died, that a vital and core part of them has been ripped away. Bereaved parents indeed do feel that the death of their child is "the ultimate deprivation" (Arnold and Gemma 1994, 40). The grief caused by their child's death is not only painful but profoundly disorienting—children are not supposed to die. These parents are forced to confront an extremely painful and stressful paradox; they are faced with a situation in which they must deal both with the grief caused by their child's death with their inherent need to continue to live their own lives as fully as possible. Thus, bereaved parents must deal with the contradictory burden of wanting to be free of this overwhelming pain and yet needing it as a reminder of the child who died.

Bereaved parents continue to be parents of the child who died. They will always feel empty places in their hearts caused by the child's death; they were, and always will be a loving father and mother of that child. Yet, these parents have to accept that they will never be able to live their lives with or share their love openly with the child. So they must find ways to hold on to the memories. Many bereaved parents come to learn that "memories are the precious gifts of the heart ... these memories and whispers, to help create a sense of inner peace, a closeness."

Grieving parents say their grief is a lifelong process, a long and painful one. It's a process in which they try to take and keep some meaning from the loss and life without the child. After a child's death, parents embark on a long, sad journey that can be very frightening and extremely lonely. A journey that never really ends. The hope and desire that healing will come eventually is an intense and persistent one for grieving parents.

To those outside the family, the composition of the family may seem to change when a child dies. A sibling may become an only child; a younger child may become the oldest or the only child; the middle child may no longer have that title; or the parents may never be able to, or perhaps may choose not to, have another child. Nonetheless, the birth order of the child who died is fixed permanently in the minds and hearts of the parents. Nothing can change the fact that this child is considered a part of the family forever, and the void in the family constellation created by the child's death also remains forever.

In a newsletter for bereaved parents, one mother wrote, "It feels like a branch from our family tree has been torn off." Another grieving mother said, "I felt that way too. A small branch, one whose presence completed us, had been ripped from our family and left a large wound. Without it, we were lopsided and off balance. When subsequent children are born (they) do not replace the fallen branch, but create a new limb all their own."

## 42 Bowling Green Knights of Columbus Celebrates 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

By Paul A. McCavick

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - On April 22, 2010, the Father Ben Powers Knights of Columbus Council, #1315, in Bowling Green celebrated its 102nd Anniversary as a Chartered Fraternal Catholic Organization in the city of Bowling Green, Ky. with a Mass at Holy Spirit Hall. Father Jerry Riney, Pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, was the Celebrant. Father Raymon Goetz, Father Brian Johnson, Father Robert Drury and Father Maurice Tiell were the concelebrants. Deacon Bob Imel served as Vesting Deacon.

The Kentucky Knights of Columbus State Deputy, Mr. Billy R. Hancock, State Executive Secretary, Mr. Ron Todd, and District Six District Deputy, Mr. Gabriel Cabral were among the State Officers in attendance. On the local level, Grand Knight Pete Wyzykowski and Faithful Navigator Bill Liscomb were also present. The Mass was followed by



The photos here were taken during the celebration of the 102nd Anniversary Mass commemorating the 102nd presence of the Knights of Columbus in the city of Bowling Green, Ky. In the photo above, Father Korte Assembly Color Corps is led by Color Corps Commander Ray Grudzielanek, on the

a reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bowling Green. Approximately 100 Brother Knights and their wives attended this historic event.



left, and Faithful Navigator Bill Liscomb, on the right.

Photo at left shows the clergy celebrating the 102nd commemorative Mass. From left to right is Deacon Bob Imel, celebrant Father Jerry Riney, con-celebrant Father Raymond Goetz, con-celebrant Father Robert Drury, con-celebrant Father Brian Johnson. Father Maurice Tiell is not shown. Submitted by Paul A. McCavick

## Cursillo 4th Day Community Shares Relationship With God In Every Bright Color

By Brett Mills



The love of God, the salvation of Jesus Christ, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit give me a reason to shout for joy every day. So, why

not share one thought each week inspired by that truth? That was the challenge I took up for the Cursillo community in the Diocese of Owensboro. I write here in grateful witness of 50 weeks responding to that challenge with Cursillo's weekly e-mail under the title "Every Bright Color."

Cursillo in the Diocese of Owensboro annually reviews its own pastoral plan. In June 2009, we decided that a weekly e-mail would be an effective way to meet our goal of bringing our community closer together, helping us be more inspired by and present to each other. There were three hopes for what such an e-mail could convey each week. It could provide an inspiring, devotional thought for consideration, present prayer intentions, and remind people of upcoming events for the Cursillo community. A fourth hope was that it would be short. I was still entrusted with it because I fear

neither computers nor words.

The heading, "Every Bright Color," comes from a song that everyone who has made a Cursillo weekend recognizes. At the start I had a catchy title, complete with abbreviation to EBC. I also had an assembled collection of lists for e-mails, most of which were valid for deliveries. What I didn't have at the beginning was a clear idea of how to consistently lift readers with an inspiring thought week after week. I have reflected on Scripture, I have related what stuck with me from homilies, the liturgical year, and devotional publications I read and study. However, it quickly became clear to resist using the weekly thought to teach or explore theology. Over time, one particular word began showing up more often than others in the text of the weekly thoughts I was sharing. That word was "relationship." I gradually came to accept that God was showing me that EBC is its most effective inspiration about God's love for us all when I share the relationship that I am experiencing with Him. In a year's time the EBC readership has expanded to hundreds of people each week, but I have grown more than it has.



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I am much more willing to share about the way God speaks and works in my life through the totality of who I am because of EBC. For example, both my thumbs are deformed, and I have very slight cerebral palsy. I type by the one-finger plunk method, and the fastest I've ever been on a keyboard is 16 words a minute. Just creating original text for the EBC thought takes some time for me. Yet, God gave me the talent to write, and whatever time it takes me to write about

my Christian relationship with Him, especially as a help to others is simply my offered return on his investment.

"Every Bright Color" will continue as long as the Cursillo community will have it. I invite anyone in their 4th Day who doesn't receive EBC yet to simply e-mail me at [BMills9590@aol.com](mailto:BMills9590@aol.com) and subscribe (a term I use very loosely). May the relationship God invites us all to make our hearts cry with joy yearly, weekly, and always.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

### Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Stephen & Diane Hoffman, 25  
Peter Jacob & Sarah Ebelhar, 25  
Gerald & Catherine Ralph, 40  
James & Alma Topper, 40  
Raymond & Theresa Payne, 50  
James & Louise Hodskins, 64  
Thomas & Julie Whitten, 58

### Christ the King, Madisonville

David & Ellen Water, 51

### Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Thomas & Dorothy Barron, 63  
James & Wanda Gibson, 53  
Paul & Sharon Hagan, 55  
Preston & Suzanne Johnson, 57  
Charles & Virginia Knight, 61  
David & Diana O'Nan, 60  
Robert & Dorothy Taylor, 51  
Bobby & Donna Nally, 50  
Larry & Cynthia Bourland, 40  
Richard & Janet Curby, 25  
James & Elizabeth Davis, 25  
James & Lisa Garrett, 25  
Keith & Tammy Hobson, 25  
David & Gayle O'Nan, 25

### Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Dick & Lori Davidson, 25  
James & Dragica Yates, 25  
Peter & Mary Asposito, 40  
Hanley & Sharon Hartz, 40  
Thomas & Margaret Cahill, 50  
Robert & Christine Bowlds, 59  
James & Sylvia Weis, 54

### Holy Trinity, Morganfield

Teddy & Margie Seiler, 40

### Immaculate Conception, Earlington

M. C. & Patsy Barber, 52

### Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Dallas & Margaret Powers, 40  
Dan & Shirley Hagman, 50  
Clay & Shirlene Quinn, 55

### Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Rob & Kate Abney, 25  
Wayne & Laura Edge, 40  
Thomas & Cindi Reisz, 40  
Donald & Mary Cundiff, 61  
Roy & Wilma Howard, 54  
Joseph & Frances Lew, 53  
William & Adell O'Bryan, 52

### Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

J. Richard & Alma Gaw, 58  
Billie & Sue Helen Hill, 55  
David Lee & Mary Jones, 52  
Paul & Juanita Kaelin, 54  
James R. & Sharon Logsdon, 53  
Paul & Carol Payne, 53  
William J. & Hattie L. Potts, 52  
Lester & Martha Reed, 64  
Marvin & Shirley Rushing, 52

John & Margie Wathen, 55  
Donald E. & Janet Head, 40  
Edward & Nannette Kay Parish, 40

### Precious Blood, Owensboro

Bill & Rita Elder, 50  
Joe & Phyllis Howard, 40  
Billy & Lillian Taylor 53  
**Sacred Heart, Russellville**  
Robert & Pheba Elizabeth Kerstiens, 58

### Sacred Heart, Waverly

Paul & Florence Clements, 70

### St. Agnes, Uniontown

John & Amy Hancock, 25  
Bobby Dale & Irene Jennings, 54  
Bobby & Donna Nally, 50

### St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Marvin & Shirlene Dant, 56

### St. Ann, Morganfield

Jim & Debbie Peak, 25  
George & Sherry Drury, 40  
James & Dorothy Buckman, 53  
Bill & Helen Dixon, 54  
Thomas & Allegera Luckett, 70  
H. E. & Marylyn Ervin, 54  
John & Kay McShane, 57

### St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Mike & Theresa McCarty, 60

### St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Bill & Chris Rodgers, 55  
Steve & Helen Krivan, 50

### St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

David & Mary D. Simon, 52

### St. Columba, Lewisport

Joe & Jeanette Taylor, 50

### St. Denis, Fancy Farm

John & Frances Vessells, 59

### St. Edward, Fulton

Ben & Joy Davis, 52  
Jerry & Mary Ann Hobbs, 50

### St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Bob & Faye Greenwell, 52  
**St. Francis de Sales, Paducah**  
Ronald & Marina Burchett, 25  
William T. & Judith Hayden, 51  
Glenn & Phyllis Munro, 52

### St. Henry, Aurora

Paul & Mary Alice Kowalczyk, 40  
Gary & Lovonne Hanlon, 52  
James & Ethel Cantrell, 55

### St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Raymond & Carole Ballard, 53  
John & Rose Pendel, 52  
Elmer & Catherine Toon, 66

### St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Keith & Kendra Ballard, 25  
Richard E. & Susan Durbin, 40  
Raymond A. & Hazel Wurth, 40

### St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Roger & Carol Dales, 40  
Ralph & Mary Wilken, 40

### St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Bob & Anna Rea Kinkade, 54  
Mike & Pat Boone, 51

### St. Joseph, Mayfield

Larry & Rose Seay, 40  
Joey & Nancy Wilson, 40  
Kenneth & Rosemary Clem, 53  
Frank & Ursula Elliott, 53

### St. Lawrence, Philpot

Steve & Kathy Bickett, 25

### St. Leo, Murray

Alex & Mary Paluch, 64  
Bertrand & Beatrice Bleemel, 62  
Eldridge & Carolyn Haas, 53  
Ronald & Dorothy Urbon, 52  
James & Susan Koegel, 40

### St. Martin, Rome

Tom & Julie Lewis, 25  
Kenneth & Alice Drochter, 56  
Otho & Mary Durbin, 65

### St. Mary, Franklin

Dan & Carol Darrow, 25  
William & Doris Andrew, 64

### St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Edward & Kathleen Leming, 53  
Larry & Benita Riney, 55

### St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

James A. & Krista Hamilton, 25  
Tony & Ella Howard, 40

### St. Michael, Oak Grove

Kenneth & Phyllis Scheidt, 25

### St. Pius X, Calvert City

Joe & Barb Cirrito, 54  
Larry & Judy Krouse, 40  
Ray & Alice Lucas, 53  
Bob & Betty Zilligen, 50  
Joe & Marilyn Hayden, 52

### St. Pius X, Owensboro

Robert & Theresa Absher, 25  
Daniel & Tonya Fleming, 25  
Tommie R. & Janet Hayden, 59  
Harry & Willa Roberts, 51

### St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Raymond & Margie Wethington, 50 **43**

Joe & Irene O'Reilly, 54  
J. W. & Lorena Bland, 64  
Alton & Thelma Richards, 56

### St. Rose, Cloverport

Thomas & Rose Rodgers, 60

### St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Jerry & Earlene Abney, 51

### St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Joe & Juanita Clark, 60  
Sam & Kathleen DunLany, 40  
Robert & Joan Englert, 58  
Edward & Jacqueline Jaskolski, 56  
Bill & Geraldine Payne, 73  
Paul A. & Carol Ann Payne, 53  
Raymond & Barbara Trogolo, 53

### St. Thomas More, Paducah

Gerald & Gail LaGesse, 25  
Carl & Kay Marshall, 25  
Phillip & Donna Morse, 40  
Richard & Patricia Heflin, 40  
Frank & Nancy Burch, 40  
Ray & Mikel Fields, 52  
Bill & Carlene Dannenmueller, 54  
James & Margaret Elder, 62

### St. William, Knottsville

Gerald & Wanda Mattingly, 64  
Charles & Helen Lanham, 50  
Richard & Donna Mattingly, 40  
Chris & Patty Bertke, 25

### St. William, Marion

Carole & Gordon Guess, 40  
Billy & Carol Belt, 50  
Tommy & Ruth Harris, 51

### Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Ernest & Lynne Elliott, 50  
Paul R. & Sarah Jane Johnson, 55

### Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

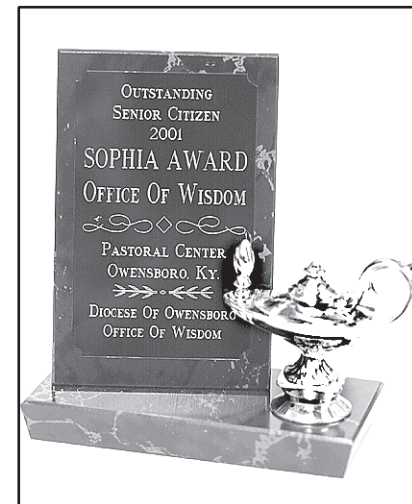
James & Mary Moehlman, 40  
Paul & Patricia Kremer

## Sophia Awards Mass Celebration

The Sophia Awards Mass celebration for senior citizens will be held on Sunday, September 26th at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson, Kentucky. The celebration begins with Mass at 2:30 in the afternoon and concludes with a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome to come and celebrate God's gift of age at this special annual event.

The Sophia Award is presented to the outstanding senior citizen in a parish who is age 65 or over, and an outstanding Catholic role model.

The deadline for nomination is July 15th, 2010. To nominate a person please send information to Ginny Knight-Simon, Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301



## El Programa del Diaconado Permanente Inicia su Segunda Sección

Por el Padre John Thomas, Traducido por Tami Schneider

En el 2006, con la aprobación del Consejo Presbiteral, el Obispo instituyó el Programa de Formación para el Diaconado Permanente para la Diócesis de Owensboro, Kentucky. Bajo la dirección de Saint Meinrad School of Theology, la diócesis invitará y formará a candidatos para el diaconado permanente. Los candidatos en este programa se prepararán para ser ordenados en el Orden del Diaconado en la Iglesia Católica y a vivir este Orden en una vida de testimonio público como un ministro de la Iglesia y una vida de servicio al Pueblo de Dios, el Cuerpo de Cristo. Actualmente, tenemos 18 candidatos preparándose para la ordenación al diaconado, programado para el verano del 2012. Se han estado reuniendo el cuarto fin de semana de cada mes por los últimos tres años en conjunción con Saint Meinrad Seminary para ser ministros formados para la Iglesia.

**El Obispo Medley ha pedido que empiece a reunir hombres interesados para formar una segunda clase para el Programa del Diaconado Permanente de la Diócesis de Owensboro.** Me da mucho gusto hacerlo. Vamos a reunirnos un sábado cada mes para iniciar el proceso de discernimiento, lo cual, si Dios quiere, los llevará a la aplicación formal a la diócesis. **La primera reunión va a ser de 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, el sábado, 25 de septiembre en la Iglesia Católica de Santos Pedro y Pablo en Hopkinsville, KY.**

Los hombres que se ordenan al diaconado permanente prometan vivir el carisma del servicio a Dios y al pueblo de Dios a través de una vida de ministerio dentro del clero. Este compromiso se caracteriza por el servicio a la Palabra de Dios, **los Sacramentos de la Iglesia y una vida de Caridad Heroica.**

Los Diáconos Permanentes compartan con otros miembros del clero de la Iglesia una dedicación a servir el pueblo de Dios a través de la proclamación de la Palabra, la administración de los Sacramentos, el ofrecimiento de Culto a Dios a través de Cristo, y el servicio a los pobres y a los fieles de Cristo. Desde el Segundo Concilio Vaticano, la Iglesia ha visto incluso más claramente que el diácono es llamado a servir al Obispo y sus Sacerdotes a través de la asociación íntima y el involucramiento en la vida de los pobres, los marginalizados, los olvidados, los abandonados, los silenciosos, y los que no tienen voz. Al diácono se le pide dar su voz a los pobres, para que la Iglesia entera escuche sus preocupaciones, especialmente el Obispo. Íntimamente unido al ministerio del Obispo y los Sacerdotes son llamados a servir a la Iglesia, dando sus vidas en servicio a sus hermanos y hermanas, el Pueblo de Dios.

Las Cualidades que se Busca en los Candidatos Potenciales al Diaconado:

- La madurez emotiva
- La integridad personal/conocimiento apropiado de sí mismo
- demostrar un compromiso personal a crecer en la santidad Cristiana/una vida de oración activa/participación en la vida de la Iglesia Eucarística y Sacramental
- la generosidad para el servicio **que ya se vea**
- la buena salud física y psicológica (tanto el candidato como su esposa si es casado)
- la habilidad de trabajar en equipo/trabaja bien con otras personas
- claramente demuestra una habilidad y disponibilidad para guiar
- buenas destrezas en la comunicación (tanto al hablar como escuchar)
- la habilidad de hablar en público y proclamar el Evangelio eficazmente
- la habilidad de articular y explicar la moral y la enseñanza doctrinal de la Iglesia eficazmente
- la necesidad en la comunidad por su servicio y liderazgo
- Que la comunidad Cristiana lo acepte, como se vea por su ministerio en la parroquia
- Tiene que demostrar aceptación y compromiso personal a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia

Durante los próximos meses, van a estar recibiendo información a través de su parroquia local sobre el Programa para el Diaconado Permanente para la Diócesis de Owensboro. También, busquen los artículos en el *Western Kentucky Catholic* periódico que van a contestar unas preguntas como: ¿Quién puede ser diácono? ¿Qué hace un diácono? ¿Por qué no hemos ordenado a diáconos permanentes antes en la diócesis?

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## Católicos Latinos: No Nos Den Por Hecho 5

Por Mar Muñoz-Visoso, USCCB

Un estudio reciente llevado a cabo por el Trinity College en Hartford, Connecticut, afirma que en las últimas dos décadas pocos fenómenos han cambiado tanto a los Estados Unidos y su identificación religiosa como el crecimiento de la población latina.

El estudio, U.S. Latino Religious Identification 1990-2008: Growth, Diversity and Transformation, derivado del masivo American Religious Identification Survey (ARIS) de 2008, confirma la experiencia de muchos de los que estuvimos involucrados en el ministerio hispano durante ese periodo. Nosotros hemos visto como el influjo latino ha alimentado el crecimiento de la Iglesia Católica en Estados Unidos, que los jóvenes y los latinos nacidos aquí se están volviendo más diversos en su afiliación religiosa y que un segmento creciente no se identifica con ninguna iglesia o religión. Merece la pena leerlo: [www.americanreligionsurvey-aris.org/latinos2008.pdf](http://www.americanreligionsurvey-aris.org/latinos2008.pdf). Estudios como este proporcionan datos estadísticos muy valiosos. Sin embargo, no proveen un análisis en profundidad para explicar estos hechos. Entender no sólo qué está pasando sino por qué puede encerrar la clave de muchas cosas en nuestro porvenir.

El sondeo establece que aunque la proporción de latinos en la Iglesia Católica en Estados Unidos creció de un 20 por ciento en 1990 a un 32 por ciento en 2008, la identificación en general de los latinos adultos en Estados Unidos con la Iglesia Católica disminuyó de un 66 por ciento a un 60 por ciento. En otras palabras, cuanto más se americaniza la población latina, menos católica se torna.

Hay muchas explicaciones plausibles para esto. Sociológicamente, cuanto más tiempo pasa uno inmerso en otra cultura, más proclive es a asumir elementos de la cultura dominante. La cultura de Estados Unidos no es de tradición católica ni necesariamente amigable hacia los católicos.

Una mentalidad secularista, abundantes opciones para el entretenimiento y ese contagioso activismo en el que todos caemos tarde o temprano, tampoco ayudan. Hay menos tiempo para Dios. Esto mismo es cierto también en muchas áreas urbanas de América Latina.

La gran cantidad de opciones religiosas que se pueden encontrar en este país, combinada con el proselitismo agresivo de algunos grupos — al cual no estamos acostumbrados quienes venimos de culturas predominantemente católicas — a menudo causa confusión y no pocas divisiones familiares. Algunos deciden dejar la Iglesia que creen conocer para probar algo nuevo, mientras otros abandonan la práctica religiosa del todo. Esto es particularmente cierto cuando uno encuentra actitudes de rechazo o requerimientos aparentemente excesivos que no forman parte de la experiencia de “ser iglesia” en los lugares de donde venimos.

Incluso en áreas como el Sur y Suroeste de los EE.UU., donde los latinos siempre han tenido un peso cultural importante, generaciones sucesivas no necesariamente se adhieren a la fe de sus padres. Cuanto más educados y establecidos social y económicamente están algunos latinos, mayor la probabilidad de que se pasen a iglesias protestantes tradicionales. Algunos piensan que para latinos con un cierto estatus económico, una práctica más individualista de la fe, combinada con doctrinas que ponen énfasis en el éxito y la ganancia económica, supone una opción religiosa más atractiva. Otros encuentran que para aquellos que crecieron con la mentalidad de que para ser aceptados tenían que abandonar su historia y su cultura, las iglesias protestantes ofrecían un vehículo más rápido para la asimilación. También, la gente simplemente va donde se siente bienvenida.

La deserción por parte de nuestros jóvenes es causa de gran preocupación. Más del 50% de los católicos menores de 35 años en Estados Unidos es de procedencia hispana. A pesar de la importancia de los jóvenes hispanos para el futuro de la Iglesia, todavía no se les presta la debida atención pastoral, especialmente a los adolescentes. La presunción de que los programas juveniles prevalentes son suficientes o adecuados porque la mayoría de estos jóvenes habla inglés, ha probado ser un enfoque equivocado cuando muchos se han alejado de una Iglesia y de prácticas religiosas con las que no se identifican.

La falta de evangelización y catequesis apropiada en muchos de los que somos católicos por tradición es un problema importante. Los obispos latinoamericanos así lo han reconocido y por eso han lanzado una misión continental para re-evangelizar el continente americano. Con el número creciente de muchos de nosotros aquí en “el Norte”, quizá también deberíamos hacer nuestro el desafío.

Una cosa es cierta: la atención pastoral a esta comunidad debe ser real, intencionada y más efectiva. Esta inversión, considérenla como tal, traerá con certeza beneficios para toda la Iglesia en los años venideros.

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## 4 Misa Multicultural en Henderson



Una pareja con raíces Ingleses forman parte de la procesión de banderas durante una Misa Multicultural el 6 de junio en la Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson. Fotos por Luis Ajú.



Al final de la procesión, todas las personas con banderas, representando a sus países de origen, se paran cerca del altar para que toda la congregación pueda ver. Es un gran símbolo de la unidad en la diversidad en Los Estados Unidos.

## Encuentro Regional de Hopkinsville, Todd Co.



El P. Carmelo Jiménez y el P. Frank Ruff reúnen a la congregación en un círculo para rezar el Padre Nuestro durante una Misa en el Campo en Todd County, para el Encuentro Regional. Fotos por Luis Ajú.



El P. Carmelo bendice a una niña durante la Comunión durante la Misa el 22 de mayo en Todd County. Las comunidades de Hopkinsville, Russelville, Elkton y Guthrie se reunieron en preparación para el Encuentro Diocesano.

**RETIRO JUVENIL**  
**Campamento de Gasper River**  
**Cerca de Bowling Green, KY**  
**8-9 de octubre**  
**Empezando a las 5:00pm**



**Llamando a todos los JOVENES**  
**de 15-30 años! Los Invitamos!!**  
**Para mayor información,**  
**hablen con su ministro hispano o**  
**con Luis o Tami al 270-683-1545.**



Amigos y familiares de los jugadores se reunieron afuera del campo de futbol para ver a los equipos jugar y echar porras. Fotos por Tami Schneider.

## Por Tami Schneider

Durante el último fin de semana de junio, se llevó a cabo el tercer anual torneo de futbol en Sebree. Participaron seis equipos de varios pueblos, incluyendo Henderson, Owensboro, Sebree, Madisonville y Beaver Dam. No tan solo hubo futbol, sino también comida para todos, lotería, puestos y un concurso de “cornhole”. El domingo hubo Misa con el P. Al Bremer y pusieron en grande el partido de México contra Argentina, para los que quisieron quedarse adentro.

Aunque el calor sofocaba, era un éxito. Como el evento era para apoyar a la Iglesia de San Miguel, todos echaron una mano para que saliera bien. Alrededor de 25 líderes de la comunidad hispana ayudaron a servir y muchos, muchos más donaron comida, bebidas, dinero y su tiempo. Entre 200-300 personas participaron durante los



La Señora encargada de una tropa de Girl Scouts vino a repartir volantes e invitar a las señoras, señoritas y niñas a un campamento de verano.



Mucho mejor que la tele... tuvimos nuestro propio “Mundial” aquí en Sebree! Disfrutamos mucho la acción y los equipos jugaron muy bien.

dos días y al final la iglesia salió ganando casi dos mil dólares.

Como era kermes, también llegaron varias organizaciones a poner mesas, incluyendo los Girl Scouts, Migrant Head Start, KT Cancer Program, Human Trafficking Task Force, Justicia para Inmigrantes y la Oficina Diocesana de Vocaciones. Vinieron con volantes e información para promover sus eventos o sus causas.

Con el apoyo de amigos y familiares que vinieron a mirar y echar porras, al final, salieron ganando “Los Locos” de Henderson en primer lugar y “Los Hondureños” de Madisonville en segundo lugar. En la tarde del domingo, después de los partidos, se les regaló un trofeo a los ganadores. ¡Muchas felicidades a todos! ¡Los esperamos el próximo año!



Muchas personas echaron una mano para traer, cocinar y servir comida. Hubo pollo y carne asada, tostadas, seviche, elotes, chicharrones, y mucho más!

# “En Nombre de Dios”

## Summertime Comings and Goings

By Luis Ajú

Translated by Tami Schneider

This summer, Diocesan Hispanic Ministry has had several activities, covering many important themes that are tied to Diocesan and national goals.

First of all, we had the opportunity to host a Diocesan Youth Encounter, where youth from the Diocese of Lexington also participated, at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center of the Ursuline Sisters. The Hispanic Ministers from throughout the Diocese gave the talks. Each one took the time to prepare his/her theme and activity that they were assigned to present.

Some may ask why the Hispanic youth have their activities separate from the youth who speak English. The principal reason is the language barrier, which goes hand in hand with cultural differences. There is still much understanding to achieve between both parties, which implies that now is not the appropriate time to have youth encounters together.

Nevertheless, the youth have had good experiences at these retreats. It gives them an opportunity for prayer and reflection which bears fruit of a more healthy life for our youth. That is how the Catholic Church is helping us in our current reality, by guiding and accompanying our youth today.

On June 12th, we held a Diocesan Hispanic Encounter. In preparation for this event, the Hispanic communities throughout the Diocese were split into four Regions, each of which held a Regional Encounter and invited all those present to participate in the Diocesan Encounter. The event was a great success, with the presence of about 200 people. A band from Holy Trinity Parish in Morgantown helped to make the day even more festive, although the fact that so many people from different countries and different communities came was cause enough for celebration, because we all came with the same sentiment, the same struggles and the same hope.

We were honored to welcome our new bishop, The Most Reverend William F. Medley, to both the Youth Encounter and the Diocesan Hispanic Encounter. At the latter, Bishop Medley presided with six priests concelebrating. We are grateful to each of these priests for accompanying us for the Celebration of the Eucharist.

A big thanks also to the choir, which brought together various Hispanic choirs from different communities throughout the Diocese, and to Jim Hess, the Music Director at St. Thomas More, who directed the group. The choir definitely demonstrated its musical abilities, not only in voice but in instruments as well. May God bless them for their effort and their surrender.

In conclusion, the theme of Unity in Diversity shines through in these events because, as a Latin American community, we are one, even though we are from many different countries. We look to the Anglo community, with individuals who came from many different roots, yet were able to come together and celebrate side by side, even though the integration took many years. In our case, as Latin Americans, we are in the middle of this process. I pray that in this Third Millennium, our way of evangelizing may be different, according to the needs of the time and space that we are immersed in. We have nothing against anyone. It's only that we need time, growth and space so that one day not too far off we can become one united community, just like the Church is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.

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Luis Ajú

## Tiempo de Verano, Unos Van Otros Vienen

Por Luis Ajú

En el Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis, hemos tenido varias actividades cubriendo muchos temas de prioridad que tenemos como meta a nivel Diócesis como también a nivel nacional.

Tuvimos la oportunidad de desarrollar un Encuentro Juvenil, a nivel Diocesano juntamente con participantes de la Diócesis de Lexington, en el Centro de Retiros del Monte San José de las Hermanas Ursulinas. En esta ocasión los temas fueron desarrollados por los diferentes Ministros Hispanos de la Diócesis. Todos prepararon su tema y actividad que les tocó presentar.

Se preguntarán por qué los jóvenes tienen actividades separadas de los jóvenes de habla Inglesa, primero porque el idioma es aún una barrera, el arraigo cultural en el campo del lenguaje, y aún queda mucho por comprender de ambas partes, cuya implicación es que todavía no es tiempo para hacer un Encuentro Juvenil juntos.

De todas maneras, la experiencia de los jóvenes en estos encuentros, ha sido siempre un momento de oración y reflexión, que como resultado ha sido la vida sana de nuestros jóvenes. Esta es la forma en que la Iglesia Católica en esta realidad está sirviendo, guiando y acompañando a la juventud de hoy día.

El 12 de junio se celebró el Encuentro Hispano Diocesano. Para llegar a este encuentro, se tuvo que organizar a las comunidades en cuatro Regiones, cada uno tuvo su encuentro regional a efecto de realizar el Encuentro Diocesano. Así fue, y se logró nuestro objetivo, porque acudieron a este evento 200 personas. Con el grupo musical de la Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad de Morgantown, fue un día de fiesta ya que estuvimos muchos de varios países y cada comunidad llevó a la celebración un mismo sentir, una misma lucha y una misma esperanza.

Tuvimos el honor de tener al Muy Rev. Nuevo Obispo William F. Medley, Obispo de la Diócesis en ambas actividades, con los jóvenes y en el Encuentro Hispano. El Obispo Medley presidió la Misa con los seis sacerdotes concelebrantes que nos acompañaron para la Celebración de la Eucaristía, estamos todos sumamente agradecidos por esta magnífica celebración.

También agradecemos en forma muy especial al Coro de la Diócesis bajo la conducción del Sr. Jim Hess, Director de Música en la Parroquia. Este coro ha mostrado su talento en la música, en voz como en instrumento y que Dios los bendiga por su esmero y su entrega.

Como conclusión a estos eventos, es que el tema de la Unidad en la Diversidad está candente, por el hecho de que como comunidad Latina, formamos uno solo, no obstante la gran cantidad de diferentes países juntos que lo componen. De igual manera, la Comunidad Anglo, siendo de una gran cantidad de raíces, lograron con el tiempo estar juntos para sus celebraciones, aunque estamos seguros que costó muchos años para poder convivir. En nuestro caso como Latinos, estamos en este proceso y que en este tercer milenio nuestra manera de hacer evangelización debe de ser diferente, acorde a las necesidades del tiempo y espacio donde estamos inmersos. No hay nada en contra de nadie, es solo necesitamos tiempo, crecimiento y espacio para que algún día no lejano podamos llegar a ser una sola comunidad como la Iglesia que es Una, Santa, Católica y Apostólica.

### Calendario de Actividades del Ministerio Hispano

#### 17 de agosto

- Reunión Trimestral de los Agentes del Ministerio Hispano, Sebree

#### 26-27 de agosto

- Retiro bianual de los Agentes del Ministerio Hispano, Whitesville

#### 8-9 de octubre

- Retiro juvenil en el Campamento de Gasper River, Bowling Green



## Encuentro Hispano Diocesano - 12 de junio Unidad en la Diversidad: Fe y Culturas en Esta Realidad



El Párroco, el P. Pat Reynolds, y la Hna. Imelda Quechol, MAG, Ministro Hispano, dan a todos una cordial bienvenida a la Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro en Paducah el 12 de junio para el Encuentro Hispano Diocesano.



Cristóbal Gutiérrez, Ministro Hispano en Owensboro, y Luis Ajú (atrás), Director Diocesano del Ministerio Hispano, cuelgan una manta hecha para la celebración que demuestra imágenes de la Virgen de distintos países, demostrando unidad en la diversidad. O sea, aunque sean distintas imágenes es la misma Virgen y Madre de todos.



Después de unas presentaciones por el P. Carmelo Jiménez y el P. Juan René Kalombo, todos pasaron a la iglesia para celebrar la Santa Misa con el Obispo Medley. Hubo un coro hecho por miembros de varias parroquias, con el Sr. Jim Hess dirigiendo. También vinieron varios Padres para concelebrar.



El Obispo William Medley saluda a una señora y su bebé después de la Misa donde llegaron Hispanos de múltiples parroquias por toda la diócesis. Todos estaban muy felices de poder celebrar la Misa con el nuevo obispo y saludarlo después. Así pudieron ver, que aunque no habla su idioma, los quiere, los apoya y va a asegurar que reciban el cuidado pastoral que necesitan.



Para terminar, todos compartieron una comida en el salón parroquial. En total llegaron más de 100 personas. Se lleva a cabo un Encuentro de este tipo tan solo cada dos o tres años. Fotos sometidas por Luis Ajú.