

Diocese Of Owensboro Welcomes New Renewal Process

Bishop Announces ARISE Together in Christ for 2012

Bishop William F. Medley announced November, 20, 2011 that the Diocese of Owensboro will undertake a comprehensive process of renewal in response to the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and as the spiritual centerpiece of the diocese's celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary in 2012. ARISE Together in Christ will be offered in collaboration with RENEW International. All parishes will be encouraged to participate in the process, which will begin in Fall 2012.

The groundwork has been laid over the past year as part of the diocese's extensive pastoral planning process, drawing insights from Listening Sessions and online parishioner surveys. Spirituality, faith formation, and evangelization emerged as important priorities. With that backdrop and the approval of the bishop and the priests' council, diocesan staff members met with RENEW International team members this fall to plan out the implementation of ARISE Together in Christ.

Speaking on the initiative, Bishop Medley said, "ARISE dovetails very well with our diocese's strategic goals by responding to the people's expressed wants and hopes. I believe it will be particularly effective for forming and deepening faith and encouraging all Catholics to be evangelizers."

ARISE Together in Christ offers a total renewal experience for the parish, spiritually transforming people through small group faith sharing, special parish activities, resources for families with children and youth, and encouragement for Christian outreach. Because of the variety of ways in which people are engaged, something is available for every parishioner, creating a unifying and enthusiastic spiritual climate in the parish. ARISE Together in Christ offers materials and pastoral support in English and Spanish, with materials in several other languages.

Basic to the process from RENEW International is the establishment of small Christian communities: groups of eight to twelve people meeting weekly to read and



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ARISE Together in Christ is a new approach to spiritual renewal designed for adults, youth, and families, and it is coming to our diocese in 2012.

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reflect on Scripture, share how the Word of God relates to their daily life, and encourage each other into active discipleship. Groups will meet during six-week seasons starting in Fall 2012. Each of these seasons has a major gospel theme that is broken down into weekly themes and experienced in a variety of ways.

The plan calls for RENEW International staff to train local parish leadership and the lay leaders who will shepherd the process within the parishes. Pastors, staff, and selected leadership are invited to attend one of a series of information sessions be offered in throughout the diocese in February 2012. Additional details will be provided at a meeting for priests of the diocese on January 9, 2012. Dates and locations of all meetings will be announced in advance.

Participating parishes will receive underwriting for the costs of pastoral services delivered for ARISE Together in Christ through the generous support of the Catholic Church Extension Society and RENEW International.

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2 New Translation Of The Roman Missal An Opportunity To Become More Conscious Of The Words We Pray



**Most Reverend
William F. Medley
Bishop of
Owensboro**

The following was read at all parishes in the diocese on November 27, 2011, the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011:

My dear sisters and brothers,

Today, the First Sunday of Advent, begins a new liturgical year. This new year brings with it some new beginnings for us

as Catholics. At celebrations of the Eucharist this weekend, Catholics all across the English-speaking world will be praying with a new translation of the Roman Missal.

The Roman Missal is the book containing the prayers and texts of the Mass.

This third edition of the Roman Missal was issued by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000. After its publication in Latin, the collaborative and careful work of translation began. For nearly 10 years, experts worked to translate the texts of the Roman Missal into English.

With the new translation of the Missal, we see some substantial changes to the texts of our celebration of the Mass. The changes we're implementing today are the most significant changes to the Mass in nearly 50 years. It is important to note, however, that while many of the words are changing, the structure of the Mass is not changing. We continue to celebrate the same Order of Mass that we have used since the Second Vatican Council.

This third edition of the Roman Missal is more formal in language and more closely connected with its scriptural roots. Some of the words in the Gloria, Creed, Holy, Holy, Holy and Memorial Acclamations have changed as well as the response to "The Lord be with you". Additionally,

the presidential prayers, the prayers prayed by the priest, have changed as well.

While many of the words may sound new to us, they actually have their roots in sacred Scripture, in patristic writings and in the earliest prayers used in the first centuries of Christianity. We greet one another in the words of St. Paul, sing Old Testament psalms, pray Eucharistic Prayers written as early as the third century, and profess a Creed based upon truths told by the Apostles. These words take us back to the origins of our liturgical prayer and our roots as the people of God.

At the last supper, Jesus told his disciples to "do this in memory of me", and that is what we've been doing for nearly 2000 years. Some things may change: the language, the rituals, the gestures, the people, and the times they live in. What does not change, however, is what lies at the core of the Eucharist – the fact that God loves us so very much that he sent his only Son to us. At each Mass we continue to celebrate the Paschal Mystery – that Jesus suffered and died for us and was raised from the dead. Through his death and resurrection, he gained for us eternal life. Just as the first Christians did, we continue to gather and share the Good News, to petition God for favors, to break open the scriptures, and to thank God for his many blessings.

Simple bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ and we are invited to participate in a sacred meal. Then, we are sent out on mission to preach the Good News and to do good works.

The publication of the new translation of the Roman Missal is a moment of grace for all English-speaking Catholics. No matter how long we live, we will never fully appreciate the privilege that is ours when we celebrate the Eucharist. After praying the same words of the Mass for many years, however, we are presented now with the opportunity to become more conscious of the words we pray. If we take advantage of this opportunity, our faith and our understanding and appreciation of the celebration of the Mass will deepen because of it and we will be able to participate more fully in the great mystery we celebrate.

Be assured of my prayers for each of you and of my gratitude for all you do to build up the Body of Christ in our diocese.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend William F. Medley,
Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop William F. Medley's Calendar for December 2011

- 1-3 Visit to St. John Vianney College Seminary
- 4 10:00 a.m. Candidacy of Julio Barrera, St. Leo, Murray
- 6 9:00 a.m. Staff Mass and Meeting, CPC
- 7 CCK Board Meeting, Louisville, KY
- 8 9:00 a.m. School Mass, Owensboro Catholic 4-6 Campus
6:30 p.m. Confirmation, St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
- 10 4:00 p.m. Mass, St. Williams, Knottsville, Blessing of New Altar, Ambo
- 11 10:00 a.m. Mass, St. Agnes, Uniontown
- 12 7:00 p.m. Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville
- 13 10-3 p.m. Paducah Office, Lourdes Hospital
- 14 12:00 p.m. CCK meeting with Legislators, Frankfort
- 15 9:00 a.m. School Mass, Owensboro Catholic Middle School
- 16 9:00 a.m. School Mass, Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
- 17 4:00 p.m. Mass with Permanent Diaconate Candidates,
Christ the King, Madisonville
- 18 8:00 p.m. Advent Night Prayer, Sts. Joseph and Paul, Owensboro
- 19 9:30 a.m. Personnel Board Meeting, CPC
1:30 p.m. Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
- 20 9:00 a.m. Staff Mass and Meeting, CPC
- 25 12:00 a.m. Christmas Mass, St. Stephen Cathedral (CPC basement)

Bishop William F. Medley's Paducah Office Calendar at Lourdes Hospital:

- Tuesday, December 13 from 10:00am to 3:00pm (he will not be there on the 27th of December)
- Tuesday, February 14 from 10:00am to 3:00pm (he will not be there on January 24 or February 28 as previously scheduled)
- Tuesday, March 27
- Tuesday, April 24
- Tuesday, May 22

December 25, 2011, Solemnity of Christmas

"The Word Became Flesh and Made His Dwelling Among Us!", Gospel Jn 1:1-18



Stained-glass window in
Saint Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro.
Grayscale image. WKC file photo

In the rush and clamor that has come to characterize the commercialization of Christmas the true meaning of what we are celebrating can easily get lost. From a week before Thanksgiving until sometime after the New Year there seems to be an excess of activity, confusion, decorating, spending [often of money we cannot afford], eating, drinking, and competitiveness. On the positive side many families gather to renew great traditions and indulge in feast of treasured family recipes; friends reunite; and we make new acquaintances. By the time the decorations are dismantled and stored away the whole process can seem like an endurance test that leaves us exhausted and bewildered, rather than rejuvenated and rejoicing about the true meaning of Christmas for all of us who are baptized in the name of our Triune God, the awesome truth that:

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us!

Have a Christ-filled Christmas!

Imagining Mary: Christmas paintings that open our eyes



“Kissing The Face Of God by Morgan Weistling.” Reprinted with the artist’s permission.

By Christina Capecchi

I’ve been shopping for the perfect Christmas card, sifting through Nativity scenes framed in holly berries and bows.

None of the Marys feel right. The lips are taut. The face, unblemished. We see none of the bliss and bewilderment that must have surged after birthing the son of God. We see no emotion at all – serenity as vacancy, sainthood as sedation.

This year’s traditional Christmas stamp issued by U.S. Postal Service, Raphael’s “Madonna of the Candela-bra,” shows a stoic Mary casting her eyes away from her infant. Painted in the early 16th century, it was a product of the Italian High Renaissance, but it’s hard to imagine the new mom letting a single moment pass without studying the Savior in her hands.

Eventually I found a card that compelled me, the store’s last boxed set of its kind. First I noticed the baby, who looks as he should: like a baby. Brown fuzzy hair, apples for cheeks and a light in his eyes. Mary holds him close, kissing his right cheek.

The painting was inspired 11 years ago when Morgan Weistling, now a 47-year-old father in California, heard Steve Amerson’s song “Mary, Did You

Know?” on the radio. It was the Dolly Parton version.

One phrase stood out to him: “when you kiss your little baby you’ve kissed the face of God.”

“Immediately I felt I was supposed to paint this,” Morgan told me. “I had been praying and asking God, ‘Give me an idea here.’”

Amerson’s phrasing appealed to him. “This little child she bore was God in the flesh, and yet, she cuddled and kissed him just as all mothers do.”

The painting poured out of Morgan in three days. He didn’t feel the need to sketch in charcoal on his canvas to begin, as he usually does; it was oil paint right away. He didn’t go back to make any alterations. The first draft was the final. Morgan’s paintings are so realistic they look like pictures, and he uses people as models. His Mary was 16, a brunette named Katie who had a “sweet humbleness to her,” Morgan said. “It wouldn’t have worked with a blonde.”

The baby was of Jewish descent, born to a woman with a crack addiction and recently placed in a foster home.

Morgan knew he needed to master Mary’s kiss, rendering it tender, not “hokey.” Her left hand, pressing the swaddled baby to her heart, also was crucial. Morgan had long admired the way Mary’s marble hand grips Jesus’ side in Michelangelo’s Pietà.

Morgan’s published image, titled “Kissing The Face Of God,” sold out in two weeks. It remains his most popular painting – “my big gift from God,” he said – and the only original he’s kept, despite a standing offer of \$100,000.

Every year Morgan receives requests to reproduce the image. One year National Geographic used it for a corporate Christmas card.

The painting speaks to the broken-hearted, Morgan told me. “A lot of women who have lost a child really attach to ‘Kissing The Face of God.’”

I’m grateful to the artists who help us see ourselves in the Blessed Mother, because she is for everyone. I once spoke to a victim of clergy abuse who had lost her Catholic faith but held on to Mary. I read about a woman whose conversion to Catholicism began in labor, when she

called on Mary in urgent prayer: “Don’t abandon me now.”

This season we celebrate the mother who brings us to God with such capacity for love and grief and everything in

between.

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Servant Leaders



Servant Leader In Ministry (SLIM) award winner from St. Stephen Parish, Cadiz for 2011 Michael Roeder posed with pastor Father Babu Kulathumkal. Submitted Photo



Servant Leader In Ministry (SLIM) award winner Austin Willet from Saint Joseph Parish in Mayfield. Submitted Photo

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The Permanent Deacons in The Diocese of Owensboro I've Always Wanted To Know More About Participating In A Vocation in Religious Life

By Jaime Bon Tiu, MD

My name is Jaime Bon Tiu. I am a physician. My wife Eve and I came to United States in July of 1974 six months after our wedding day at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Manila, Philippines. After thirty eight years, we have been blessed with five wonderful daughters, three of them married, and six grandchildren. Now that all of my children are grown up and independent, God opened another road for me to travel: that is to enter into a new vocation, the diaconate.

Ever since I was a school boy of seven or eight, I have always been interested in religion, particularly the Catholic religion. I always looked forward to going to Church with my aunts and cousins. Activities in the Church, such as mass, prayer services, singing, proces-

Longing for Light

Yet another transition. Winter.

Darkness measures more time than light
and shadows are distorted. Trees stand stark,
silhouettes against magenta sky,
until the darkness folds them away.

Night whispers this electric secret.

Growth happens in the dark:
seeds germinate underground;
dough rises in dark ovens;
a child quickens in the womb;
the world dreams of promised peace.

Insights conceived in darkness, hidden,
yet so unexplainably known—cherish them.

Forget what isn't; count what is,
all given just in time!

Cave, manger and warm oxen, ass and lamb!
My shy mid-wife—gentle husband.

Darkness groans, trembles, cries out
—or was it me?!

With bended knees I wail a prayer:
O God! O God!

Then! At the child's first cry, the light increases
amid tears, awe and speechless joy!
We cannot stop gazing at this child.

Under the fading stars and the dying night,
we hear singing and notice strangers near by:
Simple shepherds—then sagacious kings.
By different desire and different draw
they gather mysteriously to this one birth.

Notice the gifts and count what is:
Hope bears Peace, Faith tenders Joy,
Love is This Boy, the Promised One,
whispering the ineffable: God with us.

EM Biri, SSND



Dr. Jaime Bon Tiu and his wife, Eve.

sions, celebrations, and the feast days of saints gave me a happy feeling and a special closeness to God. It heightened my curiosity and interest into celebrating my faith. I have a great respect and admiration for religious life and wanted to know more about how I could participate in this vocation. I finished elementary school and high school in a non-Catholic institution, but that did not change my attitude towards religion.

After graduating from high school, I entered the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines, in preparation for my entrance into medical school. This university is a Catholic university run by the Dominican Orders. Here, I received formal instruction and education about Catholic religion. I took theology for four years; it was a strict requirement for pre-medical school. During my pre-medical education, I volunteered to go to the rural areas near Manila to give basic religion classes to impoverished school children. I did this every week for two hours for the next four years. It was a very challenging, but a very rewarding experience.

After graduating from pre-medical college, I entered the College of Medicine in the same university. Despite the rigorous schedule, I wanted to remain active with the Church ministry. I soon joined the medical missions during the summer times. There, God led me into another ministry by helping the poor and the sick in a remote island in the Philippines. A combination of medical care and evangelization was part of our missions. I witnessed the poorest of the poor. I was touched by the humility, appreciation, and faith of the people. I participated in this mission for the next three years. It was an unforgettable experience, always reminding me to cherish my blessings and remember to offer help to the needy.

After graduating from medical school, I came

to the United States. I completed five years of training in Family Practice Medicine in Detroit, Michigan and then moved to Henderson, Kentucky in 1978. I joined the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church here in Henderson. At Holy Name Church, I joined the music ministry and served as a cantor. It had been for several years and I love the ministry. Later, I volunteered in other ministries. I use my hobby in plaster work and art to restore religious statues; and during the Christmas season I help decorate the Church. In 1991, I organized a weekly Marian devotion. I continue to lead these prayer meetings weekly up to the present time.

On several occasions I remember talking to three different pastors about Church ministry. They suggested that someday I should join a formation program to become a candidate for an ordained minister. I continually keep this in my heart, and I pray for guidance regarding this very important commitment and responsibilities everyday. Meantime, I am very happy serving the Church in my current capacity, as cantor and whatever I can do to serve to the faith community. I was inspired to advance my contributions and services into a vocation.

As the years have past, I reflect on all my experiences and despite serving others by being a physician, ranging from helping the poor in the Philippines to the people here in western Kentucky, I felt a need to contribute something spiritual. I felt that God has other plans for me: to serve His people beyond physical healing, and extend into serving the Church community.

At the present time, I am in the formation program to become a permanent deacon in our diocese. The training I receive from our deacon class enriched my spiritual life. A year from now, we will be ordained as permanent deacons. I fully understand that I am going to take a life long journey and make a commitment to serve the faith community. This realization is combined with feeling of joy and excitement, but also tempered at times by feeling of apprehension. My feelings of fear are alleviated by the great support from my family and encouragement from my pastors, priest and many friends in the parish. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to enter into the diocese permanent deacon program that will hopefully lead me to this vocation that encompasses my lifelong interest in serving the Church.

A Sign Of Our Times

The Church Should Embrace Social Media, for Dialogue's Sake

The social media phenomenon offers both challenge and opportunity for the church. Social media reaches people - millions are on Facebook and Twitter every day. The church cannot ignore them. They are interactive, however, and don't work when conversations are one-way. They involve dialogue, something not always welcome by clergy, teachers and other leaders.

"Because I said so" doesn't cut it in social media, a fact regretted by parents and leaders who for ages have resorted to the phrase when exasperated with the petulant "But ..." and plaintive "Why?" For oldsters, such dialogue takes getting used to.

Source: <http://uscpcbmedia.blogspot.com/2011/10/church-social-media-rule-lets-talk.html>, Thursday, October 6, 2011.

Filipino-American Families Gather in Henderson In Monthly Rosary Prayer Group 5

By Jaime Bon Tiu, a permanent deacon candidate from Holy Name Parish, Henderson, Ky.

HENDERSON, Ky. - The Filipino Catholic community celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Henderson October 7. There are many Filipinos in the Diocese of Owensboro as well as in the neighboring states of Indiana and Illinois. We would like therefore to share our culture and religious practices with the faith community.

In January of 1998, Drs. Mike and Portia Domingo together with the other families organized monthly Marian devotions for the tri-state Filipino-American families. This was patterned after the popular "block rosaries" which was popular years ago. The family hosting the devotion in their residence invites friends and relatives to pray with them. This was followed by fellowship and dinner. The response of the community was overwhelming and very positive.

It's been more than ten years and we are still doing it. The Filipinos have very strong devotions to the mother of Jesus. For over a hundred years, the Spanish occupations of our country greatly influenced the religious practices of the land. In the Philippines besides the Sunday and Holy day masses, a day is set for Marian devotions in many parishes. This is still on going up to the present time. The majority of us grew up attending many Marian feast day celebrations and devotions.

There are many Filipino professionals in our diocese that graduated from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines. This university was established and run by the Dominican orders. Every October seventh, the feast day of Our Lady of the

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In the two photos above and below, Tri-state Filipino-American families monthly Rosary prayer group meeting in St. Margaret Chapel, Henderson. Photo submitted by Dr. Jaime B. Tiu



On October 9, 2011, at St Margaret Chapel in Henderson, Dr. Noel Canlas, at right, his wife, Alice, and family hosted and sponsored the prayer celebrations. Photo submitted by Dr. Jaime B. Tiu

Rosary is a big events of celebration in our university. We have novenas followed by a candle light processions as part of the celebrations. These celebrations and devotions meant a lot for many of us.

This past October ninth, at Saint Margaret Chapel (Holy Name Parish) in Henderson, the tri-state Filipino-American families gathered together and celebrated the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Dr Noel and his wife Alice Canlas and family from Holy Name Parish hosted and sponsored the celebrations. It was an evening of prayers, meditations and fellowship. The families shared the pot luck dinner where special Filipino dishes and desserts were served.



October 9, 2011: The Tri-state Filipino American families posed in St Margaret Chapel. A majority of them belong to parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro. Some are from Indiana and Illinois. Photo submitted by Dr. Jaime B. Tiu

6 Are You Being Called To Be A Permanent Deacon?

By Bill Grant

Permanent Deacon Candidate

Permanent Deacons are something new to the Diocese of Owensboro. The first class of deacon candidates is scheduled to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders, on September 15, 2012, and the second class is waiting in the wings to start their five year formation. Is it possible that God is calling you to be a Permanent Deacon? Please, don't be too hasty in answering that question.

Many men have asked: "How do I know if God is calling me?" That is not an easy question to answer because God calls people in many different ways. In the Old Testament, the prophet Elijah was called by God, not by the great wind, nor by an earthquake, nor by fire. Instead he was called by a tiny whisper. Few of us hear the roar of trumpets when God call us and for most of us the call is a mere whisper. A call can be as simple as an urgency that you sense in your heart; a yearning to grow closer to God – in a life more dedicated to prayer and service to His Church. It can be as slight as the feeling that you want to

discover ways to better serve your fellow man. It can come with the realization that you have been greatly blessed by God and you experience the desire to pass along His blessings to others. Many times, others around us can see that God is calling us before we realize it, and the Holy Spirit sends them to approach us. With our hectic and busy lifestyles, it can be easy to fail to notice God's "whisper" to us.

Hearing God's call is only half the battle. Many times the real struggle begins when we sense that we are being called. Many men literally "wrestle" with the Holy Spirit, much the way that Jacob did in the Book of Genesis. As men, we are groomed from birth to take charge and to be in control of our own destiny. That is why it is sometimes so difficult to relinquish control and to follow the will of God.

Why do you feel that God is not calling you to be a deacon? I would be willing to venture that almost every response to that question has been uttered by some Permanent Deacon, or those in formation, when they were struggling with the call.

I know that I used every one as an excuse to resist the call. There are some common answers. I am not educated or intelligent enough. I am not holy, devout, or religious enough. I am not influential. I am not wealthy enough. I am not worthy enough. I already have a full time job.

It may be beneficial to look back at those twelve men that Christ called to be his first disciples. Were they the most educated, the most influential, the holiest, the most devout, the wealthiest, the most worthy, or the ones standing idle in the marketplace? I believe that the answer to all those questions is NO. It has been said that if the apostles had been required to prepare a resume and to be interviewed by a Human Resources Department – none of them would have been selected. The apostles were common, ordinary men; some married, some with children, and others were single. They all had meaningful jobs when they were called. They were human beings with all the vices and virtues, strengths and frailties that we all have. They were sinners, much like you and me.

But Jesus called them to leave their occupations and their families, to follow Him, to spread the gospel, and to build up His Church. He prepared them for their mission. It has been said that God does not call the prepared; He prepares those that He calls. The road to the permanent diaconate takes five years. The first year is investigatory. The second year is prayerful discernment as to your call. In years three through five, God forms you spiritually and academically.

I graciously invite all men in the Diocese of Owensboro, between the ages of 30 and 60, to pray to God for Him to reveal His will for you. Pray that He will open your mind and heart to hear His call. Only after fervent prayer and contemplation, are we ready to answer the question: Is it possible that God is calling me to be a Permanent Deacon? If you feel that there is even the slightest possibility that you are being called - don't you owe it to yourself, your Church, and your God to investigate the Permanent Diaconate? Please contact the Director of the Diaconate: Fr. John Thomas, (270) 821-5494.

A Longtime Desire To Serve The Church Moved Us To Enter Diocesan Diaconate Program

By Victor Fromm

There are a couple of sayings that I have heard used a lot during my lifetime. The first is about hind-sight (looking back) being 20/20, and the other is that God moves in strange ways. Both of these are true in my life. My name is Victor Fromm and I am in the diaconate formation program. My wife, Lynn, and I live in Murray, and are members of St. Leo Parish. We are from Eldorado, Illinois. We moved to Murray in 1979 with my employment. We have no children.

Probably one of the best kept secrets of the Second Vatican Council is the reinstatement of the diaconate to the Church. When someone learns that I am studying to be a deacon, one of the first questions asked is; "What does a deacon do?"

We typically define who we are by what we do – I am a farmer, an accountant, a doctor, a priest, etc. This tells people what we do so they can understand who we are. But, a deacon! Very few know what a



Victor and Lynn Fromm, St. Leo, Murray

deacon does, so they have no reference point for discussion.

The best example of what a deacon does is given to us by the U.S. Catholic Bishops. They describe a deacon first as an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. They go on to say "all ordained ministers in the church are called to functions of Word, Sacrament and Charity...as ministers of the Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of

Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs. But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only WHAT a deacon does, but WHO a deacon is that is important" (USCCB).

For many years I have felt the desire to serve the church. I became a lector, a choir member, a server, a member of the parish council, a PSR (parish school religion) teacher, and presently serving as RCIA Coordinator. Each of these ministries has been fulfilling in its own way, but I felt that I needed to be doing more.

Following Vatican II, I heard that the council fathers had returned the permanent diaconate to the church. This really intrigued me. I read the article in *the*

Western KY Catholic about a permanent diaconate formation program being offered here in our diocese. I really wanted to check out the program, but I was hesitant and made excuses of why I shouldn't.

Then I mentioned the article to Lynn along with my reasons for not wanting to pursue the program – I haven't been in the classroom for many years for personal study and I didn't have time to take one weekend off every month. Her response was that "We needed to check it out". She reminded me that I had talked about the diaconate for a long time. She has been my support through the almost five years of study and discernment.

Looking back at my life, I can now see that God has moved in me in strange ways to get me where I am today. Through all my service to the church I have learned patience and trust in God. From the beginning of the diaconate formation program, I knew that this is where God has led me. I continually discern my call to the diaconate, pray daily, and listen to him. Please pray for all of us in the diaconate formation program.

Be the Voice of the Unborn; Attend March for Life 2012

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Deadline Extended for Commitment 'til 12-28-11

The Diocesan Gospel of Life Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the March for Life on January 23, 2012. You are invited to join them to speak up for the rights of the unborn.

Reason for the Trip:

Every 26 seconds in this country a child dies as the result of an abortion. You can take a stand with thousands of other Americans to be the voices of our unborn children. You can help assert their right to life and liberty promised in the Declaration of Independence, and tell those representing us to grant that most basic birthright to the unborn. Citizenship is not a spectator sport. We must stand together to effectively advocate for the rights of our little brothers and sisters. It is estimated that 400,000 people participated in the rally in 2011.

Plan for the Trip:

The Gospel of Life Committee is working to set up a bus trip to and lodging in the Washington D.C. area to allow those interested in going to make their voices heard. Currently, the plans for the trip are under consideration, but many of the most important details are clear. Arrangements for travel will be with Toby Tours Bus Lines that will provide a late model bus with bathroom facilities and with passenger capacity of either 47 or 55 people. The size of the bus to be booked for the trip will be based on those making reservations by December 28, 2011. Please note that the final balance due should be paid by December 28, 2011.

The group will depart from the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro on Saturday night at 8:00 PM on January 21, 2011, and arrive in Washington on Sunday afternoon on the 22nd in time to check in at the hotel, freshen up and visit the convention in progress. The group will be staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington on Capitol Hill where the Convention takes place. It may be possible for the group to attend a mini rally at the White House set to take place between 12:00 to 2:00 PM EST. On Sunday night the group will go to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Mass for Life, and then return to the hotel that night.

The morning of the March for Life will find the group attending a pre-march Congressional Breakfast. The March for Life takes place in the early afternoon. It will be necessary to travel there by late morning. The group will stay the night of Monday, January 23 at the Hyatt. Some may have an interest in attending the March for Life's fundraising event called the Rose Dinner. Arrangements can be made to attend this event; however it will be at a cost beyond what the trip cost is listed.

The next morning January 24, 2012, the group will depart for home at 8:00 AM, and should arrive back in Owensboro in the early morning of January 25, 2011.

Cost for the Trip including Bus Fare and Two Nights at the Hyatt:

The cost of a room at the Hyatt is quoted at \$191.22 including tax per night and the group will stay two nights, for a total of \$382.44 for a single person, but the cost of the room could be shared by 2, 3 or 4 people and this cost could be cut down considerably. If shared by 4 people, then the cost would be \$95.61 per person for both nights.

The cost of the bus taken will depend on the size of the bus taken. Toby Tours quotes a price of \$5280 for a 47 passenger bus and \$5930 for a 55 passenger bus. If the Group took a 55 passenger bus, then the cost per person would be \$107.82 for the bus. The group will



Be the Voice for the Unborn: Join the March for Life: 1-23-12

- Depart 1-21-12 at 8:00 PM from Owensboro
 - Ride with Toby Tours Bus Lines to Washington, D.C.
 - Stay 2 nights at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel
- Congressional Breakfast and the March 1-23
 - Return 1-25-12 at 2:00 AM
 - Total Cost of Trip Estimated at \$300
 - \$50 Registration Due 11-15-11
 - Final Payment Due 12-28-11
- Attendance at the Mass for Life on 1-22 and the Rose Dinner on 1-23 are available options
- Sponsored by the Gospel of Life Committee - Diocese of Owensboro
 - For More Information Contact:
Richard Murphy at 270/683-1545 or email at richard.murphy@pastoral.org

be responsible for parking fees and toll costs and possibly a few other incidentals. People that may not be able to go, yet wish to contribute to the trip are most welcome to sponsor someone or donate some for the cost of the bus.

Please note that meals and souvenirs for the trip are at the additional expense of the traveler. Even with all of these expenses, it is estimated that a person staying four in a room, could make the trip for about \$300.

Registration for the Trip:

To insure an accurate count for the number of

rooms to reserve and to determine the size of the bus to take, it is necessary to set a date certain for registration of December 28, 2011. If you believe that you would like to be part of this pilgrimage of faith, fellowship and exercise of citizenship, then please send a check payable to the Diocese of Owensboro for \$50 per registration and mail it to: Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, Attention: Richard Murphy. All travelers are asked to have their final payments in by December 28, 2011.

Let's go make our voices heard for the unborn to recognize their most fundamental rights.



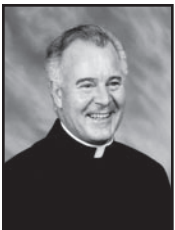
Better Informed, Better Prepared

Kindergarten Students at the OCS Elementary K-3 Campus had a visit from local firemen for Fire Safety Month. They learned about the jobs firefighters do and what to do if there

is a fire. In the picture above, Jaylan Boarman, a kindergarten student, listens to a firefighter explain the gear a firefighter wears. OCS Photo

Let Words Of Rosary Be Words Of Gratitude, Love And Deep Trust

By Fr. Ed Bradley,
Campus Minister,
OCS



Is the Rosary going to survive? Since the early 60's there has been a rather obvious decline in the Rosary's popularity, at least in the United States. Whether

the Rosary will continue in this slump or make a comeback is anyone's guess.

Yet there are still numerous groups around the world today, and these include young Catholics, for whom the Rosary remains- or is even increasingly becoming - a vital form of prayer.

Another sign of hope for the Rosary's rebirth is a renewed understanding of Mary and her mission in the Church. Perhaps as we bring our image of Mary more in line with contemporary Church teaching and the signs of the times, we will also begin seeing new possibilities in the Rosary.

Among the reasons some give for the

Rosary's fall from popularity are these: It is too mechanical, repetitive and boring, or it is a relic of the past not suited to our times. Others say they shy away from the Rosary because of the tunnel vision of a few who so exaggerate its importance that it begins to eclipse Jesus and the Eucharist as the central focus of Catholic life. Still others are turned off by the lopsided theology of those who present the Rosary as a simple cure for all evils while failing to note that action must be combined with prayer in eliminating those evils.

Pope Paul VI warned against exaggerated approaches when he wrote in 1974: "We ... recommend that this very worthy devotion not be propagated in a way that is too one-sided or exclusive. The Rosary is an excellent prayer, but the faithful should be serenely free toward it. Its intrinsic appeal should draw them to calm recitation" (*On Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*, #55).

Although Paul VI felt a need in the same document to point out "certain devotional deviations" in Marian practice, he showed himself - even more emphatically



Hearing God In The Quiet

Sister Anne Michelle Mudd, O.S.U. shared some quiet time with all the students at Saint Paul School in Grayson County blowing bubbles outside. Sister also talked to the

students about how we had to be quiet to hear God talking to us. The blew the bubbles and listened to see if they could hear the bubbles pop. Submitted by Gina Sims

- a champion of our Lady and of the Rosary. He devoted some six or seven of the documents' pages to praising this devotion and explaining its place in the life of the followers of Christ.

Pope John Paul II was also a frequent and staunch advocate of the Rosary. In June of 1987 - by way of a remarkable, live satellite telecast - he celebrated the opening of the Marian year by praying the Rosary with the faithful from around the world. October, the month of the Holy Rosary.

When the same Pope survived an assassin's bullet in 1981, he credited his safety to the protection of Mary and expressed his gratitude by way of the Rosary. The assassination attempt had taken place in St. Peter's Square on May 13 - the anniversary of the first appearance of our Lady to the children at Fatima sixty four years earlier in 1917.

On the day the Pope resumed his public appearances, October 7 (the feast of the Holy Rosary), he pointed out the connection with Fatima, saying he was "indebted to the Blessed Virgin" and adding: "In everything that happened to me on that very day, I felt that extraordinary motherly protection and care, which turned out to be stronger than the deadly bullet.

"Today," he continued, "is the memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The whole month of October is the month of



Character Trait Frame

Mrs. Lauren Coomes and Ms. Vanessa Calvin's 3rd Grade students at the OCS Elementary K-3 Campus have been learning about Character Traits. The students were able to take what they've learned and made their own Character Trait Frame. Each student's "frame" defines their individual character traits. Alexis Gehring shows her character trait frame. OCS Photo

the Rosary. ... I want these first words ... to be words of gratitude, love and deep trust, just as the holy Rosary is and always remains a prayer of gratitude, love and trustful request: the prayer of the Mother of the Church. I ... invite you all to this prayer."

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Article and Pictures

by Joann Pais Bradford

On Sunday afternoon, October 23, the 21st annual Marian Congress was celebrated at The Diocesan Marian Shrine dedicated to “Mary, Mother of the Church and Model for all Christians.” The Shrine, located at the historic parish of Saint Joseph in Bowling Green, and canonically established by Bishop John J. McRaith in 1989 for the Diocese of Owensboro, is a chapel with daily part time exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass on each weekday morning. Pilgrimages by individuals, parishes and various groups are made to the Marian Shrine. The Marian Congress is the oldest of several annual Marian and Eucharistic events sponsored by the Diocesan Marian Shrine Committee. This year’s Congress attracted 110 pilgrims.

Following the traditional format, pilgrims gathered in the large parish center of Saint Joseph’s church to sing marian hymns as twins Kayelee and Dillion Maners of Holy Spirit Parish crowned the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This year, Father Benjamin Luther, founder of the Shrine and Director of Programs, gave a brief presentation on marian devotion and the work of the Diocesan Marian Shrine Committee.

The Most Reverend Bishop William F. Medley, recently ordained 4th Bishop of Owensboro, gave an informative and inspirational talk on Marian devotion as it is carried out in today’s Church. He reviewed the history of Marian tradition,



Abbey Pais, Franklin, and Adrienne Chandler, Bowling Green, with their Aunt Joann Pais-Bradford, Franklin, stand ready to hand out programs during the Marian Congress on Oct. 23, 2011.



Fr. Ben Luther, founder of the Diocesan Marian Shrine and Director of Programs gave a presentation on Marian devotion and the work of the Marian Shrine. Photos submitted by Joann Pais-Bradford



Knights of Columbus led the priests, nuns, and other pilgrims in procession around the block and into historic Saint Joseph Church while all prayed the Rosary.



Weston Keeney, left, Joseph Galipeau, center at rear, and Luke Walther, all of Sacred Heart Parish, Russellville, carried the statue of Mary around the block and into St. Joseph Church.

pre- and post-Vatican II, and pointed out that the teaching of the Church in modern times is based on the doctrine in the final Chapter (VIII) of the Vatican II document The Church, Lumen Gentium (“Light of Nations”). Bishop Medley’s love and respect for the Blessed Mother was evident in his address and the pilgrims gave him a standing ovation!

Pilgrims then took a break for refreshments and to check out the religious items for sale, brought this year by the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus, from “Carmel Home” in Owensboro. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy called the assembly to prayer. Then the rosary was prayed as the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was carried in procession around the block and into St. Joseph’s Church. There, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed by the Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Father Andrew Garner, who gave an inspiring homily. Father “Andy” then slowly, devoutly walked throughout the Church with the Blessed Sacrament to give blessings with the sacramental Jesus to the large crowd – “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by!”

Confessions were heard throughout the day by priests of The Fathers of Mercy, Auburn, KY. Benediction concluded the Congress. Pilgrims visited the Shrine to pray and gain the partial indulgences granted to those who pray in the Shrine for our Bishop and the Diocese of Owensboro.

The 22nd Marian Congress will be in October, 2012 and everyone is welcome. Many graces flow from this beautiful event!

10 Memorial Students Conducting a Community Project

Students from Holy Name Parish attending Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, IN have collected new and used flip-flops and sunglasses for their project Sharing Our Shoes and Sunglasses (S.O.S.S.). The items will be sent to underprivileged children and adults in Haiti, Jamaica, and the Philippines. As members of a Community Problem Solving team, they have connections to missions in those countries.

While researching recycling projects, the team discovered that 300 million people in the world don't have shoes. Meanwhile, the average American has at least 10 pairs of shoes. Believe it or not, these simple items can make a great impact on a person's life. Wearing some sort of shoe, even flip-flops, can provide protection for feet and helps prevent foot-borne diseases, such as gangrene, cellulitis, podoconiosis, and hookworm.

Sunglasses protect the eyes from various problems such as cataracts or pterygium. Residents of less developed countries nearest the equator are the most susceptible to eye damage, yet little money may be available for eye protection.

Teammate Mareea Thomas said, "With the end of summer, many of us have flip flops and sunglasses that we are ready to discard. Meanwhile, area stores are having sales on these items making them much more affordable. It seemed like a reasonable way to keep items out of trash cans while helping our fellow man."

The team has already collected over 400 pairs of flip-flops and 100 pairs of sunglasses. They have teamed with other organizations such as Volunteer Optometric Services, Humanity (VOSH), Wy Center for Community Oriented Medical Education, Samaritan's Feet,

Brescia University Alumni Association Holiday Ham Sale



Brescia University's Alumni Association is now accepting orders for boneless, smoked hams. These 7 to 9 pound hams are \$35 for a whole ham and \$20 for a half ham.

Hams must be ordered by December 12th. The hams will be smoked the morning of

December 17th and can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Alumni Hall (115 West 7th Street).

To place your order for a delicious ham, contact Jason Cox, Director of Alumni Relations, at (270) 686-2111 or jason.cox@brescia.edu.

All proceeds benefit the Brescia University Alumni Association.

Cataboo Baptist Church, and the Leve Project to deliver items to those in need. After collecting flip-flops and sunglasses, the team will fundraise for money to ship the shoes and glasses to the designated countries.

Members of the Memorial CmPS team includes: Evie Beckert, Helen Beckert, Remington Colbert, Marshall Howell, Hannah Kisel, Lindsey Paris, Tara Prasad, Amanda Royer, Mareea Thomas. To donate flip-flops or sunglasses or to assist the CmPS team in their project, please contact the coach Melanie Humbert at tenniscoordinator@insightbb.com.



The students from left to right: Hannah Kisel, Mareea Thomas, Cassidy Tanguay, Evie Beckert, Amanda Royer, Carlo Casino, Helen Beckert, Tara Prasad. Not picture: Lindsey Paris, Marshall Howell, Remington Colbert. Photo submitted by Melanie Humbert

Holy Name School Students – Good Stewards Of The Earth!

By Leigh Ann Hengen

HENDERSON, Ky. - Students at Holy Name School here have recycled some impressive amounts of materials since school started, demonstrating their good stewardship of the Earth.

Every week, the Henderson curbside recycling program picks up at least two 45-gallon garbage cans full of paper to be recycled from classrooms, as well as containers of newspaper, plastic drink containers, and aluminum cans. Also, with the coordination of maintenance supervisor, Eddie Tigue, large quantities of cardboard are also collected, and a large trailer is emptied every six to eight weeks.

Inside the school, students collect hard plastic tops from drink containers. This program was started two years ago by a group of middle school students and an Evansville company, Green Tree Plastics. In the first three months of this school year, Holy Name students collected 2,700 pounds. A one-gallon ziploc bag full of caps equals about one pound of plastic tops. Girl Scout Troop #293 joined in this project by sorting the caps to ensure that the shipment is metal-free. HNS Girl Scout Leader, Beth Probus, is working hard to keep this recycling program running and reduce the amount of material sent to the landfill.

Another part of the Holy Name's recycling program is the collection of empty drink pouches and chip bags. With the assistance of



From top center to the right are: Mary Jane Mayo, Olivia Church, Ashlyn Farina, Georgia Farina, Kaylee Alvey, Abby Haley, and Brianna Payne. Submitted by Julie Eadens

the cafeteria staff and Beth Probus, Holy Name kept 21 pounds of this type of trash out of the landfills and turned the material into a donation to the school in less than three months. Many other items such as discarded markers and sharpies are recycled and upcycled through the assistance of Yvonne Drury, a Kindergarten aide and HNS alumni coordinator.

These results prove that the HNS faculty, staff, families, and students are serious about being good stewards of our environment and leaving this legacy for future students of Holy Name School.

Safe Environment: Becoming Active Bystanders

By Molly Thompson

The belittling comment, the ogling eyes, the lingering touch. We see the targeted individual flinch, notice his/her lowered eyes, watch uncomfortably but do nothing and say nothing—the passive bystander.

Safe Environment training for adults reminds us about our responsibility to report suspected abuse; however, specific sexually abusive events rarely occur where others can view or hear them. Besides, the above behaviors constitute something different. They are perhaps some of hundreds of smaller behaviors, victim-blaming remarks, or belittling or sexual comments that could lead up to what we think of as a sexually abusive act. By limiting our involvement only

to crisis events, we miss the opportunity to speak up or do something before someone is seriously harmed.

So why do we not intervene? Maybe we feel others might discount our involvement because of our own flaws and imperfections. Maybe we decide the situation is not our job or responsibility and convince ourselves to stay out of other people's business, like the Pharisee or Levite in the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan. Maybe we fear making a situation worse or less safe, or we just do not know what we should do or say.

“Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention” (© 2008, 2009), an article by Joan Tabachnick, published by the National Sexual Violence Resource

Center (NSVRC) (http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/Publications_NS-VRC_Booklets_Engaging-Bystanders-in-Sexual-Violence-Prevention.pdf), studies ways we can become more active witnesses and engaged bystanders.

The article notes that as we observe behavior, we evaluate it along a continuum of behaviors, ranging from those that are healthy, age-appropriate, mutually respectful, and safe, all the way to those that are sexually abusive and/or violent. Our diocese's adult Codes of Conduct, found within the diocesan Safe Environment pages (www.rcdok.safe) help us to determine where behavior falls along that spectrum.

The article lists the following Five Steps toward Taking Action:

1. **Notice** the event. Is it healthy? Is it age-appropriate? Did you hear or see something that concerns you?
2. **Consider** whether the situation demands your action. Does it negatively

affect you or someone else?

3. **Decide** if you have a responsibility to act. What risks are there if you take action? Are there others in a better position to act?

4. **Choose** what form of assistance to use. What can you do? What can you encourage in others? Can you work as a team to address specific concerns?

5. **Understand how** to implement the choice safely. Do you know how to implement your choice? Can a supervising adult or parish staff person assist you in this? Do you have the resources and support you need?

The good news is that we can all be potentially active bystanders and learn strategies for speaking up against the social norms that contribute to abuse. By confronting the small problems, we can perhaps eliminate harder ones.

Group Of Inquirers, Seeking Jesus, Become Passionist Oblates

Submitted By Carol Hulsey

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - An air of excitement hovered over the conference room at the Passionist Monastery in Whitesville, Kentucky on the evening of Tuesday, October 4th. Passionist Oblates, with food and soft drinks in hand, arrived smiling and happy. The volume increased as the room filled up. So, what was going on? Why was everyone so excited?

For some six years, the ranks of the Passionist Oblates were temporarily closed. For the uninitiated, we Oblates are an association of men and women from every walk of life—married, single and the ordained—who desire affiliation with the Passionist Nuns of Whitesville, Ky. Sharing the Passionist charism of love for our Crucified Lord and committing ourselves to keep alive the memory of his death and resurrection, we pray that it may bear abundant fruit in our lives and in the lives of others.

Formation began in the late 1990's with the first group of Oblates making their commitment in 2001. By 2005, a second group made their commitment. But since that time, the names of those who have expressed an interest in the becoming Oblates were safely kept. Interested parties were promised a letter would inform them when, once again, the Passionist Oblates were admitting new members.

Now the time is right, and the letters have been sent out. And October 4 was the night that the Inquirers were at last summoned.

But what have these Inquirers come to see? What do they hope to find, or perhaps gain? The answer is simple. Jesus, who else? The Oblates sit at the feet of St. Paul of the Cross founder of the Passionist Congregation and his legacy, our own Passionist Nuns. Just like all the Oblates, our Inquirers come seeking a deeper relationship with our Crucified and Risen Lord, a greater devotion to his passion, a purer love, and a more profound union. Yes, it is with great joy that we welcome those who wish to be-



First row l to r: Dottie Pogue, Marilyn Beyke, Stephanie Render, Anne Hagan, Monica Rhodes; Second row: Dwayne Roby, Margaret Boehmann, Kerry Ledington, Sue O'Bryan, Kim Burris, Cathy Roby, Janie Gayhart, Mark Gayhart, Donna Gilmore, Ann Flaherty. Submitted by Carol Hulsey

come part of the Passionist Family. Admission to the Oblates is again closed, but to those willing to wait, in another six or seven years, will likely open once more.

12 School Communities Sponsor Drug Prevention Awareness Programs in ...

OWENSBORO ...

In the picture at right, Owensboro Catholic High School SCRUBS members for 2011-2012 show their support of Red Ribbon Week by displaying the banner which contains their theme for the week: "Be a Super hero: Have the Power to Say No To Drugs." Red Ribbon Week is celebrated nationally every year to bring awareness of how drugs and alcohol can negatively affect young people.

Students worked during fall break making banners, posters, writing daily announcements that were made 3 times a day by the students. They organized Dress Days each day to bring about awareness of dangers of drugs and alcohol. This process takes about 4 weeks to plan and execute. There was also door decorating competition between classes that went along with the theme to encourage more students to become involved in SCRUBS (Students Creating Respect Using Better Solutions). Photo submitted by Bev Howard, SCRUBS sponsor.

WHITESVILLE ...

On October 25, 2011, the Boys & Girls Club of Owensboro teamed up with Whitesville St. Mary's Elementary, Trinity High School, and RiverValley Behavioral Health Regional Prevention Center's Terry Stinson to offer a drug use awareness and drug abuse prevention program in the Whitesville Senior Center for about 60 area citizens. Stinson provided the facts about the 2010 KIP Survey of 6,8,10 and 12 grade students experiences with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. St Mary principal Sr Suzanne asked the people to help organize an area task force to do fact finding leading to possible intervention of drug use by underage people. "This issue just doesn't go away," Sr. Suzanne said, noting past community efforts at drug prevention. "I think all of you here are here for young people," she said.

In the photo below Terry Stinson of Regional Prevention Center, Owensboro, explained the KIP Survey's comparison data for Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster Counties. At right, Sr. Suzanne Sims, O.S.U. Addressed the community forum. Mel Howard Photos



St. Alphonsus World Youth Day Pilgrims Make Spiritual Journey in Faith

Submitted by Robert Knott

SAINT ALPHONSUS PARISH - I would like take a little time to tell you about our two week pilgrimage experience of WYD 2011. The St. Alphonsus youth group of nine gathered for mass early in the morning of August 9th with Fr. Richard Powers. He got us prepared for our spiritual journey, and gave us guidance for he was the one that made this pilgrimage possible for us. I had my doubts, but he kept saying Have Faith, God will provide. And so he did, thanks to Fr Richard and Barbara Thomas, our youth leader, we were on our way to a trip most people would dream of. We soon met up with our friends from Bethalto Illinois of Our Lady Queen of Peace in St. Louis and we became a group of thirty-two on our way to WYD.

Our first adventure was at Fatima in Portugal. This is where Mary appeared to three Shepherd children in 1917. Her message was that Our Lord is offended from our sins of humanity and for us to pray the rosary daily for world peace. Fatima is the largest shrine as far as area in the world. I was first struck by how holy this place is. There is such deep devotion to Mary there. We attended Mass in Portuguese and later said the rosary in ten different languages, half decade in English, half in Spanish, half in French, and so on. We all had lit candles while we were saying the rosary, and so afterwards we started a possession around the shrine with Mary leading the way. There were approximately 5000 people there that night. During the possession the priest from Portugal would read the petitions that we and people from all over the world brought to Mary to offer up, and pray for. He read these in Portuguese while we would sing the refrain of Ave Maria in response. The possession lasted for an hour and they do this every single night. There is so much violence and shame in this world and that is all you hear on the news. But this is what it is all about, people coming together from all walks of life to pray, and worship and honor Jesus and Mary. There was also a mile walk that you could do on your knees, from upon top of a hill down to the shrine of Fatima; this is the same path the shepherd children took when Mary appeared to them. When we first arrived there we noticed this lady on her knees with this newborn baby in her arms going in circles around the Lady of Fatima, she was in deep concentration while praying the rosary never once look-

ing around at her surroundings. I knew in my heart there must have been something very wrong with that baby. She was praying to Mary for a miracle. Some of us had the privilege to do this knee walk, it was very hard, sometimes even crawling on your hands and knees, but giving up was not an option, you had to really concentrate while praying the rosary and that is what got us through to the end. A couple days later I met two young ladies from New York and I noticed they had scars from their knees. They said they too, had been to Fatima, but they did the knee walk at 3PM in the hottest part of the day. The hot slate blistered their knees, but we did our walk in the early morning. But both girls agreed with a smile on their faces it was worth every second. I have to agree with them, it was worth every second, it was a blessed experience.

On the second phase of our trip was Days of the Diocese in Caesarea Spain, where we stayed with our host families. Spain is so rich in history and has such beautiful architecture, such as the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe it is one of the most awesome church's I've ever seen. This was one of the best experiences of the trip. These people opened up their homes to complete strangers, but not strangers in our faith. That was our common bond. It was a struggle to communicate with each other but we persevered with the help of ipods, dictionaries, and sign language by the end of the week. We all take basic communication for granted. When you take that away you feel so helpless and disconnected. They had very different customs and traditions, but they had the fire in their hearts for Jesus just like we do. The Spaniards are very simple people and friendly. They like a lot of breads, cheese's and wine and even ice is a luxury. I even had some orange cucumber soup; it wasn't as bad as it sounds. These people went out of their way to make you feel at home. The lady I stayed with even ironed my underwear. Who does that in America!

The third and final phase of our trip was World Youth Day activities in Madrid Spain. Our accommodations were in a hotel, some people stayed in an Air Force base, schools, basements of Churches, and even tents outside on the ground, lots of people made big sacrifices to come here. This was a pilgrimage, not a vacation. We walked over 135 miles on our journey. We went to Mass every day with people from



The 2011 Saint Alphonsus Youth Group with Father Richard Powers posed outside church on their way to World Youth Day. Bottom row, from left, Barbara Thomas, Kayle Murphy; middle row: Patrick McCarthy, Coy Murphy, Tiffony Murphy, Fr. Richard Powers, Hannah Riney, Robert Knott; back row: Brady Degrauf and Mike Murphy. Submitted photo

all the English speaking countries. There would be 300 priests, 50 bishops and upwards of 12000 pilgrims to celebrate Mass with. The Knights of Columbus and the Sisters of Life sponsored several programs and the mass for us each day.

One afternoon we all gathered downtown to greet Pope Benedict XVI on his arrival to Spain. We got there at 2PM, but the Pope was not to arrive at 8 PM. We stayed there packed on a crowded street for 6 hours waiting in the hot sun, occasionally being sprayed down by fire trucks to keep everyone cool. You would think waiting that long would be tiresome and boring. But honestly the time was passed by talking, singing, and dancing with people from all over the world. It was exhilarating to be around so many people that shared your same beliefs. One thing that we gained was Patience. This was a grace that we earned. When the Pope finally arrived

we were within ten feet, we got a quick glimpse and a picture. Later that night we were involved in a healing process which included music, adoration and mediation. We all got to take time to reflect on our lives and how we have become closer to Christ, tears flowed freely as the night went on.

On the day of our trek to the Papal mass, we had a 13 mile walk. It was very exciting to see people come from all over the city to one central point which was an airport field. It was hot, dry, and uphill as we were carrying our backpacks, we met nuns, priests, people on wheelchairs, and canes on this journey. This walk had a special meaning for me, because my son Isaac Knott and my two nephews Landon and Blake Knott were participating on their own pilgrimage at the Gasper River Camp. We were over 5,000 miles apart, but we had the same purpose, to celebrate

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mass with the Pope and be a witness for Christ.

It was truly amazing; as far as you could see was people when we got closer to our destination at the airport, which filled quickly. We soon unpacked on a landing strip far from the main stage. Soon a storm was brewing and we all began to get a little nervous since there was no place to get shelter. As this was going on I began to wonder how the homeless cope with this on a daily basis. Another basic human need, shelter, we all take this for granted, we are so blessed each day. The rains came with the wind and we all took it great with no complains. It was just another one of God's many blessing on us to cool us down on a hot day.

There were approximately 2 million people in one place to see the head of the Catholic Church, Pope Benedict XVI. I thought how excited he must be, knowing that all these people came to see him and participate in mass with him. Again here we are with a lot of time on our hands, and how are we going to spend it. What an opportunity we had, we had the whole world in our sites. Talking to people which surprisingly many spoke English, and trading trinkets from their country. It was neat to see their face light up when you would give them an American flag with a cross in the background. My only regret is that I didn't take more time to talk to more people, and to least have a world flag pamphlet so I would know where people were from. I had people camping out beside me from Italy, Kenya, Canada, Australia, China, and the list goes on and on. There were people singing, dancing in the streets all night with the tune of bongo drums. As the night wore on, some decided to try to sleep in their crowded space which was just enough to lie down on. Later in the morning I decided to call my Parents around 2AM which was 7PM back home. I knew they would be watching this event. My mother Terry Knott asked me if I was scared from the storm that passed through, it had damaged the stage and it blew off the Pope's hat. She also told me about all the adoration tents with the Eucharist that were set up and they had confession available in any language from priests from various countries. It was amazing to me, I was in the middle of all this and I had to call back to Kentucky to find out all these details.



The Saint Alphonsus Youth Group WYD pilgrims with some of their host families and WYD pilgrim friends from Illinois, New York, and Iowa. Submitted Photo

After the call I went to the tent around 3 AM, and the place was packed with people kneeling spending time with the Lord. I joined in and was able to go to confession also. I was the only one from my group to experience this, because it was shut down shortly after because of the damage to the tents from the storm. This was a special grace I received and cherished from God through my Parents

The morning quickly approached with Mass preparations. We soon learned that because of the storm, the tents that contained the Eucharist were damaged from the storm, and so out of respect the Eucharist was removed, therefore there was not going to be communion for the general public. This was very disheartening, we were not going to receive Jesus, but that's ok he is already in our hearts anyway. As the Mass started we scrambled to find our radio and tune in to the English station, but to no avail we could not get a signal. None of us could understand what was being said, but that is what is so great about the Catholic Church you can go anywhere in the world for mass, and it is the same, you can still follow what is going on. That is what is so amazing, we belong to one universal Church, it may be in different languages but it has all the same meaning.

There were many triumphs in our journey, so with the many challenges we faced, such as crowded subways, long waits, the heat, comforts of home. But we overcame

and received the many graces that Jesus bestowed on us and graciously accepted. Some of the things I came to appreciate were. Patience, to stop and take the time to enjoy the world God created. Love, to love thy neighbor, no matter who they are, we are all children of God. Faith, which is very strong in this world, we seen that first hand. The Catholic Church is very much alive. As Pope John Paul said, [You the people are the Church.] And finally Hope, to continue to pray for the good of this world, to never give up. As Archbishop Dolan of New York told us, in one of his talks. This father dropped off his young son to school in Armenia one day and left and told his son I will be back to get you, I promise. Later that day an earthquake hit and ravaged the village and school. The panicked father frantically searched for his son on his hands and knees. As hours turned to days he never gave up or became

discouraged. Finally at the 30th hour he found his son and 14 of his friends. The first thing the son said was, See I told you my father would come for me, he promised. This gives me hope as long as we don't give up on the father, he will always be there to save us.

This WYD pilgrimage opened my eyes on how vast this world is, where so many youth came from places that I have never even heard of. Pope John Paul said [The youth are the future of the world]. The WYD theme was {Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, Rooted deep in the Faith}. I was planted and built up with Jesus Christ from my family, teachers, and the Church, but I became rooted deeper in my Faith from this pilgrimage by my experiences. WYD stands for World Youth Day, but I hope we can be a Witness to Yahweh Daily from this day forward. I would like to thank everyone for their support both

financially and with prayers to make this WYD trip possible for us. For our appreciation we had medallions of St. Alphonsus Ligouri of St. Joseph Ky, and St. Elizabeth of Hungary of Curdsville Ky blessed by the Pope at the



"We waited for six hours to see the Pope, and when he arrived, he didn't look our way!"

Submitted Photo

Quilts Donated To St. Joseph Peace Mission

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Several students of the Eighth Grade Confirmation class of Immaculate Parish spent part of their Fall Break participating in a project to help others. These young people made eight fleece quilts which were donated to St. Joseph Peace Mission. These students cut and tied fleece quilts which were given to the residents at the Mission. June Bell, Executive Director of St. Joseph Peace Mission expressed her deep appreciation to these students and said the children would be very thankful to receive these.



June Bell of St. Joseph Peace Mission receives 8 fleece blankets for the clients of the mission from Diane Willis, Director of Faith Formation made by several students of the Eighth Grade Confirmation class of Immaculate Parish.



Pictured are some of the Confirmation students of Immaculate with the quilts they tied. (Back) Maci Heavrin, Annie Pfeifer, Katelynn Arnold, Hannah Hutchinson, Elizabeth Warren, David Gipson, Natalie Jones (Kneeling) Lauren St. Clair, Lydia Mills, Mikala Riney

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PROCEEDS GO TO TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Retreat Day Speakers Guide Holy Name Students in Catholic Traditions for Living a Spiritual Life

Holy Name School 7th graders celebrate an outdoor Mass with Fr. Anthony Shonis on their retreat day at St. Margaret Chapel near Henderson on October 7. Students were divided into groups who rotated to several teachers. Mrs. Brown led a session on meditative prayer and the liturgy of the hours. Mrs. McArdle did an art project for the feast day of our Lady of the Rosary. Mrs. Farina took them through the Stations of the Cross in the woods around the chapel and prayed the stations from Our Mother Mary's point of view. Mrs. McFarland's session was on choices; Mr. Hardesty did a game about teamwork, and Mrs. Barkley's session was about trust. Submitted by Phyllis Brown



16 The Chapel That God Built

After much spiritual consultation with advisers in May 2009, Martha Kauffeld and Sue O'Bryan visited Catholic Schools around Owensboro asking their help in funding the construction of a chapel in a little town in Pakistan. The idea to build a chapel to be dedicated to the Divine Mercy captivated the young Catholics in Owensboro just as it had the imaginations of the two Saint Mary Magdalene parishioners and Fr. Powell who has a great love for spreading devotion to the Divine Mercy.

The two moms, as they refer to themselves, wrote letters, visited local priests, particularly Fr. Darrell Venters, the diocese's Vicar of Clergy, in Sept. and Oct., 2009 entreating them to support their fund raising project for a Divine Mercy Chapel in Pakistan. The Owensboro Catholic School students responded to their appeal, donating \$2,000 of the estimated \$10,000 cost of construction. Owensboro Catholic High gave \$1,000; Owensboro Catholic Middle School gave \$900; Owensboro Catholic Elementary gave \$100. Mrs. Kauffeld noted, "The sacrificial donations of our Catholic students in the Diocese of Owensboro became the mortar & bricks for God little House! Knowing they were helping to build God's House was an incentive for our Catholic youth to sacrifice a little more by giving up a soda or the like for this holy cause."

Martha Kauffeld passed along a little note she received from Fr. Patras:

"The following note is from Fr. Patras

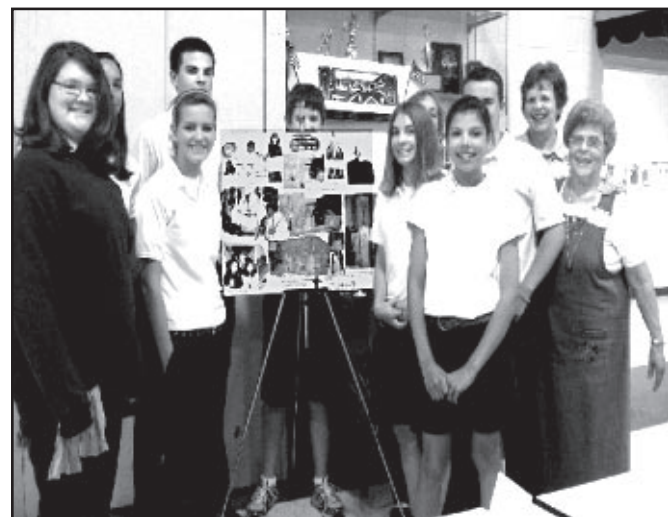


Above, Bishop Sebastian F. Shaw, OFM with Fr. Patras Samuel, at left, viewing a Divine Mercy image within the chapel. Below, Photo from Fr. Patras Samuel submitted by Martha Kauffeld.

Samuel of Pakistan informing us he had sent pictures of his Bishop dedicating the Divine Mercy Catholic Chapel in the village of EMINABAD, Pakistan. This Chapel most surely was God's way of honoring our own Fr. Pike Powell who had served his Diocese of Owensboro so well some 60 years, a priest son who has a great love for God's poorest of the poor.

"My name and my Bishop's name (Bishop Sebastian F. Shaw, OFM, Pakistan Catholic Bishops Conference Liaison, Auxiliary Bishop of Lahore, Archdiocese of Lahore) are written in the stones of the Chapel of Divine Mercy in our local language. Many cities come under this diocese. It is a ways from Lahore City but comes under Lahore Diocese. It was the first time a Bishop had ever been to

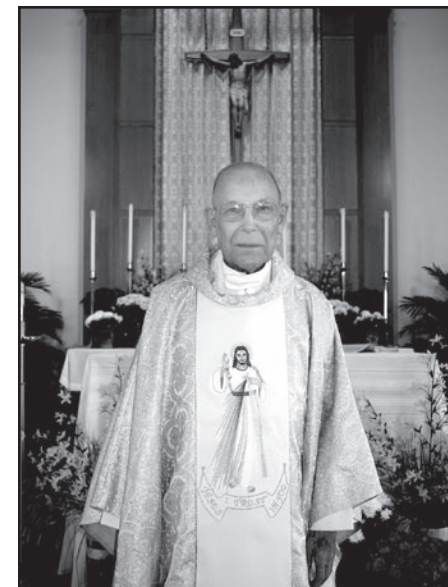
this village. I told Bishop Shaw about you moms (Martha Kauffeld and Sue O'Bryan, members of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Sorgho, Ky.) and what you and Fr. Powell have done that day. We prayed especially for you moms, and for our benefactors in the Diocese of Owensboro and especially for Fr. Powell; the date written on the cornerstone is July 22nd, 2011, the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene. I have sent a picture of stone with Father Powell that too is



At the end of the school year in May, 2009, students of Owensboro Catholic Middle School made a \$900 donation to Martha Kauffeld & Sue O'Bryan, at far right, toward the Chapel of Divine Mercy that is now under construction in the Chapel in the village of EMINABAD, Pakistan.



The cornerstone of the Chapel of Divine Mercy in Gujranwala, Pakistan states that the chapel "is built in honour of the Rev. Paul Pike Powell (USA)". Photo from Fr. Patras Samuel



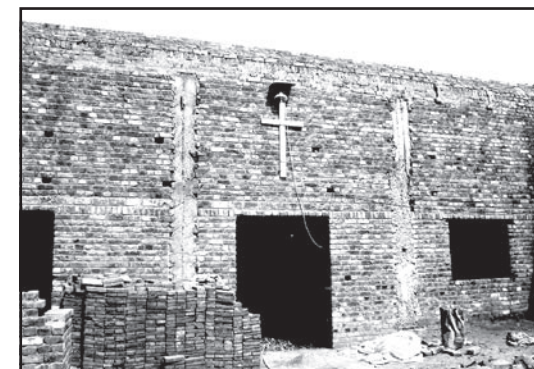
Father Paul Pike Powell wearing a chasuble with a Divine Mercy image on its front. Martha Kauffeld photo



The people inside the Divine Mercy Chapel on its dedication day, July 22, 2011. Photo from Fr. Patras Samuel

written in our own language."
- Fr. Patras

Martha Kauffeld commented, "The Lord had most surely arranged the dedication of this little Chapel of Divine Mercy on a feast where two of His daughters are members! Amazing!"



A frontal view of the Divine Mercy Chapel nearing completion in 2011. Submitted by Martha Kauffeld

Lolek Productions Premieres Highly Inspirational Video, “Given” 17

**Father Joshua McCarty,
behind the camera; priest and
filmmaker in action**

By Larena Lawson,
Serra Club Communications

How often do you come across a priest who starts his own film production company? How often do you get invited to attend the world premiere of a video in a Catholic Church parish hall? How often do you see really inspirational footage about the Eucharist? Granted, Given, is not a full length feature film, but nonetheless, young Father Josh McCarty is working hard to produce good Catholic visual media that will reach out to people in a positive and creative way.

On Friday evening, October 14th, at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the world premiere of the video, Given, was seen across the big screen. The newly installed big screen towered at the center of the beautifully decorated hall that was transformed into a red carpet theater for the evening’s exciting event. Before the show, drinks and tasty hors d’oeuvres were served as the guests mingled and socialized. Father Josh welcomed everyone and blessed the food. His enthusiasm was contagious as he happily talked to everyone who had come for the unveiling of his much anticipated work.

Seated for the show, the audience was introduced to the video beginning with an explanation of the name of the production company, Lolek. Father Josh stated that Lolek was a boyhood name of Blessed Pope John Paul II. The company’s logo also includes a sketch of Karol Wojtyla as a youngster. Blessed Pope JP II has been a great inspiration to Father Josh in his priesthood, as well as, one who strongly encouraged evangelization.

Father Josh has taken on the challenge. He has enlisted help along the way, recruiting Melissa Hardin to be the Creative Director of Lolek Productions. They work together to produce and edit their works. There is a lot of detail in filmmaking and it can be very challenging and time consuming to get it just right. Lolek Productions looks forward to producing other projects, beginning with a series of videos based on Blessed Pope JP II’s Theology of the Body. Work on the icon project has already begun.

Father Josh has been interested in video production since sixth grade and has had a deep desire to show the beauty of the Faith through this medium. Lolek Productions, then, is dedicated to striving toward a new perspective on ancient realities. “Like the many beautiful layers of Sacred Liturgy, every layer on the screen must mean something,” Father Josh suggests. “The content must inform the style and the style must inform the content. The Catholic Church is rich in artistic expression and creativity.” Thus, the goal of Father Josh and Lolek Productions is to creatively bring the Catholic faith to the people so that they might see and love its richness too.

After the premiere, Father Josh said that he was convinced that it was the first of many premieres. As he began work on the



Lolek Productions Creative Director, Melissa Hardin, displays a piece of the production company’s camera equipment. Father Josh ingeniously made this movable camera support, putting his woodworking talents to use as well.



Father Josh excitedly shows off his video camera to some young people who came to watch the premiere of his Eucharistic video “Given.” He explained to them some of the workings of the camera.

up and coming icon project, he was reminded that there is much work to do to fulfill their vision. “That is a good thing. There won’t always be a red carpet, but there will always be the presence of our Lord and Savior. The amount of work and the places in which we do that work are never as important as keeping our mission in check...to

spread the beautiful Word of God in artful, creative and inspiring ways,” he shared.

Note: If you would like to learn more about Lolek Productions or if you would like to support them in any way, financially, prayerfully, etc. go to <http://lolekproductions.com> to find out how.

In Your Charity, Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sister Jamesetta Knott, O.S.U.



**Sister Jamesetta Knott,
O.S.U.**

MAPLE MOUNT — Sister Jamesetta Knott, 86, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Oct. 22, 2011, at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 63rd year of religious life. She was a native of Wilhelmina, Mo.

Sister Jamesetta was known for her compassion, prayerfulness and a listening heart. Sister Jamesetta taught at Saint Romuald School, Hardinsburg (1950-55), Saint Denis School, Fancy Farm (1955-57), Saint Joseph School, Mayfield (1957-59), Blessed Mother School, Owensboro (1964-67), and Saint Thomas More School, Paducah, (1970-71). She also taught in other schools in Kentucky and Missouri. Sister Jamesetta served as parish minister in Saint William of Vercille, Marion (1987-89), Saint Francis Borgia, Sturgis (1987-88), Saint Ambrose, Henshaw (1987-88), and Saint Mark, Eddyville (1988-89).

Survivors include four sisters: Mary Smith of Boone, N.C., Mabel Macke of Saint Paul, Mo., Margaret Brown of Arnold, Mo., and Sister Mary Mercedes Knott of Maple Mount; two brothers: Charles Knott of Arnold, Mo., and James Knott of Imperial, Mo., nieces and nephews and the members of her religious community.

The funeral Mass was Oct. 25 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery. Glenn Funeral Home, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts for Sister Jamesetta Knott may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

18 Sisters Of Service Are Learning To Be The Hands Of Jesus

PADUCAH,Ky. - The Sisters of Service have been super busy this fall. The SOS have been helping out all over the Paducah Area with all kinds of projects!!

In September, the Carson Center organized a puppet making class with professional puppeteers at Superior Care Nursing Home. SOS and the residents learned how to make unique and whimsical characters. The Sisters of Service and their new friends made puppies, kitties, men, and some characters that have yet to be described. The residents kept the puppets as a memento of a special day making new friends.

October brought the Western KY Down's Syndrome Association Buddy Walk. This is the second year that Sisters of Service have had the opportunity to help out and make new friends at the Buddy Walk. The Buddy Walk promotes awareness for children and adults with Down's syndrome and was a big party on a lovely afternoon. The SOS provided supervision for the inflatables, as well as sold t-shirts and food for the event. The SOS taught all their new friends some new dances such as the Macarena, Cotton Eye Joe, and Cupid Shuffle. There was smiling faces and new friends made all afternoon



The SOS benefactor's thank you card designed by Caitlin Hodges, held here by SOS Abby Crouch during the festivities.



Sister of Service Ashley Mast and her friend at the Puppet Makers

Several Sisters spent an afternoon after school making prayer cards and sorting toys at Hope Unlimited. The girls were each given a name of a client to pray for over the next month and asked to pray for their prayer partner each day. They were encouraged to pray specific things for their prayer partner, such as child care, proper housing, parenting skills, health care needs, and a healthy child.

As an auxiliary of the Daughters of Isabella, the SOS have been helping the DofI with the October Fish Fry Bake Sale at Knights of Columbus Council 1055 and will be serving for the annual DofI Spaghetti Dinner. The SOS can be found anywhere that DofI is, helping out any way that they can.

The SOS helps out in their parishes and other Catholic organizations. They helped at booths during the St. John's Biggest Little Picnic in West KY in September. They cleaned the grounds, painted poles, and installed flower pots and benches at Knight of Columbus Council 1055. They helped prepare for the St. Mary Auction at St. Mary High School. Their mission is to support local Catholic organizations.

A generous benefactor donated t-shirts to the SOS, which can be worn as they go about doing their work. Sisters of Service member, Caitlin Hodges, designed a beautiful card, with the Sisters of Service symbol, to thank the benefactor. The SOS symbol has been influenced by the DofI, as can be seen in the cross and the crown. The SOS colors are light blue and silver with lilies on the crown to represent their selected saint, Maria Goretti.

All of the Sisters in the SOS are encouraged to be active in their parish youth ministries. They are learning about the social issues that are in their community and finding ways to make a difference. They are learning to be the hands of Jesus!

The Sisters of Service is open to all girls ages 10-18 years of age. There are no fees to participate. Contact Sheri Babbs at sbabbs@comcast.net if you know of a girl who is interested in joining the fun. You can also see what the SOS is up to on Facebook by "liking" Sisters of Service.



Sisters of Service at the West KY Buddy Walk-Front row-Abbot Crouch, Ashleigh Mast, Leah Poat, Hannah Speis, Amanda Steiner, Emily Hodges, Karina Romero, Emily Osterhaus; Back Row-Katie Clark, Katy Crouch, Faith Barber, Olivia Petter, Grace Babbs, Kayla Speis, Olivia Romero. Photos by Sherry Babbs

By Charlotte Morris

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - On March thirtieth, at 6.00 p.m., thirty-three Confirmation candidates lined up in front of the doors of St. Mary of the Woods church here, and prepared to receive the holy sacrament of Confirmation. We had come a long way since October twenty-second, and it was almost time.

I was one of those Confirmation candidates. I had been thinking about my Confirmation saint since the end of seventh grade, and I started considering people to be my Confirmation sponsor shortly after that.

Many people are under the belief that Confirmation is a sacrament of "growing up" or "adult-hood". That is NOT what Confirmation is. Confirmation is the sacrament that enables spiritual growth leading to perfect strength. You can read more about the sacrament of Confirmation in the book 'Called to Knighthood: The Sacrament of Confirmation in the Kingdom Family of God' by Thomas K. Sullivan.

It came time for our Confirmation kick-off on October the twenty-second. That night, we all met at St. John the Baptist's in Fordsville. I had chosen my sponsor by this time, but not my saint. I was not the only one, however. The kick-off was directed by Sr. Karla Kaelin, OSU, along with Fr. Dave Johnson (pastor of St. Mary of the Woods), Mrs. Mary Haycraft (religion teacher at St. Mary Elementary), and the two PREP teachers, Mrs. Linda Payne, and Mrs. Cindy Haight. We ate pizza, introduced ourselves through some ice breakers, and listened to what some of the high schoolers had to say about receiving their Confirmation. Sr. Karla read from the Bible about Pentecost, and then we went to the Church and finished with prayer. That night we also each received the name of another candidate for whom to pray.

Our next meeting was on November fourth. This was a meeting for the candidates and their parents. We talked about what we would be doing to prepare, and the parents said a prayer together for their children. Sr. Karla went over the requirements for sponsors, pointing out that parents could not be their child's sponsor. She told us that we were supposed to write letters to the Bishop, and gave us the outline for how to write them.



The Church's tradition of involving a sponsor in the preparation of candidates for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation is one of our most ancient approaches to faith formation. Charlotte and her sponsor, Mrs. Kathy Stiff. Photo by Cecilia Morris

She also told us that our next meeting would be January fifteenth, in the parish hall of St. Pius the tenth in Owensboro. This was our NET (National Evangelization Team) retreat. I can well remember that it was cold that day, but it was rather warm in the building. There were many other candidates, because it was our group and another Confirmation group. The NET team talked about Confirmation strengthening us so we would be able to face bigger challenges as we grew older. We were then divided into groups and each NET team member took a group with them so we could talk about how important Confirmation is and what our feelings about it were. Then NET retreat was really great!

After that, we had a small break in between meetings and retreats, but the NET retreat had really got me thinking. Confirmation would be a really big step in my life, and I needed to concentrate on it a lot. In that time between, I chose my Confirmation saint as St. Francis of Assisi. Part of my reasoning was because he loved animals so much, but mostly because he was a great believer in peace, and I have always liked him. I began working on my letter to the Bishop soon after I chose my saint.

In March, we had a retreat to Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green. It was on Saturday, the nineteenth, and the bus left the parking lot at about 7:00 A.M. I



The St Mary of the Woods parish's 2011 confirmation candidates are, front row: Mrs. Linda Payne, Libby Roby, Abby Roby, Lacy Johnson, Chelsey Boarman, Most Reverend Bishop William F. Medley, Lindsey Howe, Katelyn Fisher, Alex McDaniel, Evan Burch, Robbylyn Sanchez, Mrs. Cindy Haight.; second row: Mrs. Mary Haycraft, Lexi Kaelin, Kierra Haight, Kelsey Boarman, Hannah Armes, Matthew Johnson, Jessica

Henson, Alex Hamilton, Jennifer Haynes, Jennifer Rudd; third row: Shelby Ballard, Noah Pike, Charlotte Morris, Hannah Bland, Shawna Aud, Taylor Johnson, Morgan Montgomery, Logan Goetz, Aaron Reynolds; fourth row (back row) : Tristan Haight, Corey Johnson, Devon Howard, Fr. Dave Johnson (pastor), Zach Howard, Dakota Edge, Blake Ward. Photo by Kathy Ford, printed with permission.

think most people were relieved when we finally reached our destination, but whether they were or not, I was!! Joe Bland and Ben Warrell (director of Gasper River) were our leaders throughout the day. They separated us into little groups and each group was directed by a Trinity High School student. We started out with ice breakers (even though most of us knew each other!), and then moved on to different team-effort games. With each game, our leaders would associate it with something about Confirmation. By the time lunch came we were all hungry and thirsty! We ate hamburgers and hotdogs, then went on with our activities. It was, unfortunately, soon time to go, though I wished the day wouldn't end. We had begun with a prayer, and so we finished with a Liturgy of the Word. Confirmation was drawing near.

On the twenty-sixth, we had Confirmation practice with our sponsors. My sponsor was Mrs. Kathy Stiff. I told her that I



Charlotte and her grandparents, John W. ("Stub"), and Mary Pauline ("Hootie") Morris. Photo by Cecilia Morris

was getting nervous, and she said that the Holy Spirit would help me. I hoped the Holy Spirit would! I still prayed for my Confirmation candidate every morning and every night; hoping that my prayers would help them not be extremely nervous. Sr. Karla had already mailed all

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our letters to the bishop, and it would be only four more days until Confirmation. We went over how we were supposed to come down the center aisle, where we would sit, and how to respond to the Most Reverend Bishop William Medley when he sealed us with the Holy Spirit.

Now it was time. Our teachers had tried to prepare us, and our sponsors were at our sides to help us all the way. The choir had begun to sing the entrance song, and we were slowly starting to walk into the church. Butterflies were filling

my stomach as I came down the center aisle and bowed in front of the altar. Mrs. Kathy was right behind me, which helped me a lot. However, I couldn't seem to find my family in the packed church (I later learned that they had to sit behind the choir beside the wall), so I tried to look for familiar faces to calm my nerves. Bishop Medley and Fr. Dave stood by the altar and the Mass began. After the Gospel, Sr. Karla presented all of the Confirmation candidates to the Bishop, except for Joey and Ayriel Payne, who

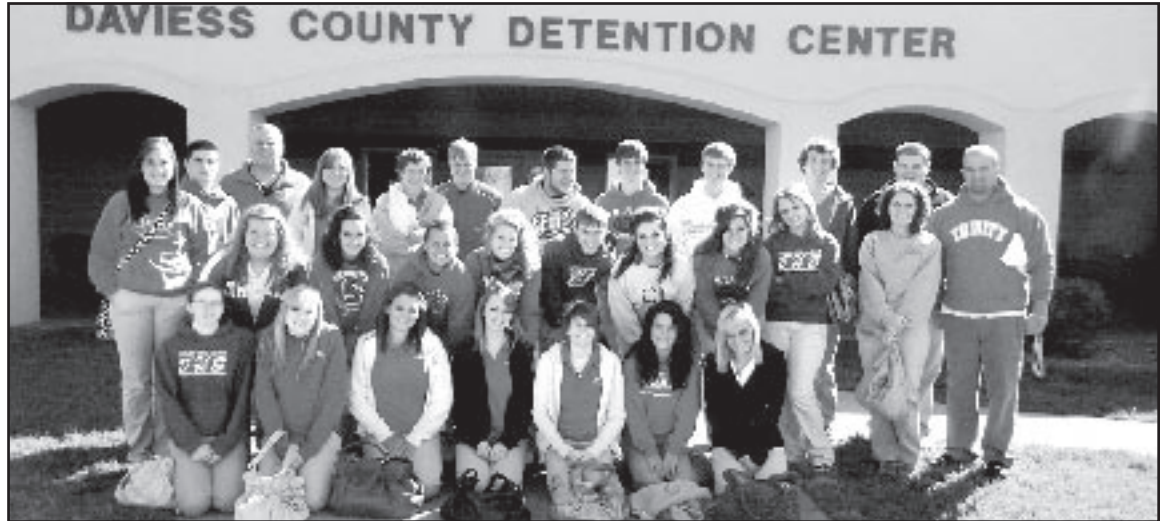
were not with us that night because Joey had suffered an accident a few days before. (They were confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass, along with another candidate, Lindsey Barr.) After we had all been presented to the bishop, there was the Homily, followed by the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the Laying on of Hands. Bishop Medley anointed us with holy Chrism. I felt better after he had anointed us, and went back to my pew feeling excited. Mrs. Linda Payne read the General Intercessions, and candidates Tristan

Haight, Zach Howard, Alex McDaniel, and Lacy Johnson presented the gifts to Bishop Medley. After Communion was a meditation hymn, and a solemn blessing in the closing. Then everyone went over to the Parish hall for the reception.

It was amazing! I was Confirmed! I am still praying for that newly-Confirmed candidate, and I hope that my prayers will help them as they head into high school. My last words are for the newly-Confirmed: Let us continue to grow in our faith!

Trinity's Criminal Law and Sociology Classes See Life On Inside of County Jail, Walk Out

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - The Criminal Law and Sociology classes from Trinity High School took a field trip to the Daviess County Detention Center on Friday, October 21st. The students enjoyed a guided tour of the facilities by Sgt. Billings as well as an inmate guest speaker who told them to be careful about who they associated with and to stay away from drugs. Criminal Law class deals with all of the aspects of the criminal justice system; the Sociology class is studying crime and violence as a social problem.



Front row...Lauren Reynolds, Rachel Russelburg, Brooklyn Gray, Katey Mattingly, Lexi Aud, Chelsea Howard, Lexie Hatfield. Second row...Kayla Barr, Elizabeth Howard, Blake Knott, Kacey Roby, Dalton Payne, Hannah Coomes, Kelsey Armes, Amanda Roby, Mrs. Lisa Armes. Back row...Jamie Mattingly, Daniel Robertson, Mr. Joe Bland, Jessica Beyke, Luke Johnson, Jon Mills, Kelly Wathen, Max Bickett, Nathan Huff, Zack Boehmann, Dylan Aud and Coach Wes Riley.

Photo at left, With the help of Mr. Joe Bland, Rachel Russelburg, Lauren Reynolds, Chelsea Howard and Lexi Aud squeeze into the uniform of the largest inmate the jail has housed. THS photos

I Enjoyed Citizens Police Academy; You Can, Too

By Jesse Rhinerson

I am a Trinity High School student in Whitesville, KY, and I graduated the Owensboro Police Department's Citizens Police Academy on November 3, 2011. I was one of the 20 other fellow citizens, ranging in all ages, that graduated from the Academy. The Citizens Police Academy was a 13-week Academy which met on Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. to be educated on how the police department works. This Academy was created to provide a "hands-on" learning experience so that citizens would know how the police department performs their duties and how they serve their community. Some weeks

they had scenarios showing police officers handling dangerous situations, and one week they had the city council come talk.

It is a great program for people to learn about the OPD. I'm surprised there is not a waiting list to get into this Academy. I met some great police officers and citizens while I was in there. Every week we had different speakers and we learned so many different things. I have always respected law enforcement officers but now I have a deeper respect for what they do in our community. I definitely know why people call them Owensboro's Finest.

I am also an Explorer for the Owens-

boro Police Department and experienced a more in-depth look and feel with the police department including community service and career orientation experiences.

To enter the Academy, we had to apply for acceptance. You, too, can get an application by going online to <http://www.owensboro.org/police/>. Maybe you might want to try this next year.

Major Peterson handing Jesse his graduation diploma from the Citizens Police Academy.

from left: Officer Henry who presides over the Explorer program, Jesse, and Major Peterson who presided over the graduation ceremony. Submitted Photo



Where Can I Find A Catholic Mass on TV?

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Visitors to this area of Kentucky and family members of senior Catholics who cannot get out to attend a Mass in their home parishes any more sometimes ask, "Where can Western Kentucky Catholics find a Mass for television and online viewing?"

Gideon Productions, provides the Mass for television and online viewing. The televised Mass can be viewed on 25 WEHT (Owensboro Time Warner cable channel 11), an ABC affiliate out of Henderson, KY, at 6:00 AM on Sundays. It also airs on WEHT's digital station 25.2 (Owensboro Time Warner cable channel 311) at 11:00 AM and on Time Warner cable channel 72 at 10:30 AM.

The Heartlands CW, WQWQ, a station out of Cape Girardeau, Missouri that covers the Paducah area, airs the Mass on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM.

The Mass can also be seen on Insight Cable's Religious Access channel in Bowling Green, KY on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM and on Fridays at 3:00 PM.

Or Western Kentucky Catholics can watch the Mass online at <http://www.gideonproductions.com/Broadcast.php> (Mass from the current weekend usually posted on Monday afternoons).

Also, "My Sunday Mass" on TV and a free Prayer & Worship Guide enable families and parishes to provide compassionate pastoral care to Catholics who are homebound, in healthcare settings, in the military, or in prison. As we approach the holidays, viewing a Catholic Mass may be a time of prayer for Western Kentucky



Catholics inside their own homes.

Heart of the Nation is a not-for-profit, Catholic organization dedicated to broadcasting a high-quality TV Mass that invites viewers to immerse themselves in the spiritual comfort and hope of Catholic liturgical celebration. In the Los Angeles TV viewing area, "My Sunday Mass" has risen to the top of the channel ratings for all Sunday programming. Joining in the TV Mass will be cause for thanksgiving and holiday celebration among the faithful who would otherwise feel isolated from the community of faith.

A televised Mass & free worship guide is available. Catholics unable to participate in their parish Mass because of illness, frailty, inclement weather, or other circumstances find spiritual blessing through "My Sunday Mass" on TV.

Heart of the Nation, a nonprofit Catholic ministry, provides the weekly TV Mass and a free, large-print Prayer & Worship Guide for use during Mass and throughout the week. For a complete channel guide on where to watch the Mass on broadcast, cable, or satellite channels, or to order the Prayer & Worship Guide, log onto www.HeartoftheNation.org or call toll-free 1-(855) 855-MASS (6277).

Gideon Productions videotapes the Saturday vigil Mass at Blessed Mother Church in Owensboro, and has arranged for the Mass for Television to be shown in the Henderson, Owensboro, Paducah, and Bowling Green TV viewing areas of this diocese. At left, Johnathan Ford knelt with folded hands during the Consecration of the Mass at Blessed Mother Church Oct 23, 2011. Mel Howard Photo

Lourdes Associates Earn Awards

PADUCAH, Ky. - (Thursday, October 27, 2011) - Kay Williams is the first female recipient to win the Susan Smith Makos Spirit Award. This award is named for a leader who provided more than 20 years of selfless service to Catholic Health Partner's (CHP) ministry with her advocacy efforts. This award recognizes a CHP management leader who exemplifies seeing the need, hearing the call, and actively advocating for our patients and communities. In short, the Spirit Award winner's advocacy is a reflection of the spirit, mission and tradition of our sponsors. During Kay's 22 years of service at Lourdes, she has repeatedly displayed the qualities of compassion, excellence, service and human dignity for patients and colleagues. Kay, Director of Hospice/Home Health/Palliative Care/Rescue Alert, is an extraordinary example of what it means to



Kay Williams

live the mission of Lourdes. She is the first Lourdes associate to win this award and was selected out of 695 associates.

Les Quermous has been selected as the regional Catholic Health Partners (CHP) "Excellence in Mission Award" winner. Les was selected out of 32,000 CHP associates. He received an individual award in recognition of his achievement, plus a \$500 cash prize. Les is a licensed Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant on the Transitional Care Unit and has been at Lourdes for 13 years. An upbeat demeanor, a commitment to sharing knowledge with colleagues, and a focus on fixing problems and equipment, makes Les a valued resource within the hospital. Les creates a healing environment for his patients. We are blessed by his compassion, service, sense of justice and respect for others.

Les Quermous



Les Quermous

Lourdes Wins Cardiovascular Advertising Award

PADUCAH, Ky. - (Wednesday, November 9, 2011) - Lourdes has been selected as a Silver Award Winner in the 2011 Cardiovascular Advertising Awards Program. Lourdes television commercial, "The End," announces the construction of Lourdes new hybrid operating rooms, the first of its kind in the state of Kentucky.

As one of the few locations in the country, Lourdes is proud to be the only hospital in Kentucky to offer both cardiac and endovascular hybrid operating rooms. This new cardiovascular surgery center will be located inside the hospital and is scheduled for completion in 2012.

The Cardiovascular Advertising Awards Program is an exclusive competition recognizing the nation's most talented healthcare marketing professionals for outstanding excellence in advertising for the specific service lines of cardio and/or vascular service.

Winning entries are published in Marketing Healthcare Today.

22 Historic St. Francis de Sales Church Renovated and Blessed

PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church celebrated the blessing of the restored church building on Friday, Oct. 21, 2011 during a Mass with a blessing by Bishop William F. Medley.

Still located on its original property at Sixth St. and Broadway, the first church was built on this site in 1849, the first Catholic church in Paducah. The present church building was dedicated in May, 1900. Paducah area Catholics have taken good care of the St. Francis de Sales church property and buildings, renovating them during the years for future generations to gather for worship and parish life activities. St. Francis de Sales Church is a Paducah landmark.

About 100 parishioners participated in the blessing and dedication Mass. Over the past 3 1/2 years they have been working to raise the \$1.7 million cost of the improvements for the church building. The interior was fully re-plastered; the terrazzo floor restored. The renovation plan was to restore the interior of St. Francis de Sales Church to a 1922 Renaissance paint design, restoring the mural of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, providing a thorough maintenance of the stained glass windows, and repositioning the restored pipe organ. They replaced the pews inside and added some flexible seating space



Pictures of the newly renovated Saint Francis de Sales Church interior in Paducah. Photos by Edie Keeney

for people in wheelchairs. Outside the building, the parish installed weatherproofing and other exterior improvements.

The renovation project will be complete when a new heating and cooling system is installed and the church's towers are restored.

Father Brian Roby, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church in Paducah, placed this Pastor's Column in the Parish bulletin for the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 30, 2011:

"All Glory, Praise and Honor be to God! We have returned to our newly restored and enhanced church building and, in a spirit of gratitude, we are humbled by the awe and wonder of such a noble task that has reached a monumental degree of completion. I continue to marvel at all the folks who came together daily for ten months, each with his own skilled talent, and worked toward the achievable masterpiece- the liturgical consultant, the contractor, the plasterers, the painters, the artists, the carpenters, the terrazzo specialists, the electricians, the acousticians, and the organ builders- a labor of love for sure! We are grateful to God for the gifts and talents of all involved in our church restoration project. Hats off to our Capital Campaign Committee who were first called together, by Pastoral appoint-

ment, on June 24, 2008: Chair- Dr. Chip Bohle, Barbara Cissell, Steve Batusic, Kathy Wallace, Dan Kelley, and Patti Sanders. In addition, Dr. Bohle appointed Paul King to the committee. Each person, on the committee, quickly assumed an area of interest and soon we had specialists covering every section of the church doing research and meeting with subcontractors. The committee took ownership of the project and now, three and a half years later, we see the fruits of time well spent. To all the parishioners who continue to make sacrifices for this noble endeavor, I thank you for your dedication and faithfulness and I continue to ask God's blessings of joy and prosperity upon you!"

Susan Myrick: "I really like the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The old altar that was behind the choir area was moved into the Chapel and it really looks nice. It is almost like it was meant to be there."

Barbara Cissell: I think everything is beautiful; I love the Ascension above the altar. The church is so warm and inviting.

Brenda Hayden: I love the choir area; the wood is so beautiful.

John Kuebrich: I really like how the Stations of the Cross were finished. Overall, I really like the restoration; they did a good job.

Editor's Note: Edie Keeney contributed information for this article.

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The Pilgrims of Hope want to thank all of those people who participated in our bicycle drive. Over 200 bicycles and parts were collected for our Sister Diocese in Jamaica and will be sent to them via container ship in the near future. DECEMBER 1, 2011 has been set as a collection deadline. If you still have bikes to donate, please call 270-822-4480 before the deadline to schedule a pick up.



Richard Dale (on right) of Christ the King Parish, unloads the bikes he and his wife Ruth collected from their area as Bill Butler receives them. Bill Butler receives bikes that Jim Scott (on left) of St. Ann Parish, had collected.

St. Mary of the Woods' Students Pray Living Rosary During Retreat Day ²³



St. Mary of the Woods' students in grades 2-5 had a retreat day October 28 focusing on the Rosary. Students are pictured drawing a Rosary outside and then pictured praying the Living Rosary together. Photos are by Elizabeth Payne.



What do you do on a day off?

By Felicia LaBarge

PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Mary's Orchestra shows us in their dedication.

Rather than take the day off, thirty youth from St. Mary's Orchestra, under the guidance of Mrs. Story, participated in the 2011 Quad State String Festival at Murray State University. The MSU College of Humanities and Fine Arts in the Department of Music presented the String Festival under the direction of Sue-Jean Park on Friday, October 28. Orchestra students were given the opportunity to work in small groups with different Murray State Conductors. In these groups they worked on perfecting pieces that were presented that evening in the Lovett Auditorium. St. Mary's Phiharmonia closed the Festival by presenting Anton Dvorak's Three Slavonic Dance.



In the photo above and at right, St. Mary students at the Quad State String Festival by the St. Mary Orchestra. Photo by Felicia LaBarge



24 Couples Attend Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass To Celebrate Their Marriages

By Mel Howard

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Bishop William Medley welcomed an assembly of nearly 300 people to the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass October 30, 2011 in Blessed Mother Church.

"You here today represent thousands of years in faithfulness, and you are a blessing to the church!" Bishop Medley said.

In his homily for the Mass, Bishop Medley spoke about the day's gospel, particularly this line from Matthew 23:11, "The greatest among you must be your servant." Bishop Medley said that the drive for prestige has no place in the Kingdom of God. In this statement, Jesus identified with the poor in spirit whose life is that of a humble servant who is willing to extend a helping hand to those in need.

"In a marriage," Bishop Medley said, "the urge to power destroys. A successful marriage is shown in the servant quote



Frank & Joanne Mason, Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish, Owensboro, were lecturers at the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass October 30, 2011 in Blessed Mother Church.

from Matthew's gospel, 'The greatest among you must be your servant.' ...Marriage humbles the one who wants to be exalted."

Bishop Medley also spoke of the day's second reading from Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians, one of the oldest written words in the New Testament. He noted that Paul compares the ministry of evangelization with a nursing mother for her children. She shares her very self with her family, Paul said. "Your children and friends," Bishop Medley said, "are here today to honor your marriages, which for us portray the full meaning of the gospel. As St. Francis taught, preach the message



Bishop William Medley welcomed the 102 married couples who replied to a personal invitation from the diocese to celebrate their wedding anniversaries in Blessed Mother Church on October 30, 2011.

of the Gospel; if necessary, use words. What is important is what happens in the home. (In your marriages,) you preach the Gospel more than words can say."

"Today we gather here to thank you and to praise you because we know that the cornerstone of the Church is the domestic church. Keep up your good work. The grace of your sacrament is abundant. Hard times come, illnesses, diseases come, but what comforts us is that God's way will prevail. Renew your vows with one another today with vigor. God fulfills His promises, and now, together, we invite you to once again fulfill your wedding promises to one another."

With that, Bishop Medley asked the married couples to turn toward one another and to repeat after him their marriage vows to their spouse.

After the Mass, the assembly crowded into the Blessed Mother Parish Hall for a reception prepared for them by the Diocesan Family Life Office. 102 couples receive a framed certificate of recognition from the diocese with their names and years of marriage.

Family Life Director Tami Schneider said, "It is a joy and a privilege to host the Marriage Celebration each year. Charlotte Hedges begins working an entire year in advance, collecting the anniversary lists from each of the parishes and getting a date on the bishop's calendar. As the date draws closer, she orders the paper for the certificates and the frames and we make sure we have tasteful fall decorations for the reception, along with cake and punch. This year was a bit more complicated, because we changed the location to Blessed Mother due to the Cathedral renovation. Nevertheless, we had a wonderful turnout of over 300 people and many positive comments from those who appreciated it.

"This celebration is a reminder to me of the good in this world. Despite the astronomical divorce rate, there are still many, many couples who stick together through thick and thin and take seriously "til death do us part." In fact, some who are recent widows/widowers ask if they can come anyway and we always answer with an exuberant "yes!" I recently heard a story about an elderly lady who passed away some 10 years after her husband. Her diary was found and relatives realized she had been writing to her deceased husband EVERY DAY for the past 10 years. That is a shining example of the true love these couples share."

Next year's Marriage Celebration is scheduled for September 16th. The location is yet to be determined.



Juan And Lisa Guadarrama with their children Mattie, Jonah, and Jayden, participated in the the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass October 30, 2011 in Blessed Mother Church. Afterwards they greeted Bishop Medley and shared that they have been married four years. Lisa said that they saw an announcement in their parish bulletin at Saints Joseph and Paul Church, Owensboro, about the celebration. "We came to Mass here today," Lisa said, "to celebrate our marriage."



Barbara Morris, right, with her daughter Sheri Clark and husband Harold Morris from St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville, greeted Bishop Medley at Blessed Mother Church after the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass October 30, 2011. Mel Howard Photos

Student Substitutes for Teacher

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - It's not often that a teacher will ask a student to substitute for him, but that's exactly what happened on Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22. Knowing that he would be out of town to visit his son in college, Rich Barnett, music director for Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, asked his organ student, Jonathan Kinnard, to lead the congregation both for an all-school Mass on Friday and for the weekend liturgy on Saturday.

"I had every confidence that Jonathan would do a wonderful job during Mass in my absence," said Barnett.

Having only taken organ lessons for a few months, after years of piano lessons, Kinnard was slightly surprised with Barnett's suggestion. "It was Mr. B's idea. He thought it'd be a good opportunity for me," Kinnard explained. "She thought it'd be great," he added pointing to his mom, Vicki.

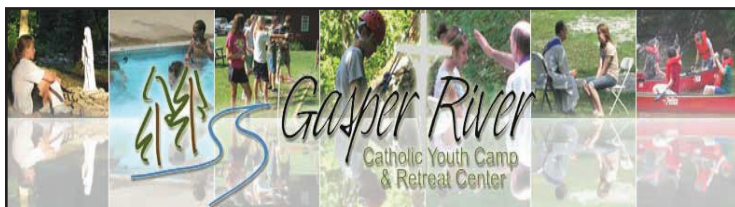
Before Mass on Friday morning, Kinnard arrived early in the choir loft to open the organ and make sure the sound system had been turned on. Pulling out a three-ring binder with all the music he needed for the Mass, he said he had all the music memorized, but that he would still keep the book close. "This is my life line," he admitted.

Not knowing if he would be playing solo or have fellow students singing on Friday morning, Kinnard quickly went to work when more than the usual number of students filed into the choir loft. "We had to sing today," claimed eighth grade student Christina Ligibel. "For Jonathan." Most eighth grade students typically choose to sit with their kindergarten "church buddies" during the all-school Masses. "It was nice having them up there," Kinnard said. "It was reassuring to have them there," he added.

Another last minute modification involved the teacher who was scheduled to lead the choir that morning. Knowing that Luci Hughes, wife of Barnett, would also be out of town, the art teacher at the school, Melissa Murphy, had volunteered to lead the singing students. Waking with a very sick child, however, Murphy immediately called school to ask someone to fill in for her. Eighth grade teacher, Lynn Hensley, who also sings in the choir every weekend, came to the rescue to not only lead the singers, but to also assist Kinnard



Jonathan Kinnard, a 13-year-old seventh grade student at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville, played the organ and keyboard during an all-school Mass on Friday, October 21, in the absence of the parish's music director. It was the music director's idea to have Kinnard substitute for him. Pastor Fr. Richard Meredith and Principal Sarah Kranz both whole-heartedly endorsed the recommendation. Photo by Dawn Ligibel



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with timing.

One last addition to the choir loft that morning was Kinnard's mother who sat by his side through the entire Mass. "I was nervous for him," Vicki confessed after the Mass. "I kept telling him, 'slow down, slow down,'" she added with a laugh.

At the conclusion of Mass, Fr. Richard Meredith, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, acknowledged the students in the loft. "Well, musicians," Fr. Meredith addressed the students. "You did well. Thank you."

"It was crazy!" exclaimed an excited, trembling Kinnard after the Friday morning Mass. "It's completely different playing at home than it is with an entire church," he explained. "I was just thinking to myself, 'focus,'" he added. Kinnard proceeded to accept with grace the many pats on the back and compliments from students and adults.

"I thought it was rather brave and skillful," summarized Fr. Meredith. "He showed great courage and skill. It would have been simpler to play solo, versus with the choir, but Mrs. Hensley did well to pull them together," he added.

"He has had such positive role models in his life (his parents) to inspire him to participate in the liturgy like this," observed school Principal Sarah Kranz.

"It's a good thing when kids his age become involved in being the next leaders of the church," agreed Kinnard's father, Steven.

"So many students are more interested in athletics," commented Vicki. "Being able to play the organ is almost a lost art. I'm so grateful Jonathan had this opportunity," she added.

To sum up his experience after the all-school Mass, Kinnard looked toward the weekend liturgy the next day. "If I lived through that, I can live through tomorrow," he said with a laugh. Sobering quickly, he added, "Although the Mass tomorrow will be different than the Mass today."

Once again accompanied by several regular singers and Hensley, with his mom by his side, Kinnard played well again for the Saturday weekend liturgy. In fact, the congregation was not even aware that it was a 13-year-old student in the loft playing during the Mass. Most didn't learn who had been playing until after Mass in the narthex, and when they did, they offered many shouts of "Good job!"

After parishioner Joe Chaudoin was told by his wife, Jennifer, who had played during the Mass, he quickly approached Kinnard, wrapped his arm around Kinnard's shoulders and exclaimed, "Well done, young man. I had no idea that was you up there!"

Another parishioner, Mary Dean, called to Kinnard as she passed him in the narthex. "God bless you, young man!"

Hensley, who normally attends the 10:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday, made a special effort to be there for Kinnard that Saturday evening. "That poor kid was so nervous I had to be here for him," she admitted. "He asked me if I was coming and I told him I usually go to the 10:30 Mass. He said, 'you're coming, right!'" she added with a laugh. "Then I got stuck behind a hay wagon on the way here and was almost late!" she exclaimed.

"We feel very honored that Mr. Barnett would ask Jonathan to do this and that he has that much confidence in our kids," Vicki summarized.

"I'm pleased as punch that Jonathan is a youth serving the church and learning a lot in the process," commented Barnett. "Jonathan has demonstrated leadership qualities in other areas and I knew he would demonstrate those same qualities in leading the musical ensemble."

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OCMS students with Grandparents

The 17 students in Mrs. Mary Lamberg's 3rd Period Religion class at OCMS worked together to create a special presentation for the Owensboro Catholic Middle School Grandparent's Day Mass on Nov. 10, 2011 in Immaculate Church. The students collaborated to create an acrostic poem using the letters of the word, "Grandparents", and worked together to make signs that represent each letter of the word as well. Students: Rex Berry, Jackson Bittel, Alex Danhauer, Tre Gonzalez, Sarah Haleman, Caroline Hayden, Jake Hayden, Drew Kirkendoll, Lucy Kurtz, Emily Marshall, Cameron O'Nan, Joey Phillips, Mikala Riney, Mason Robertson, Birdget Stallings, Brent Thompson, Christina Wathen. OCMS Photo



Mike and Cloe Thompson with granddaughter Tricia Thompson



Amberli Birkhead and her grandmother, Eva Birkhead



Lydia Mills with her grandma Marilyn Beyke



OCMS liturgical musician Brooklynn Reynolds



Allie Ford with her grandpa Mel Howard



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Red Hat Society visits the Mount

In the picture at right, members of the "Ruby Reds" chapter of the Red Hat Society came to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on Oct. 11 to meet, eat lunch and visit the Gift Shop. Most of the women were wearing red hats and purple clothing, the official style for a Red Hat Society. The Society began in 1997, when artist Sue Ellen Cooper of Fullerton, Calif., gave a friend a 55th birthday gift consisting of a red fedora purchased a year earlier at a thrift store along with a copy of Jenny Joseph's poem "Warning." The opening lines of the poem read: "When I am an old woman I shall wear purple, With a red hat that doesn't go and doesn't suit me." MSJ Photo

Rosary Chapel Dedicates Rosary Garden 27



Father Uwem Enoch blesses the new Rosary Garden with incense.

Photo submitted by Pearl Payne

By Pearl A. Payne

PADUCAH, Ky. - Sunday, October 2, was Feast Day or the Church's Anniversary at Rosary Chapel in Paducah. The Parish chose this special Sunday to celebrate the Church's birthday and as the day to dedicate a new Rosary Garden. A small group of dedicated parishioners (Yvonne and Lonnie Crowdus, Charles Davis, Howard Grief and David Roberts) spent several weeks turning an old court yard into a beautiful garden. The name "rosary" actually means, "a garden of roses." The Garden is surrounded by plants and colorful flowers. It was created as a place for prayer and individual devotion. Like traditional Rosary Gardens the pathway includes stepping stones that take the place of the beads of the Rosary representing the five decades of the life of Christ--from birth to death and resurrection. At the entry to the Rosary a set of pavers outline a Cross. Then the pavers follow a path through the garden with other pavers marking the 'Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father, Five Mysteries and Hail Mother Queen.'

At the center of the Garden is a stacked stone foundation with a sculpture of Christ on the cross. Beautiful red Knock Out roses are planted around the base. This particular sculptural rendering is The Risen Christ Ascension. This powerful image of Christ serves as the foundation of our faith which we regularly affirm in our Creed ("He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead."). So it is both literally and figuratively the uplifting focal point of the Garden.

Benches are on the sides of the Garden which are bordered by a compact planting of boxwoods. Visitors to the Garden may quietly pray, meditate or just take in the beautiful views of Garden. One would have to travel far to find a more peaceful place to pray.

The Garden is dedicated to Joseph Smith, a beloved member of Rosary Chapel who passed away earlier this year.



28 Annual Collection Supports 34,000 Retired Sisters, Brothers, Priests in Religious Orders

The 24th annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up December 10-11, 2011, in the Diocese of Owensboro. Sponsored by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington, D.C., the appeal asks Catholics to Share in the Care of more than 34,000 women and men religious past age 70.

Last year, the Diocese of Owensboro contributed \$30,820.13 to this collection. In 2011, the Sisters of the Lamb of God and the Passionist Nuns received financial assistance made possible by the national appeal. Additionally, religious who serve or have served in the diocese but whose communities are based elsewhere may also benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious.

"We are continually humbled by the generosity shown this appeal," said NRRO Executive Director Sister Janice Bader, a member of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Missouri. "Since the fund was launched in 1988, Catholics have donated \$643 million to assist religious communities in caring for their elder members."

As a result of the 2010 collection, which garnered \$26.7 million, the NRRO was able to distribute \$23 million to religious communities to help support the day-to-day care of senior members. An additional \$2.7 million was allocated toward initiatives targeted for religious communities with the greatest needs. Ninety-three cents of every dollar aids elderly religious.

While the response to the collection is unprecedented, so is the need. In 2010 alone, the total cost of care for women and men religious past age 70 exceeded \$1 billion dollars. Nearly 5,000 religious required skilled care. For more information, visit www.retiredreligious.org.

St. Pius X, Calvert City Celebrates Confirmation Aug. 28



Confirmation with Bishop William Medley of Evan and Tori Stinson (holding son Weston), and Jason and Lindsey Anderson (holding daughter Chloe), and Cherie Margaux at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Calvert City, KY on August 28, 2011. Also present in photo, pastor Father Anthoni. Present, but not in photo were the sponsors: Rich and Betty Derry for Evan and Tori, Russell and Carol Tomlinson for Jason and Lindsey, and Lawrence Margaux for Cherie. Submitted By Rich Terry

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ANNUAL MASS	COUNT - 2011	POPULATION	ANNUAL MASS COUNT	% ANNUAL MASS COUNT	% MASS COUNT	2010 TO 2011
Blessed Mother	Owensboro	2281	1408	61.73%	63.34%	-1.61%
Blessed Sacrament 2	Owensboro	108	77	71.30%	71.30%	0.00%
Christ the King	Madisonville	593	436	73.52%	56.43%	17.09%
Christ the King	Scottsville	118	92	77.97%	79.67%	-1.71%
Holy Cross	Providence	47	25	53.19%	47.92%	5.27%
Holy G.Angels	Irvington	311	185	59.49%	82.72%	-23.24%
Holy Name	Henderson	4021	1519	37.78%	39.67%	-1.90%
Holy Redeemer	Beaver Dam	192	222	115.63%	140.13%	-24.50%
Holy Spirit	Bowling Green	2922	1319	45.14%	55.51%	-10.37%
Holy Trinity	Morgantown	69	77	111.59%	125.00%	-13.41%
Immaculate	Owensboro	2183	1163	53.28%	52.06%	1.22%
Immaculate Conception	Earlington	149	52	34.90%	35.53%	-0.63%
Immaculate Conception	Hawesville	315	143	45.40%	37.54%	7.86%
Our Lady of Lourdes	Owensboro	1975	1085	54.94%	60.76%	-5.82%
Precious Blood	Owensboro	863	456	52.84%	51.11%	1.73%
Resurrection	Dawson Springs	93	60	64.52%	65.66%	-1.14%
Rosary Chapel	Paducah	154	94	61.04%	58.99%	2.05%
Sacred Heart	Hickman	78	40	51.28%	54.05%	-2.77%
Sacred Heart	Russellville	350	199	56.86%	38.17%	18.69%
Sacred Heart	Waverly	190	106	55.79%	57.65%	-1.86%
St. Agnes	Uniontown	889	558	62.77%	56.82%	5.95%
St. Alphonsus	St. Joseph	545	292	53.58%	59.85%	-6.27%
St. Ambrose	Henshaw	98	54	55.10%	65.31%	-10.20%
St. Ann	Morganfield	1055	449	42.56%	49.43%	-6.87%
St. Anthony	Axtel	486	314	64.61%	71.28%	-6.67%
St. Anthony	Browns Valley	467	286	61.24%	60.85%	0.39%
St. Anthony	Peoria	195	156	80.00%	81.54%	-1.54%
St. Anthony of Padua	Grand Rivers	87	92	105.75%	105.41%	0.34%
St. Augustine	Grayson Springs	98	72	73.47%	81.82%	-8.35%
St. Augustine 1	Reed	149	71	47.65%	48.37%	-0.72%
St. Benedict	Wax	129	91	70.54%	72.87%	-2.33%
St. Charles	Bardwell	173	138	79.77%	62.90%	16.87%
St. Charles	Livermore	69	64	92.75%	103.70%	-10.95%
St. Columba	Lawisport	230	80	34.78%	41.38%	-6.60%
St. Denis	Fancy Farm	170	115	67.65%	52.60%	15.05%
St. Edward	Fullton	111	84	75.68%	73.02%	2.66%
St. Elizabeth	Clarkson	153	109	71.24%	76.05%	-4.81%
St. Elizabeth	Curdsville	60	59	98.33%	52.12%	46.21%
St. Francis Borgia	Sturgis	175	90	51.43%	71.32%	-19.89%
St. Francis de Sales	Paducah	1200	1119	93.25%	85.54%	7.71%
St. Henry	Auora	220	185	84.09%	94.12%	-10.03%
St. Jerome	Fancy Farm	1193	732	61.36%	69.84%	-8.49%
Sts. Joseph & Paul	Owensboro	1322	985	74.51%	78.85%	-4.34%
St. John Baptist	Fordsville	78	70	89.74%	84.71%	5.04%
St. John Evangelist	Paducah	805	440	54.66%	47.98%	6.68%
St. John Evangelist	Sunfish	60	47	78.33%	83.87%	-5.54%
St. Joseph	Bowling Green	2107	1117	53.01%	52.65%	0.36%
St. Joseph	Central City	230	173	75.22%	70.61%	4.61%
St. Joseph	Leitchfield	496	339	68.35%	70.91%	-2.56%
St. Joseph	Mayfield	1026	731	71.25%	54.17%	17.08%
St. Jude	Clinton	74	47	63.51%	48.11%	15.40%
St. Lawrence	St. Lawrence	340	254	74.71%	62.43%	12.28%
St. Leo 2	Murray	1045	659	63.06%	63.06%	0.00%
St. Mark	Eddyville	110	106	96.36%	100.00%	-3.64%
St. Martin	Rome	281	232	82.56%	82.84%	-0.28%
St. Mary	LaCenter	179	106	59.22%	60.00%	-0.78%
St. Mary Magdalene	Sorgho	682	410	60.12%	69.83%	-9.71%
St. Mary	Franklin	280	205	73.21%	90.77%	-17.55%
St. Mary of Woods	McQuady	142	180	126.76%	76.97%	49.79%
St. Mary of Woods	Whitesville	2259	1060	46.92%	49.84%	-2.72%
St. Mary & St. James	Guthrie	125	99	79.20%	78.50%	0.70%
St. Michael Archangel	Oak Grove	834	543	65.11%	71.00%	-5.89%
St. Michael	Sebree	246	145	58.94%	39.87%	19.08%
St. Paul	Leitchfield	310	255	82.26%	79.44%	2.82%
St. Paul	Princeton	112	95	84.82%	54.05%	30.77%
St. Peter 1	Stanley	352	200	56.82%	73.81%	-16.79%
St. Peter	Waverly	554	297	53.61%	57.19%	-3.58%
Sts. Peter & Paul	Hopkinsville	1697	779	45.90%	47.91%	-2.00%
St. Pius Tenth	Calvert City	309	195	63.11%	62.90%	0.21%
St. Pius Tenth	Owensboro	1761	673	38.22%	46.54%	-8.33%
St. Romuald	Hardinsburg	1500	563	37.53%	44.00%	-6.47%
St. Rose	Cloverport	422	174	41.23%	44.50%	-3.27%
St. Sebastian	Calhoun	218	131	60.09%	63.00%	-2.91%
St. Stephen	Cadiz	300	199	66.33%	64.09%	2.25%
St. Stephen Cathedral	Owensboro	1295	707	54.59%	50.33%	4.27%
St. Susan	Elkton	150	128	85.33%	90.48%	-5.14%
St. Thomas More	Paducah	1985	968	48.77%	52.56%	-3.80%
St. William	Knottsville	1065	986	92.58%	84.38%	8.20%
St. William	Marion	127	84	66.14%	71.32%	-5.18%
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1. Saturday PM Mass shared

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August 28, 2011 Feast Day Celebration for St. Pius X Catholic Church in Calvert City, KY. The celebration was held at the Calvert City Community Center. The ladies that bring it all together (left to right), Carol Roberts and Posey Crabb from the St. Pius X Ladies Organization.

In the picture at right, Lisa Adrian works to serve others beverages. She also serves as FFY Catechist and prepares the pre-class meals, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, and recently elected Parish Council Chairperson.



Father Anthony Ottagan sitting next to Sister Teresa Riley, chats with Cheri and Lawrence Margaux, and Charlie Cash.



The parish community gathers for the St. Pius X Feast Day potluck meal.



Photo below: The food line is ready.



The newly confirmed Evan Stinson and Jason Anderson are present for the festivities ... and above, at right, ...



(Left to right) Sister Teresa Riley, Bishop William Medley sit with parishioners Cheri and Lawrence Margaux for the St. Pius X Feast Day celebration.



... along with their sponsor Carolyn Tomlinson and newly confirmed families Lindsey Anderson (with daughter Chloe), and Tori Stinson (with son Weston).

Photo Below: Let's Eat! Parishioners in foreground are (left to right): John Brooks, Kathy Canup, Tom Collins, Olga Edwards, Paulette Collins, Glenn Willett, and Noah Willett. Photos taken by Gary May and Rich Derry, submitted by Rich Terry



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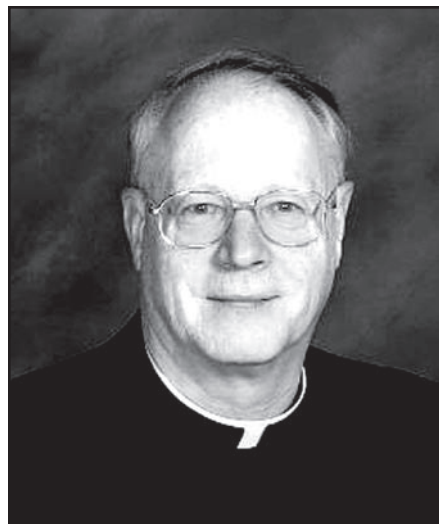
New officers for the Board of Governors were just elected during the 73rd Annual Canon Law Society of America (CLSA) business meeting held Oct. 12-13, 2011, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Rev. John Vaughan, pastor of Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish in Owensboro, was elected for the Office of Vice-President/President-Elect. Father Vaughan was elected for a three year term on the Board of Governors, and will assume the presidency at next year's convention (Chicago), and then serve a third year as the Past-President. Several years ago, Father Vaughan served a two-year term as one of the Consultors on the Board.

Father Vaughan has served in a va-

riety of ministerial experiences (parish, seminary, diocesan administration, and tribunal). He is one of four priests in the Diocese of Owensboro with a doctorate degree, the only one with a doctorate in canon law. Father Vaughan said, "I do think that is a credit (the four doctors) to our small presbyterate and to Bishop McRaith who encouraged and allowed priests to pursue graduate studies."

Father Vaughan said of the new national office to which he has been elected, "I feel very honored to have been elected to this position. I hold the members of the Canon Law Society in high esteem and have been a member of the society for twenty-six years. The Society has been



Father John Vaughan was elected to the Canon Law Society of America Board of Governors as its next Vice-President/President-Elect. WKC file photo

in the forefront of renewal in the church, particularly since the revision of the Code of Canon Law in 1983. The Society has been actively involved in the protection of rights for all in the church and in recent years has served victims of sexual abuse as well as in the defense of the rights of those accused of such abuse."

Who is the Canon Law Society of America? The Society is a professional association dedicated to the study and application of canon law in the Catholic Church. The Society's membership includes over thirteen hundred men and women from thirty-five countries. Its purpose is to encourage and participate in canonical research, to respond to the practical canonical needs of all the people of God, to facilitate the interchange of canonical ideas, to cooperate with others doing research in other sacred sciences.

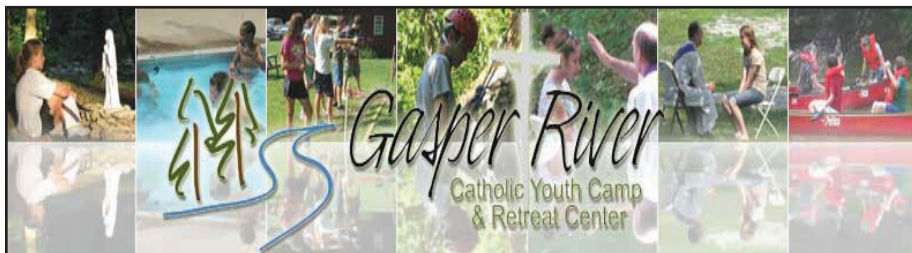
What is the purpose of the Canon Law Society of America? The purpose of the Society is to promote the pastoral ministry of the Church, to cooperate in the continuous revision and renewal of the universal law of the Church, to encourage and participate canonical research, to respond to the practical canonical needs of all the people of God, to facilitate the interchange of canonical ideas, to cooperate with others doing research in other sacred sciences, and to establish a dialogue with other canon law societies in the world.

Father Vaughan said, "My involvement with the CLSA has been a means of ongoing formation for me and my interaction with canonists from all over the world has been both an inspiration and education. The canonists I know are deeply committed to the Church and desirous to be of service to their bishops, religious superiors and to all the People of God."

Father Vaughan said that his responsibilities in the CLSA position will include several board meetings a year as well as some other meetings to coordinate the work of the Society and its various committees. He will also represent the CLSA at the annual meetings of some other societies outside the United States.

Bishop William F. Medley, in a letter to all the priests of the diocese on Oct. 17, 2011, wrote, "Fr. John, we are proud of you. The CLSA has chosen well and the Church of the United States will be well served by your leadership."

Father Vaughan said, "I hope my brother priests are pleased by this election. Any recognition of or achievement by any one of us is a reflection on the entire presbyterate. A number of them have made a point to contact me and to offer their congratulations and I have found that very affirming."



"Who is My Neighbor?"

So often in our culture today, we throw money at problems to fix them. While there's nothing wrong with this, it can often make us lose a part of being an active solution to problems or injustices. This amazing experience will assist young adults in learning about Social Justice Teachings and issues in the Catholic Faith. Come and perform service in several sites around Bowling Green, celebrate the Sacraments, hear incredible speakers, learn about social justice issues going on in the world right now and learn how to put your faith into action. Grow in your faith and learn what it means to be the Hands & Feet of Christ in our world today. For more information, please contact our office at 270.781.2466 or visit our website www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org for info and registration forms. We hope to see you there!

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- Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center

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Bishop Medley Blesses Pregnancy Outreach Center and Maternity Home

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Birthingright, a pregnancy outreach center in Owensboro was blessed by Bishop William Medley on Nov. 7, 2011. Terry LaHugh is the director. Birthingright, an international organization, provides maternity clothing and baby clothes, diapers and infant supplies for financially struggling parents. They offer pregnancy tests, emotional support and referrals to women who are distressed and need help during their pregnancy.

Another outreach center, St Gerard, is operated by Catholic Charities of Owensboro. It is a maternity home where women can come at any point during their pregnancy and stay up to 3 months after the birth of their child. St Gerard can house up to 6 women. The average population is four women. Currently the center has three women and two infants. The house mothers for St. Gerard Home are Sr. Anne Marie Joshua, OSF along with Sr Anthonia Asayoma, OSF

During the Blessing ceremony, Bishop William Medley spoke about the work of Birthingright and St. Gerard Home: "To set the stage, if you will, to bless this holy house, I want to read the Gospel account of the announcement of the most profound birth in all of human history, from the Gospel of Luke. 'In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God ... and the angel departed from her.' The Gospel of the Lord."

"As those of you who have helped to build this house of love and who serve here day after day and week after week, many, many times you have had young girls or women walk up this walkway who are frightened and have probably walked the streets of this town or other towns looking for someone to help, but not knowing where that help would be found. Well, many others don't walk up this walk. Maybe they find consolation elsewhere. And here we have the story of Angel Gabriel coming to a young girl and we're told that Mary, at the time that she conceived Jesus, may have been no more than thirteen or fourteen. Now, that was not as extreme in her day as it might be today, but for a young girl, betrothed, but not married, it must have been very unsettling, for an angel to tell her 'do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God and you will conceive and bear a son and you shall name



Bishop William Medley raised his hands in blessing Birthingright House Nov. 7, 2011: Bless this house Lord and all those who work here, Photo by Larena Lawson

Him Jesus.' Imagine what goes through a young girl's mind when she's faced with all that responsibility and all too often then, as now, with ridicule and shame. But, the angel reassured her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you and this child will be called holy.'

"And so for those of you who have made this walkway possible, those of you whose hearts have made this door open, those of you who continue to stock the cupboard and bring the clothes, and just the tender, loving care to these young girls, know that the children they bring into the world are holy as well. God has called them holy.

"And, sometimes we, with all the beautiful artwork and the holy cards we have that may portray this Annunciation scene of Gabriel and Mary, we probably remove the fright and the fear. But you are here today to remove that fright and fear from those who come to this door. So, it is a holy place and it is a place that we might dare say Saint Gabriel watches over as he brings the news to some of these young girls that they have conceived and will bear a child and that this is a child of God. So, let us pray,

"Almighty God, You are the creator of the world. You are the giver of all good gifts and through the miracle of creation you have entrusted to men and women throughout the ages and throughout all of history the shared work of continuing the work of creation, for indeed, every time a child is conceived in the womb, that child is conceived in the image and likeness of God. Yet Lord, in our world, all too often that good news is not received as good news. And so, it is important, that we as God's people, created in the image and likeness of God, must bring the good news to those whose hearts are broken and to those whose hearts are heavy, to those whose challenges seem overwhelming. Bless this house Lord and all those who work here, all those who volunteer here; bless especially the girls who come here and the children born of these wonderful, young women, that they may grow in faith and love, that they may as Mary say, 'let it be done unto me according to Your will.' Let this be a house of hospitality, a house of love. And Lord, bless our efforts, bless our efforts particularly to tell the world of the power and the beauty of human life, so that no child is lost, that every child is valued as a child of God and a gift from Your holy hands.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let His face to shine upon you. May the Lord make you champions of His love and His peace and help us to proclaim the Gospel of Life to all the world. And may Almighty God bless you all, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

"Peace to this house."

Editor's Note: Larena Lawson contributed to this article with pictures and notes from Bishop Medley's talk.

Diocesan Review Board Members

Ready to Respond to Calls



The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett, Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kay Castlen, Chair, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Rev. Pat Connell, Mr. Jeff Ebelhar, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Teresa Henry, Mr. Dan Howard, Sr. Eula Johnson, SCN. Ms. Louanne Payne serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board.

Any person who wishes to communicate with the Diocesan Review Board is asked to call the Catholic Pastoral Center at 1-270-683-1545 and ask to speak with a member of the Review Board. To speak with a particular member of this Board, tell the receptionist. In either case, the receptionist at the Catholic Pastoral Center will give the caller's information to a member of the Diocesan Review Board for follow-up.

Callers may choose to remain anonymous for the initial call to the Catholic Pastoral Center receptionist. The phone numbers of the members of this Board will not be made public.

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

Below, Bishop Medley speaks with Terri LaHugh and Birthingright supporters. Larena Lawson Photo



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Marriage Celebrations for December

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Ron & Greta Beals, 56

Vincent & Lynda Reynolds, 52

Christ the King, Madisonville

Sherrell & Jeannie Calhoun, 53

Robert & Floy Daugherty, 58

Christ the King, Scottsville

John & Dell Hall, 56

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

John & Wanda Metcalf, 54

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Spencer & Ruby Chappell, 55

David & Juanita Cheaney, 52

John & Maureen King, 50

Forrest & Mary Meuth, 50

Robert & Betty Pritchett, 56

Robert & Carlene Williams, 50

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Joseph & Bernice Jakub, 50

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Ralph & Martha Ashworth, 64

Robert & Dotty Clark, 53

James & Angie Klump, 25

Jeff & Theresa Mahoney, 25

John & Kay Steele, 50

Odie & Martine Warren, 65

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Jerry & Ellen Blandford, 54

James & Dot Hodges, 40

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Patrick & Margie Doyle, 60

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Joe & Mazie Mastromarino, 59

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Todd & Deb Kienzle, 25

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Alvin & Betty Borup, Jr. 53

Brown & Willia Mae Foster, 52

Jerry & Carol Gough, 51

Steve & Linda Guill, 40

James & Norma Bickett, 62

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Frank & Bernice Thomas, 61

F. G. & Winnie Riney, 72

St. Ann, Morganfield

John & Madonna Wyatt, 52

Larry & Gail Brown, 51

St. Columba, Lewisport

Mark & Lynn Johnson, 25

George & Betty Allard, 62

St. Edward, Fulton

Don & Rachel Cox, 58

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Henry & Bonnie Hina, 25

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

David & Edith Keeney, 52

John & Patricia English, 59

Robert & Maria Blades, 25

St. Henry, Aurora

Paul & Edan Jones, 56

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

James & Agnes Robb, 59

Joseph W. & Ruth Ann Higdon, 56

Edward D. & Mary Ruth Elder, 54

Sam & Ella Dean Hayden, 57

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Curtis & Brenda Gardner, 25

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Alan & Jeanne Baker, 59

Don & Imogene Poston, 61

St. Joseph, Central City

Don & Marlene Monaghan, 55

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Harold Pat Ellegood, 25

Leroy & Betty Dowdy, 56

Joe & Wanda Mike, 63

Sanford & Ernestine Sumner, 65

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Russell & Monica Rhodes, 25

St. Leo, Murray

Phillip & Sarah Bryan, 50

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Vincent & Mary Pheobe Ebelhar, 71

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Steve & Donna Church, 25

Mike & Nancy Hamilton, 25

Bud & Mildred Boarman, 67

Raymond & Emma Whistle, 59

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Initia & Alaisea Matavao, 40

Lionel E. & Sue C. McElroy

St. Paul, Leitchfield

James & Bonnie Collard, 53

William L. & Edna Drake, 65

St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City

Kenny & Eva Matthews, 25

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Curtiss & Mary Clark, 40

St. Ronuald, Hardinsburg

Randall & Doris Priest, 50

Harold & Fonda Roach, 40

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Danny & Lynda Edward, 40

David & Betty Abrams, 52

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Salvador & Irene Jaso, 60

Raymond & Roberta Ward, 53

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Edward & Grace Pickett, 67

Sonny & Doris Schwartz, 52

Wendell & Mary Bryan Booth, 53

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Floyd & Bernadine Watkins, 57

Robert & Carol Crane, 58

St. William, Knottsville

Joseph & Effie Edge, 57

Tom & Nan Simmons, 40

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

John & Teresa Biggs, 25

Jim & Dixie Weafer, 40

William & Faye Boehman, 54

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Jerry & Malinda Powell, 40

Gene & Franki Durbin, 50

Bill & Linda Harkins, 53

Edwin & Kathleen Roeder, 50

St. Charles Parish, Livermore, Opens Parish Center After Blessing and Dedication

By Judy Fee

LIVERMORE, Ky. - The Parish Family of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church here celebrated the commemoration and dedication of their beautiful new Parish Hall, Thursday, November 4, 2010, the feast day of their patron namesake, St. Charles Borromeo. The Most Reverend William F. Medley presided at the dedication with concelebrants, Fr. John Okoro, Fr. Joe Mills, Fr. Phil Riney, Fr. Fidelis Levri, and Deacon Nick Nichols.

The new Parish Hall's most prominent feature is a remarkable custom-made

stained glass window depicting the Miracle of the Wedding Feast at Cana, (John 2:1-12).

Additionally, the new hall features complete handicapped accessibility to the hall and to the Church, complete kitchen, rest room facilities, and can accommodate gatherings up to 100.

St. Charles parishioners thank the Diocese of Owensboro for the support to move forward with these plans after many years. Special thanks to Catholic Extension Society for the grant that helped make these plans a reality and their debt manageable.

On Nov.11, 2011 Fr John O'Koro and parishioners of Saint Charles in Livermore gathered in front of the church to celebrate the finished construction of a new parish hall. The Catholic Extension Society (CES) contributed a grant of \$60,000 toward the construction of the building. In this picture at right, holding an enlarged copy of the check from CES, are Tonya Logsdon (PC Chairperson), Fr. John Okoro, left of Tonya, Marsha Logsdon; Second row left to right - Derek Miller, John Renfrow, Linda Dotson, Anna Bishop and Judy Fee; Top row - Marylyne Miller holding Connor Logsdon, Ann Renfrow, John Logsdon, Patty Humphrey, Mitch Dotson and Darrell Bishop. Photo by Mel Howard



HENDERSON, Ky. - On September 30, Holy Name School celebrated fathers, grandfathers, and those men who play an important role in the lives of students. Holy Name Church was standing room only for a beautiful Mass in which many of these men played an important role.

Principal Sandy Fleming ended the Mass with a blessing on all those in attendance who are nurturing their families in the spirit of St. Joseph.



Father Anthony Shonis and his altar servers, HNS Dad and Maintenance Supervisor Eddy Tigie and his son, Bryant. Kamille Stich Photo

Catholic Schools - Smiling Faces

On October 24, Holy Name School Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten students celebrated Fall Family Fun Night with over 200 family members in attendance. The evening started with librarian, Sabrina Farley, in the role of Mother Goose, reading a story to the children. After a game of "Jack Be Nimble" led by PE teacher, Danny Jacobs, and pumpkin decorating, all in attendance enjoyed dinner and dessert, while being entertained by 7th and 8th graders performing their favorite nursery rhymes in full costume under the guidance of music teacher, Janet Barkley. In closing, Preschool teacher, Dusti Benson, and Pre-K teacher, Donna Jo Bugg, led the children in song, creating special memories for all the families. Many faculty and staff members assisted in making the evening a great success. Students Owen Hibbs (shown left) and Dominic Corino displayed their pumpkin decorating skills at the end of the evening. Kamille Stich Photo



Jack Adams cantoring with his grandchildren (from left to right) Hayden, Marissa and Maggie Sauer and Vann and Loren Littrel. Kamille Stich Photo



A very happy Pre-K student, Harper Scott, receives change from volunteer and HNS parent, Julie Beickman, from the purchase of several books at the Holy Name School Erminia Evans Library Scholastic Book Sale held in October. All students were given the opportunity to shop the sale with proceeds benefiting the library, which is completely self-supporting. A community-wide used book sale held in the spring will fill the entire Holy Name School gymnasium with thousands of books of all types for all ages. Parishioners, school families, and other Henderson-area residents donate their gently used books to the sale making it the largest fundraiser for the school library. Kamille Stich Photo

34 **Brescia Social Work Students Make a Difference in the Community**

By Tina Kasey

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Each year for the past 13 years, Brescia University seniors majoring in Social Work take a trip to Saint Paul's Mission in Crownpoint, New Mexico as part of their field practicum. The mission, which serves Navajo families and children, provides the housing for the students and while there, they work as interns in social service agencies.

Eight years ago the Brescia Social Work Department began a soup fundraiser to assist the Mission in purchasing items for a toy shop to benefit the Navajo families for Christmas. This year, more than \$2,100 was raised by accepting donations for the lunch. This fundraising effort has netted more than \$12,000 for the Mission since its inception.

Donations raised by Soup Day are used the day after Thanksgiving. The Sisters of the Order of the Adorer's of the Blood of Christ provide a toy shop for the Navajo families to pick out toys for Christmas.

"We are grateful to everyone who came and supported our cause," said Susan Howard, Social Work Program Director. "See you next November for Soup Day 2012!"

This fundraiser is just one of the many service projects that Brescia



Above, Brescia Social Work Senior Serenity Hulseley helped Soup Day patrons choose from a wide array of slow cookers their own delicious bowl of soup Nov. 10 in the Ramold Center on Brescia University Campus. In photo at lower left, many professional people around Owensboro mark their calendars for Brescia's Soup Day as a great lunch. Tina Kasey Photos

Social Work students willingly complete to help others, including those outside Owensboro.



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St. Thomas More Parish Celebrates the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

On Sunday, October 30, 2011 the church was crowded with those celebrating the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming at St. Thomas More parish in Paducah. Sponsors stood with the seven Catechumens and 15 Candidates as they were welcomed by Fr. Ryan Harpole. Submitted by Missy Eckenberg.

St. Mary's Backpack

Article submitted by Cathy H. Abell
Photos submitted by Paul W. Abell

FRANKLIN, Ky. - Fr. Robert Drury and the members of St. Mary Church here have instituted a new project to encourage and recognize spiritual commitment of the youth. The project is called Saint Mary's Backpack. Religious Education teachers give students a ticket for attending Religious Education and doing their homework. Students can receive additional tickets for being engaged in a church activity outside of the classroom or by participating in a church ministry.



Carol Darrow and granddaughter, Emma Creemans, look at school supplies.

Students accumulate tickets and one Sunday each month, St. Mary's Backpack is open in the fellowship hall. At this time, students can use their tickets to acquire school supplies from the Backpack. Students have been working hard for tickets and on Sunday, October 30th, they had their first opportunity to visit St. Mary's Backpack. Everyone seemed to enjoy the activity.

Posadas in the Catholic Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Owensboro

By Luis Aju, Director of Office for Hispanic Ministries

The great tradition of the Celebration of the Posadas (Spanish for "the inns") takes place from December 16th to 23rd. In any Hispanic community in the parishes of the Diocese, you will find the family celebration taking place in a home, in a heart, so that the Son of God, Jesus, in form of a baby can be born in us.

The posada is to prepare us to receive the Birth of Jesus in our homes and in our hearts. Together with people of all ages, including the joy of the animals and all of creation, we pray and reflect during the posadas to receive Jesus in the Home. Not only the Historic Jesus, but the Jesus that is all around us, walking the same streets that we walk. In this occasion, the Offices of the Pastoral Center of the Diocese, with the Bishop of the Diocese, have come together and prepared to receive the traditional Posada planned for December 23 at 7:30pm with the Hispanic community of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish. This will be a great experience of two or more cultures coming together to prepare the way of the Lord, to walk together learning from one another the cultural values from our Catholic faith.

As we say, you don't have to understand it, you have to do it. You have to get involved to be part of this type of tradition. This type of preparation is so that we can say that we are ready for the Birth of Jesus. Just as in the Old Testament they waited ages and ages to see the Messiah, although some did not accept how he was born, how he grew up, how he died and finally how he rose from the dead.

In the Latin American culture, we celebrate 9 posadas before Christmas Eve. Each family asks to host a posada and in each posada we pray and sing special songs of Christmas. The leader each night offers a small reflection on the meaning of the birth of Jesus in the world, especially today as it's so hard to accept. Each host family offers their visitors a punch with whatever the family can offer, like tamales, tostadas, or arroz con leche, depending on their possibilities. Sometimes there is also a piñata with the sense that the child Jesus is also present in the children.

Note: In the Pastoral Center the situation will be a little different since the Spirit of preparation for Christmas is different. In this case the Latinos and non-Latinos will share what we have but with one Lord, one faith and in the same prayer. We invite everyone to participate in this celebration and appreciate your presence so that together we can learn to live as brothers and sisters. Merry Christmas to your family. May God accompany us in these difficult times. Peace and Love!

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Father Maurice J. Tiell

By Rev. Paul Pike Powell



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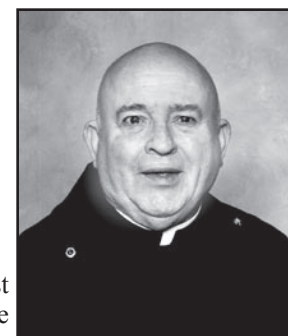
Carmel Home, Owensboro, Ky.

With the passing of Father Maurice Tiell a few weeks ago, the community mourns the loss of a valuable citizen, a great Christian witness. Fr. Tiell (1923—2011) came to us in 1948 from Ohio; he wanted to work in a "missionary" diocese. With Father Tiell's zeal and dedication, he could have been a successful servant of God anywhere. When met for the first time, Father Tiell seemed to be retiring and bashful. Yet, he soon could work himself into any group or organization. His non-threatening approach made it possible for him to attract the very youngest as well as adults. While making many converts to Catholicism, he was not "pushy", but expended his convictions and beliefs in such a way that others would want to hear what he had to Offer.

Everywhere he went, he became the part of the local Ministerial Association; often-times he would eventually become its President. He was especially effective working in the Ecumenical Cursillo Movement. (The Cursillo weekend is an intense review of our faith convictions with a group of men and women. Natural leaders are formed into spiritual leaders, so that they can share more perfectly what is near and dear to them. The name "Father Tiell" became a household word among many families, both Catholic and non-Catholic.)

While being "ecumenical," he could be very adamant when it came to defending the religious truths in which he believed. There was no compromise!

We miss you, Father Tiell; you have served God's people well during your 61 years as a Priest. The community and the Church has been enriched by your having played a prominent part.



Father Maurice J. Tiell

In Your Kindness Please Pray For The Repose Of The Soul Of Sarita Milliner, SCN,



Sister Sarita Milliner, SCN, 76, a native of Grayson County, Ky., died at Nazareth Home on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. She transferred from the Ursuline Sisters at Maple Mount, Ky. in July 1974 and has been a Sister of Charity of Nazareth for 37 years.

Sister Sarita served in the apostolates of elementary education, parish ministry, health care and community service at Bardstown, Nazareth and Louisville, Ky. and has served in the Apostolate of Prayer at Nazareth Home/Maria Hall since July, 1995.

Survivors include one sister, Sara Marie Higdon and one brother, Richard Milliner, both of Louisville, Ky., and her religious community.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at Nazareth Home, followed by burial at 2:30 p.m. in Nazareth Cemetery, Nazareth, Ky.

Funeral Arrangements are being handled by Ratterman Funeral Home, 3800 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY. Memorials may be made to SCN Missions, P.O. Box 9, Nazareth, KY 40048.



Blessing of the chapel grounds September 25, 2010; Terry Larbes, deacon-candidate, assists Fr. Pat Reynolds.

By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - We began envisioning the future of our parish nearly four years ago by forming a Core Committee to assess and plan for upcoming needs. The group reviewed information gathered from parishioners and considered how to best participate in the diocesan campaign with a “fair share” goal of \$635, 923 to be paid over 5 years.

Kirby-Smith, a company that specializes in church based fundraising, helped us conduct a feasibility study August 2009. From the data gathered, St. Thomas More was expected to raise \$1.8 million with a stretch goal of \$2 million over a three-year capital campaign.

The priority building for parishioners was part of the original plan of our current church building - the Eucharistic/daily Mass chapel. Overrun costs during original construction precluded building of the chapel.

The following priorities were set: Daily Chapel - \$750,000 over 3 year or \$250,000 annually; Diocesan fair share - \$635,923 over 5 years or \$127,185 annually; Endowment Fund - \$350,000 to build the corpus to the \$1 million level; Space renovation/refurnishing - \$100,000

The \$1.8 million dollar goal was set, and Bishop William Medley approved the project. In October 2010, a successful capital campaign was launched and because of our generous parishioners, we reached our goal.

The Building Committee took over the process, followed the Diocesan regulations, and chose Fr. Mark Joseph Costello as the liturgical architect to guide construction of the new Eucharistic/daily chapel. The committee met several times to consider how to utilize our current space in conjunction with the building project to assist in making the whole building more parishioner usable and friendly.

The chapel is connected to the east side of the original church allowing for a small meditation garden. The Tabernacle is prominently positioned to be visible from both the sanctuary and the chapel. The chapel also features a covered entry, vestibule with bathrooms, seating for 76 people, sacristy, and a reconciliation room. Projected construction completion is Easter 2012.



Julie DuPerrieu, Karen Edwards, Fr. Ryan Harpole, Mike Polashock, and Steve Wurth review plans. Photos submitted by Missy Eckenberg



An artist's image of the new Eucharistic Chapel at St. Thomas More Church, Paducah.

In the photo below, the blessing of the chapel grounds September 25, 2010: Parishioners gather to bless the ground where the chapel will be built.



St. Thomas More Hosts the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit



St. Mary Middle School students gather information for religion class. Parishioner Pat Heflin studies the Eucharistic miracles as St. Mary students seek answers for a religion class assignment. Submitted by Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Thomas More parish in Paducah hosted the Eucharistic Miracle of the World Exhibit Monday, November 7, 2011 through Sunday, November 13, 2011 inviting all deanery churches' parishioners to attend. Deacon-candidate, Terry Larbes, picked up the exhibit from Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, Ohio and parishioners worked together to set it up according to protocol of The Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association www.therealpresence.org. The 140 poster Vatican International Exhibition provided a profound educational opportunity regarding the Eucharist for the hundreds that attended. All St. Thomas More parishioners and ministry groups were encouraged to attend this sacred exhibit during the building of the parish Eucharistic Chapel.



St. Ann students are “Planting a Promise to Remain Drug Free”. All students planted daffodil bulbs as a reminder to be drug free. The bulbs will bloom every spring, providing a reminder to the students of the promise they made in the fall of 2011.



St. Ann students recited the rosary after mass on Friday, October 28th to end the Red Ribbon Week activities. Rosary intentions were for those in our community who are suffering with drug and alcohol addiction. A Balloon Rosary was released after the service in honor of those suffering. Photos submitted by Beth Hendrickson



St. Thomas More Choir – An Important Ministry

The Saint Thomas More Choir is, perhaps, the busiest ministry among laity at the parish. In addition to singing for nearly 70 services and concerts each year, with repertoire spanning several centuries, the choir is also preparing for their second international pilgrimage. With Father J. Patrick Reynolds, Pastor, the choir will visit Rome in March of 2012, singing Masses at Saint Peter’s Basilica, the Basilica of Saint Mary Major and perform a concert at the Church of Saint Ignatius, all in Rome. They will also sing for Mass in the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi where they will premier a new work for choir by Paducah composer Mary Grinnell. Submitted by Missy Eckenberg, photo by Bob Dotson, text by Jim Hess.



Students participated in Ghost Out day. Every 40 minutes a student was called from class to represent a person who had died in a drinking related accident. Faces were painted white and students were asked to not talk for the remainder of the day, with the exception of class. During this time a short statistic was read over the announcements. Students were reminded of how their choices affect them and others around them.

Holy Name School Students, Alumni Enjoy Fall Festival

Sisters Emma Gavin, second grade, and Elizabeth Gavin, Kindergarten, show off their painted faces, which proved to be a very popular activity at Henderson Holy Name School’s Fall Festival held September 23 and 24. The entire parish joined in for great food, fellowship, and family fun. Shown in the photo below, the Holy Name School Class of ‘55 planned a reunion in conjunction with the Fall Festival. Photos by Yvonne Drury.



On Thursday October 20th, St. Lawrence hosted a seniors day out program entitled "Oh What a Life". The day consisted of prayer, conversation and topics on judgement and patience. The program presented by Ginny Knight-Simon, Diocesan Coordinator of Wisdom and guest Patty Blair.

If your church or women's group would like a retreat day contact Ginny Knight-Simon Coordinator of Wisdom at 270-683-1545



Patsy Bennett and Linda Hamilton of St. William Parish in Knottsville, chat during a morning break at the Senior Day out.



Newly weds of 7 weeks, Carl and Dottie Payne said, "We enjoy getting together with others in the parishes of St. Lawrence and St. William."



Darlene Kirk looks over presentation book "Holy Cow and Ed Too" just before lunch.

Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon



The group reads over a "pop quiz" on Saints.



Boulware Awarded Impact 100 Grant

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On October 27th, Boulware Mission and Owensboro Community & Technical College were named recipients of Impact 100 Owensboro's 2011 grants of \$103,500 each. Boulware's project will allow continued renovation to the Mission's facility on Wing Avenue.

Currently, Boulware has the capability of housing 78 people (16 women and 62 men). Women live in the west wing of the ground floor and reside in dormitory-style rooms.

The men reside barracks-style in the Mission's east and west chapels. The 31 bunk beds that comprise their living quarters are extremely close together and provide for little personal space and/or dignity. In addition, the Mission has only 3 showers available to all 62 men.

Sadly, many clients end up leaving the program early because they can't tolerate communal living any longer. When this happens, they are deprived of the tools they need to end the cycle they are in. The best results come from those who stay until they are mentally, financially, and emotionally ready to leave.

The money awarded through Impact 100 is designated to be used for the renovation of two living quarters and one bathroom upstairs. The project will more than double the current living space available. It will add 2 showers and 3 latrines and will allow enough space to add additional beds.

The beds located in the east chapel will be moved upstairs, while the west chapel will remain a living quarters for those who cannot physically climb the stairs each day. The east chapel will be returned to its original use as a place of worship and fellowship. The Executive Board, staff, and residents are extremely grateful to Impact 100 for their gift.

This is the second grant awarded to Boulware from Impact 100 since it was founded in 2006. The first was in 2007 for renovation of the kitchen.

Grief Retires As publisher of Rank and File Catholic

HENDERSON, Ky. - After nearly seven years as publisher of the Rank and File

Catholic David Grief is now retiring. Along with Fr. Anthony Shonis, Todd Johnson and the late Mike Roby, David was a founding member of the Rank and File Catholic newsletter. The Rank and File Catholic is a bi-annual newsletter that unites the struggles of labor with the teaching of the Church. Its goal is to give a Catholic perspective on labor issues and the economy. The new publisher of the Rank and File Catholic is Mary Ann McMurray of Holy Name parish in Henderson, Kentucky.



Todd Johnson, Sprinkler Fitters LU 669 of St. Stephen Cathedral and Fr. Anthony Shonis, Chaplain of the Rank and File Catholic presenting a Plaque of Appreciation to David Grief, IBEW LU 816 of Rosary Chapel, Paducah. Submitted Photo

Greetings From Bani!

By Father Stan Puryear

As all know, the month of November is a time in which we in the Church reflect on the topic of death. As the days grow longer and darker (especially after the change of the clocks), the trees and fields become grey and dormant, and the anticipated joy (or dread) of the holidays loom, the Church begins the month with the celebration of All Saints and All Souls.

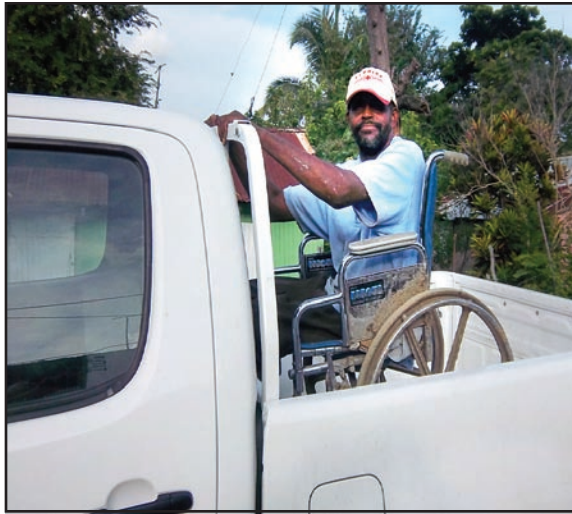
In Bani, the topic of death has been also on my mind during this month. The accident victim of whose trip to the hospital in my truck last month passed away after more than three weeks in the hospital. He passed away two days before Fr. Maurice Tiell passed away. The sermon I preached for Fr. Tiell's 60th Anniversary was included in the November edition of the Western Kentucky Catholic. And finally, as if I didn't have enough to worry about, I almost became a statistic of the cholera epidemic that affects the island of Hispaniola. Since October 2010, more than 6,500 persons have died of cholera, with most of the victims living in Haiti. Unfortunately, the bacterium did not recognize the border and made its way to the Dominican Republic. I have buried a couple of victims in the past month and almost became one myself. Recuperation continues.

Beyond this rather depressing bump in the road, life in the Dominican Republic continues well. I had an opportunity to visit with my family as I witnessed a wedding in Bowling Green on 11/11/11. I explained to family and friends that I would not be returning to Kentucky until May, at the earliest, as my goal is to not below-freezing temperatures until I return to the diocese to stay. Even though the temperature during the sojourn dropped to a mere 45 degrees, I found myself missing the mountains, palm trees, beach, and warmth during the 7 days I was in the state.

While I was in Kentucky, a good friend I have made here in the DR was ordained to the priesthood in Bani. José Miguel Peña was ordained on November 12 in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Regla Cathedral in Bani. Peña and I had a wonderful conversation upon learning of the death of Fr. Tiell. Father was able to concelebrate Mass the morning before he passed away at the Carmel Home, and both Jose Miguel and myself speak of what a blessing that was for Fr. Maurice.

In our conversation, we discussed some advice we had received from one of the Dominican bishops: if we can recall daily what sacramental priesthood is in and of itself, then we can realize how blessed is the life to which God has called us. When we begin to concentrate on the details of what priests do, looking at priesthood as a profession rather than a vocation, then we get lost. In a couple of the communities where I celebrate Mass, I am reminded of this reality in a very concrete manner. As Mass begins, someone will say, "Please stand as we welcome Christ present in the priest presiding at this celebration." I always find those words to be exceptionally humbling and sobering as I am reminded that the ordination to the priesthood means that we become the sacramental of Christ.

One of the greatest blessings of my time here in the Dominican Republic is having such insightful conversations with other priests with whom I have so little in common yet with



I discovered that my truck was also handicap accessible, albeit in a Dominican fashion. All I have to do was make a general yell for help, and four people were there to give a fellow a lift. This day, the passenger was saved the two miles of pushing himself down a very rocky road, a trip he makes often and has resulted in his chair no longer having rubber on the wheels.

whom I am joined in a fraternal bond. In our conversations, all of us have been reminded of wonderful is a day in the life of a priest (with the exception of those days when cholera is in the picture).

Since this column will be appearing in the December edition of the Western Kentucky Catholic, let me wish you all a blessed and happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your prayers and contributions for my ministry here in the Diocese of Bani, Dominican Republic.

May God's Peace be yours.

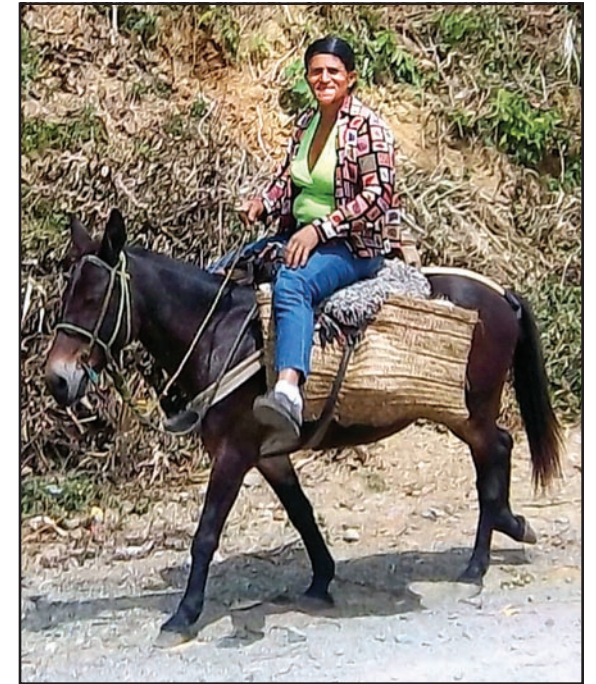
Saludos desde Bani

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a que la camioneta vieja protesta cualquier abuso, dejándome sin luces en la noche. Esa debilidad se ha convertido en una bendición para la gloria de Dios, porque conduciendo lentamente (con la ventana baja porque el aire acondicionado no funciona) significa que todo el mundo puede ver que está pasando, y yo recibo muchos saludos de "Hola, mi Padre."

(Gracias a las donaciones de Adveniat de Alemania y los Caballeros de Colón de Bowling Green, la camioneta vieja pronto será cambiado por uno nuevo, uno que no protesta tanto. Pero voy a seguir manejando lentamente en los caminos no pavimentados).

Ser misionero no significa necesariamente que uno tiene que ir a tierras extranjeras con sus alimentos extraños y idioma diferente. Uno de los mejores ejemplos de un sacerdote diocesano de la Diócesis de Owensboro que vivía el espíritu misionero era el Padre Luciano Hayden. Siempre con una tarjeta con la imagen de Cristo, el Padre Hayden encontraba a todos los desconocidos con una tarjeta en la mano, ofreciéndoles



In the mountains, some villages are still only accessible by foot or mule. Priests who serve in these areas must not only know how to drive a four-wheel-drive in the mountains but also must know how to ride a mule or horse. Here a lady in los Cacaos parish rides a mule with traditional Dominican saddle and hand-woven rattan saddlebags.

En las montañas, todavía a algunas aldeas solo se pueden llegar a pie o en mula. Los sacerdotes que sirven en estas áreas no sólo deben saber cómo conducir un cuatro-por-cuatro en las montañas, sino también cómo montar caballo o mula. Aquí una señora en la parroquia de los Cacaos monta una mula con silla dominicana tradicional y alforjas de ratán tejidas a mano.

la imagen de "alguien que te ama". Esas tarjetas aparecieron en todas partes, incluyendo cabinas de cobro en el Western Kentucky Parkway, y estoy convencido de que el padre gastó tanto de su dinero personal en aquellas tarjetas durante los años que envió a los hijos de los editores a las mejores universidades.

Al comenzar este nuevo año, les invito a todos que visiten la República Dominicana en una peregrinación al lugar donde el cristianismo católico echó sus primeros raíces en el hemisferio occidental de nuestro mundo. Pero si no puede hacer el viaje a esta hermosa isla, pido que haga una resolución este año de convertirse en misionero, llevando el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a la vida de alguien que falta esa experiencia personal de alguien que lo ama.

Mike and Jean Gray Mattingly, Immaculate Conception Parish, Hawesville. Jean is a 2011 Sophia Award Recipient

Mike and Jean Mattingly have been married for 43 years and have 4 living children and 11 grand children. They met while attending Brescia College in Owensboro.

"Mike is from the seat of Catholicism – Marion County Kentucky, and I am from this area (Hancock County)," Jean said. "I majored in accounting but landed as a social worker for the state here in Hancock County for about 28 years. Working with the poor is all I have ever done. I have 11 siblings and I helped take care of them. We were very poor, but back in those days we just didn't realize it much as in today's world. Mom had to go to the TB sanatorium in Louisville for surgery and was gone over a year. I was the one to



Mike and Jean Mattingly

help with my brothers and sisters. When I was in my junior and senior years of high school I had to go to the TB sanatorium in Madisonville. I really missed my friends and family. I was allowed to come home for graduation, though, and receive my diploma but I had to go back for awhile. I

think everything happens for a purpose and you are given a chance for growth."

"I worked for 35 years at Century Aluminum and Jean worked as a social worker and raised the children," said Mike. "I've raised children all my life," said Jean, "from my siblings to our children and now we have a grand son living with us. I've always been glad that I could do it."

Jean started a dinner theater group about 18 years ago as a fund raiser for Saint Columba parish. "One time! I told them that only for one time would I do it and this past November we did our 18th show!"

"Jean just brings out the best in everyone," said Mike.

"I can even get Mike on stage," Jean said, "just every once in a while, but he is mostly a man behind the scenes. He makes sets, put up lights - almost anything I ask him to do! We don't do musicals where a royalty is paid. We do more of a variety type show. We have done Laugh In, Hee Haw, Gospel, Lawrence Welk and Viva Las Vegas, just to name a few. We have many talented people in this area. We are more ecumenical now

and other churches are involved. I am the set director, show director and costumer. I have been sewing all my life and I enjoy it. We have a great costume closet at St. Columba's. This way, all new costumes aren't required for each show. Bob Payne is the food chairman. He takes care of the whole thing from start to finish and the food is always great," explained Jean.

On receiving the Sophia Award Jean says, "I felt highly honored and certainly didn't expect it. What I do for the church and the community I thoroughly enjoy. Pleasing people pleases me. I feel like the community dinner theater group is a way for the group to witness for God. God gave us the talents we use to please people and make them happy. The gifts of working together as a team, music, acting, sewing, directing, and business all play a large part in our witness to God."

Mike and Jean like to work on the community theater together and help out at church too. She sings in the choir and Mike lectures as well as help with picnics

"Family means everything to me ... family is my greatest blessing in life."

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December 2011

8 Advent Day of Prayer with
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6 Reflection Day of Prayer
7 Yarn Spinners Day
13-15 Retrouvaille
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23-29 St. Meinrad Retreat

February 2012

3 Reflection Day of Prayer
4-5 Catholic Engaged Encounter
11 Yarn Spinners Day
11 Vocation Ministry: Ursuline Sisters, Associates, Friends
24-26 Lenten Retreat for Women
26 Lourdes Environmental Day
26-29 MSJ Quilter Friends

March 2012

2 Reflection Day of Prayer
9-11 Yarn Spinners Weekend
16-17 ICSC Youth Confirmation
13-16 Paducah Quilt Guild
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"En Nombre de Dios"

December 12th, Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe



By Luis Aju

The Virgin of Guadalupe was named, by his Holiness Pope John Paul II, as the Queen of the Americas (Empress of America) and so she is not for one particular country in the Americas.

Luis Aju The celebration should be for all that form part of the multicultural community that constitutes all of America since she is considered the Mother of all of the born and unborn of the continent. Our society is made up of Native Americans of the continent and others that have come from other continents, but in terms of our Catholic faith, we are united by only one mother. I think that if we were all under the advocacy of the Virgin of Fatima we would make her our own since we would be in that geographic place. In our case we should recognize that the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe visited us with her Latin-American face, identifying herself with the culture of St. Juan Diego, bringing with her the color, humility and light that identifies a continent with various cultural tones.

We are all invited to all of the celebrations that will take place in the various parishes of the Diocese of Owensboro, united in one celebration, without taking away from our particular devotions. For example the devotion of each country varies only in the name of Mary of Guadalupe for their own, since we are speaking of the same Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Our Mother.

Over time we realize that we as Catholics have distinct kinds of traditions. The English-speaking can learn from others, as we Latinos can also learn from many traditions of other cultures. So we should start by appreciating the traditions that exist around us.

If you would like to learn about other cultures and faith traditions, you are cordially invited to be part of the celebrations. In Church no one is outside of any group. Our Catholic Faith should not make people different, each one is a child of God and the difference that we see in people is the diversity of the Face of God in the people.

Saint Joseph & Paul honors Priests and Ursuline Sisters

MAPLE MOUNT, Ky. - As part of celebrating its 125th anniversary this year and in 2012, Sts. Joseph and Paul Catholic Church in Owensboro, Ky., held a dinner and program on Nov. 6 to honor the Ursuline Sisters and priests who have a history with the parish. Ground was broken for St. Paul Church in 1887, and it was announced it would merge with St. Joseph Church - which was across the street - in 1948. The celebration, which will culminate in July 2012, celebrates the histories of both churches. Two sisters who taught in the school and two who grew up in the parish were able to attend, while several other sisters were present to support them.



Sister Joseph Angela Boone, left, and Amanda Henderson look over old pictures and items collected throughout the history of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish. Sister Joseph Angela taught at St. Joseph and Paul School from 1949-51, and 1959-61.



In the picture at left, Sister Vivian Bowles talks with Father Carl McCarthy, pastor of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish. MSJ Photos



A panel of sisters and priests who were from or served at Sts. Joseph and Paul told stories and answered questions during a panel discussion. Standing at left is Lavida Mischel, chairwoman of the anniversary committee, and seated from left are Sister Joseph Angela Boone, who taught at the school from 1949-51, and 1959-61; Father Joe Mills, who was raised in the parish until he was 21; Father Brandon Williams, who was raised in the parish and ordained in 2010; Sister Emma Cecilia Busam, who was raised in the parish and taught there from 1961-66; Father Gerald Calhoun, who was raised in the parish; Sister Suzanne Sims, who attended first through fourth grades at the school; Sister Catherine Marie Lauterwasser, who attended sixth through eighth grades at the school; and Sister Mary Sheila Higdon, who attended the school all 12 years.



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Una de las dificultades con la escritura de una columna mensual es que a veces los eventos de la vida no coinciden con los plazos de publicación. Debido a unas actividades planeadas para las próximas semanas, se escribe esta columna la semana después del Día de Acción de Gracias; pero, no será en sus casas hasta la semana después del Año Nuevo. Yo todavía estoy recuperando de la realización de que el pollo criollo y mangú no son sustitutos adecuados para pavo y relleno, y los que leen esto quizás todavía están sufriendo los efectos de celebrar demasiado la Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo.

El año 2011 va a ser un tiempo emocionante en la Isla Española. Todos estamos rezando que las elecciones presidenciales haitianas traigan nuevo liderazgo legítimo a aquella nación que se pare a la epidemia de cólera. Durante el enero de 2010, yo andaba en la ciudad de Santiago de la República Dominicana cuando el terremoto prácticamente destruyó la ciudad de Puerto Príncipe y mató a unos 200,000 personas. La reconstrucción ha sido muy lenta, pero los haitianos son un grupo de personas esperanzador y resistente. Que les pase mejor el año 2011.

La Iglesia Católica en la República Dominicana esperamos a este nuevo año con anticipación especial. El 8 de agosto de 2011, celebramos el 500° Aniversario de la fundación de tres diócesis en el Nuevo Mundo: Santo Domingo (República Dominicana), La Vega (República Dominicana) y San Juan (Puerto Rico). La Diócesis de Bani fue parte de la Arquidiócesis de Santo Domingo hasta 1986, cuando se estableció como una sede independiente.

Como mencioné en un artículo anterior, una experiencia en una de las audiencias generales del Santo Padre me llevó a comprender que los católicos somos miembros de algo que es mucho mayor que nosotros mismos. No sólo somos una iglesia que llega a más de seis continentes, somos una iglesia que llega a más de 20 siglos de historia. La celebración de esa historia es importante para que nosotros tengamos sentido de nuestro lugar en el plan de Dios para nuestro mundo.

El estado de Kentucky tiene su propia historia Católica orgulloso que ha abarcado un par de siglos. Hace dos años, la Iglesia en el estado celebró el 200° Aniversario de la fundación de la Diócesis de Bardstown. Bardstown se convirtió en uno de los primeros cinco Diócesis de los Estados Unidos de América cuando ella y las diócesis de Boston, Nueva York y Filadelfia fueron creadas del territorio de la Diócesis de Baltimore. Después de unos años, el Monseñor Flaget y la estructura diocesana fueron trasladados a Louisville, y era de esa arquidiócesis que nuestra propia diócesis de Owensboro fue creado. La Basílica de San José Proto-Catedral (es decir, antigua catedral) todavía se encuentra en Bardstown y es un edificio increíble de la historia colonial Católica de la que todos deberíamos ser

Saludos desde Bani

Por el Padre Stan Puryear



Un viaje me llevo a la ciudad de Barahona y su Catedral de Nuestra Señora del Rosario. Sugerí al Padre Vaughan de Owensboro que la restauración de la Catedral de San Esteban incluya unas palmas enfrente.

conscientes. Si uno tiene preguntas acerca de la Diócesis de Bardstown o la Basílica de San José, estoy seguro de que Monseñor Medley será capaz de contestarlas: el pasó 12 años como pastor de San José.

En mi estudio de la historia de la Iglesia Católica en la República Dominicana, he aprovechado de la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre lo que significa ser un misionero en una tierra extranjera. Los primeros misioneros que llegaron a esta tierra con Cristóbal Colón en su segundo viaje enfrentaron muchas dificultades, mucho más que la cuadrícula de electricidad y sus fallas frecuentes que es mi enemigo mayor. Como misionero en la misma isla, literalmente vivo en la sombra de los árboles plantados por los misioneros de otros países. Los sacerdotes misioneros Scarboro, de la ciudad Scarborough de Ontario en Canadá, trabajaban muchos años en las provincias de Peravia y Ocoa, hasta en la Parroquia Santiago Apóstol en Paya. Afortunadamente, los árboles que los sacerdotes misioneros Scarboro plantaron en el patio de la casa parroquial hoy producen naranjas chinas, limones, mangos, guayabas y aguacates.

Otra gran oportunidad para reflexionar sobre lo que es ser sacerdote misionero en esta tierra se ofreció a finales de mes de noviembre en un retiro ofrecido para los sacerdotes que trabajan en el país. En lugar de retiro por diócesis, tres retiros se celebran en tres momentos diferentes en tres lugares diferentes con el mismo director. Este año, el retiro

dirigido por el Monseñor Valentín Reynoso, obispo auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Santiago.

El Monseñor Reynoso abrió el retiro diciendo claramente: “el sacerdocio no es una profesión: el sacerdocio es una vida.” La vida de sacerdocio es uno de encuentro con Cristo: en la Eucaristía, en las Escrituras, en la Iglesia, en los pobres y en la oración. Estos encuentros le llevan al sacerdote a la verdadera alegría y paz que es compartido con otros como presencia sacramental. Compartiendo esa presencia con otros, el sacerdocio y la vida en Cristo son por sus propias naturalezas misioneros.

Todo eso que oí no estuvo de acuerdo con lo que había escuchado de las expectativas de los sacerdotes en los últimos 15 años. En los Estados Unidos, muchas personas consideran que el sacerdote en un profesional entre otros, tales como médicos, abogados, arquitectos y administradores. Hasta unos sacerdotes piensan eso también. Una de las críticas más duras que unos sacerdotes tiran en contra de otros sacerdotes es la acusación de ser “poco profesional”. Después de estar quitado de esa situación, veo que tal acusación sale de una comprensión incompleta de sacerdocio.

Como se quedó claro durante el retiro, la diferencia entre el sacerdocio como una profesión en lugar de una vida en Cristo es la diferencia entre simplemente llevando Jesús a otra persona en lugar de llevar un encuentro personal con Jesús a la vida y el alma de otra persona para que la persona sepa del amor, misericordia, bondad y sacrificio de Cristo. La vida del sacerdote es una revelación de la vida y el amor de Cristo.

Jesucristo dio instrucciones específicas: “Vayan, pues, y hagan que todos los pueblos sean mis discípulos. Bautícenlos en el Nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enséñeles a cumplir todo lo que yo les he encomendado a ustedes. “[Mateo 28:19] No dijo, “Quédense en sus oficinas esperando que las personas vengan a ti.” Ser misionero significa ir fuera de nuestro espacio familiar y a veces ir fuera de las normas aceptadas. Hay veces cuando debemos ser “poco profesionales”, igual que Jesús era cuando corrió los cambistas del Templo [Marcos 11:15ff, Mateo 21:12ff, Lucas 19:45ff, Juan 2:13ff], cuando habló con la Samaritana en el pozo [Juan 4:5ff], o cuando se asoció a un publicano nombrado Zaqueo (Lucas 19: 1-10), entre muchos otros ejemplos.

En las zonas rurales de la República Dominicana, el encuentro con Cristo es breve por necesidad. La asistencia en la Misa es un lujo de que muchos no pueden aprovechar. Eso es la resulta de varias razones: falta de buenas carreteras, falta de seguridad, falta de sacerdotes, demandas del trabajo, etc. Sacerdotes misioneros somos conscientes de que no simplemente llevamos Cristo al mundo sino que somos Cristo al mundo. Es una responsabilidad pesada. La mayoría de las personas en la parroquia de Santiago Apóstol de Paya ya saben quien soy. Siendo el único hombre blanco, calvo, y gordito en la área tiene ese resultado. Celebrando la Misa en 11 localidades significa que estoy en el camino con mucha frecuencia. Y en las carreteras sin pavimento, tengo que manejar excepcionalmente lentamente debido

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Al finalizar la Misa, Luis Aju, como Director del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis, presento al Señor Obispo Medley, el programa del Estudio de la Biblia y agradecio a los Sacerdotes y al Obispo por apoyar la Comunidad Hispana de la Diócesis. Fue un evento inmemorable. F. Car. Sch.



Momentos en que todos reciben la comunión en la celebración de la Eucaristía. F. Carl Sch.

Clausura y entrega de diplomas a los participantes del Estudio Bíblico de la Diócesis de Owensboro en manos del Señor Obispo Medley y Luis Aju Director del MH.



En esta foto, podemos apreciar al P. Albert Bramer, concelebrante en la celebración de la Sta. Misa, como clausura del estudio de la Biblia, dada por la diócesis de Owensboro.



Luis Aju, llamo a todos los Ministros para que ellos puedan llamar y darle al Obispo Medley a su vez, de el diploma de participacion. la idea es que la gente pueda ver sus lideres y que juntamente son reconocidos estudiantes de la Biblia. F. Carl Sch.



Momento en que el Obispo Medley, da la comunión a los participantes al finalizar el Curso de la Biblia. Este evento la gente lo aprecia mucho porque encontraron al Obispo Medley.



El Diacono Heriberto R. tambien da la comunión a los participantes en la Clausura del Curso. F. Carl Sch.

Posadas en el Centro Pastoral Católico Sede de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Por Luis Aju

La gran tradición de la Celebración de las Posadas se lleva a cabo del 16 al 23 de Diciembre. En cualquier comunidad hispana en todas las parroquias de la Diócesis, usted encontrará la fiesta de familia, haciendo lugar en un hogar, en un corazón, para que el Hijo de Dios, Jesús en forma de bebé pueda nacer en nosotros.

La posada es para prepararnos para el recibimiento del Nacimiento de Jesús, en el hogar, y en los corazones. Junto con las personas de todas las edades, incluso la alegría de los animales y toda la creación, en tal virtud hacemos oración y reflexión en las posadas, para recibir a Jesús en el Hogar. No solo el Jesús Histórico, sino el Jesús que está a nuestro alrededor pasando por las mismas calles donde

nosotros también caminamos.

En esta ocasión las Oficinas del Centro Pastoral de la Diócesis juntamente con el Sr. Obispo de la Diócesis, se han unido y preparado para recibir la tradicional Posada preparado para el 23 de Diciembre a las 7:30 PM con la comunidad hispana de la parroquia de Sts. José y Pablo. Este será una gran experiencia, dos o más culturas se unen a preparar el camino de Señor, para caminar juntos aprendiendo uno del otro los valores culturales desde nuestra Fe Católica.

Como decimos, no hay que entenderlo hay que hacerlo, hay que involucrarse para ser parte de este tipo de tradición. Este tipo de actividad preparatoria es para que podamos decir que estamos listos para una Navidad de Jesús. Así como en el Antiguo

Testamento, esperaron siglos y siglos para ver llegar el Mesías, aunque algunos no lo aceptaron como nació, como creció, como vivió, como murió y por fin como resucitó.

En la cultura de América Latina, se celebran 9 posadas antes de la Noche Buena. Cada familia pide a la parroquia una posada, en la posada se rezan las oraciones y cantos especiales de la navidad. El líder cada noche ofrece una pequeña reflexión acerca del significado del nacimiento de Jesús en el mundo especialmente el día de hoy que es difícil aceptarlo. Cada familia como anfitrión, ofrece a sus visitantes, un té de frutas, con lo que la familia puede dar, así como los tamales, tostadas, o arroz en leche, dependiendo de sus posibilidades. Algunas veces con una piñata, para los

niños con el sentir de que Jesús niño también esta en medio de los niños.

Nota: en el Centro Pastoral, no se dará la misma situación, por la razón de que el Espíritu de preparación para la Navidad será diferente, es en este caso donde Latinos y no Latinos, compartiremos lo que tengamos. Pero eso si, un solo Señor, una sola Fe, y en una misma oración. Invitamos a todos a participar, ser parte de esta celebración, desde ya, agradecemos su presencia y que juntos seguimos aprendiendo a convivir juntos como hermanos. Feliz Navidad a toda su familia, que Dios nos acompañe en estos tiempos difíciles. Paz y Amor!



En esta foto, se aprecia el grupo de jovenes juntamente con el P. Jose Carmelo y Cristobal Gutierrez, todos han trabajado mucho por organizar el altar afuera de la Iglesia en honor a nuestros difuntos, tradicion que se guarda y que en esta ocasion se puede ver. F.Luis Aju



Durante la Misa Celebrada el dia 2 de Noviembre, niños y adultos se acercan para recibir la sta. comunión, en esta celebracion

todos nos sentimos muy unidos a nuestros difuntos, ya que nuestra Fe nos dice que ellos estan vivos en la presencia de Dios. F.Luis Aju



Este es el altar construido por los jovenes de la Parrouia de Santos Jose y Pablo, honrando en el recuerdo a nuestros difuntos pero que estan presentes en nuestra memoria y porque creemos que viven intecediendo por nosotros ante Dios. Tambien es el lugar de encuentro donde la comida y bebida hacen un signo de union entre ellos y nosotros. en su memoria comemos juntos ese dia.

Tradicional celebracion del dia de Los difuntos

En el dia 2 de Noviembre, muchos feligreses nos acudimos a la Celebracion de la Eucaristia, para pedir a Dios por el eterno descanso de nuestros difuntos, donde el P. Carmelo y Cristobal, dieron lectura a todos los nombres que hemos puesto en la lista para llamarlos ese dia en Oracion.



Enesta foto, podemos apreciar mas, al grupo de jovenes quienes trabajaron para instalar el altar dedicado a nuestros difuntos, toda la comunidad hispana de la Parroquia agradece por este gesto tan grande en exponer y traer a la memoria nuestra los actos que se realizan en el dia de los difuntos. tambien gracias al Sr. de la comunidad de habla Ingles. ayudando a velar por el fuego, signo de vida aun el dia 2 de noviembre. F. Luis Aju



El coro de la Parroquia, amenizando la Misa, del dia 2 de Noviembre, felicitamos a sus miembros que hacen las celebraciones muy alegres. Dios bendiga a la parroquia por abrir sus puertas al Ministerio Hispano aqui en Owensboro. F. Luis Aju



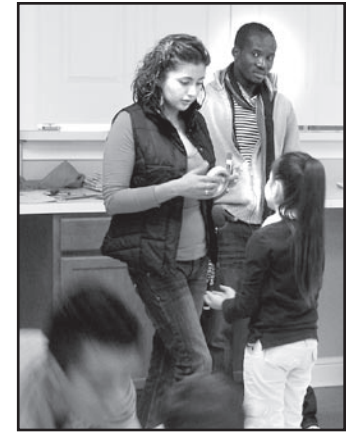
Una Madre junto a sus dos hijos, asisten a un retiro kerigmatico organizado por la Parroquia de Santos Jose y Pablo en Owensboro. Juntamente con el alimento del alma alimenta a sus dos pequeños en la misma actividad. La felicitamos por este gesto de llevar a sus hijos a una reflexion de Fe.

Retiro kerigmatico en Owensboro



La comunidad Hispana Catolica de la Parroquia de Santos Jose y Pablo en su Retiro Espiritual el dia 30 de Octubre, los felicitamos por tan asistido evento.

Los dos estudiantes de la Universidad del Brescia, James Pierre y Carolina Campos atienden a una niña. F. Luis Aju



P. Carmelo y toda la comunidad en un momento de oracion, cada uno paso enfrente del Crucifijo, pidiendo la ayuda de Dios con Fe, y apoyo de la comunidad, todos los participantes alzan sus manos sobre la persona en señal de acompañamiento en su necesidad.



Despues de las platicas del Domingo tuvimos la oportunidad de tener todo el grupo que colaboro en el evento, asi como los niños con sus nuevos colaboradores, estudiantes de la Universidad del Brescia, asi como la colaboracion de Mishell y Leo, y adultos participantes, responsables, P. Carmelo y Cristobal Gutierrez, felicitamos a todos y cada uno por lograr los objetivos trasados y lograrlos en el desarrollo del Retiro Kerigmatico.

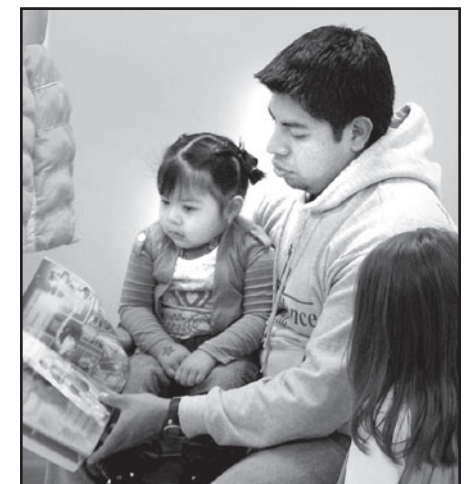


P. Carmelo invita a las personas a rezar para cada uno de los presentes, se formo un semicirculo para este acto. Foto Luis Aju



Los niños con Leo voluntario de la Parroquia, juega con ellos, y todos atentos a lo que esta diciendo. F. Luis Aju

Luis Jesus Aju, estudiante del Brescia, atiende a dos niños pequeños, les lee alguna pequeña historia, en Ingles o en español, lo admirable de este retiro es que muchos y de varios lugares todos con el mismo fin, buscar a Dios, esperamos que en el retiro lo hayamos encontrado. F. Luis Aju



Retiro Juvenil

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Parte del grupo de los jóvenes en retiro, es el 2do. En el año 2011.



La celebración de la Misa, para terminar el Retiro de los jóvenes, celebrado por el P. Carmelo



Antes de la Misa para terminar el retiro los jóvenes estuvieron jugando un deporte, que también es uno de los métodos de conocimiento del uno al otro. Unos platican y otros se ocupan en comunicarse por teléfono usando la tecnología de los celulares.



El Señor que se ve en esta foto, se llama Martín, interesante, siendo ya grande viene a acompañar en el retiro de los jóvenes, viene para cocinar el almuerzo del Sábado, los jóvenes están encantados con su asado, le damos las gracias, El, es uno de los feligreses de la Parroquia de San José de Mayfield, el no nos cobra, sino El, esta dispuesto para ayudar a la gente hispana.



Después de la Celebración de la Eucaristía, el grupo grande de los jóvenes se reúnen para tomarse una foto, aquí podemos apreciar la cantidad y jóvenes de diferentes diócesis, ha sido una bendición tener la variedad de diócesis y de país de origen.

En la Foto, se aprecia a los jóvenes y a Raúl dando su reflexión que había preparado, además su charla lo presenta con un canto y música, interesante la exposición.

Seguimos la fila para la oración, enfrente de la Custodia que contiene la Hostia Consagrada, que al final se dará la comunión, para los que alcancen.



2 Nueva Traducción Del Misal Romano, Una Oportunidad Para Ser Más Conscientes De Las Palabras Que Ora



+ Monseñor William Medley, Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Lo siguiente fue leído en todas las parroquias el 27 de Noviembre del 2011, el primer Domingo de Adviento: 27 de Noviembre del 2011: Primer Domingo de Adviento

Mis Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo.

Hoy en este primer domingo de adviento comienza un nuevo año litúrgico. Este nuevo año trae consigo algunos nuevos comienzos para nosotros los católicos. En las celebraciones de la eucaristía este fin de semana, todos los católicos del mundo y de habla inglesa estarán orando con una nueva traducción del Misal Romano.

El Misal Romano es el libro que contiene las oraciones y textos de la Misa. Esta tercera edición del Misal Romano fue emitido por el Papa Juan Pablo II en el año 2000. Después de su publicación en latín, un cuidadoso y colaborativo trabajo de traducción comenzó. Por cerca de 10 años, expertos trabajaron en traducir los textos del Misal Romano al inglés.

Con la nueva traducción del Misal, vemos cambios substanciales al texto de nuestras celebraciones de la misa. Los cambios que estamos implementando el día de hoy son los más significantes en

cerca de 50 años. Sin embargo, es importante notar que mientras muchas de las palabras están cambiando, la estructura de la Misa no cambia. Continuamos celebrando el mismo orden de la misa que hemos utilizado desde el Concilio Vaticano II.

Esta tercera edición es una más formal en lenguaje, y más cercanamente conectada a las raíces de la escritura. Algunas de las palabras en el Gloria, Credo, Santo Santo Santo y aclamación memorial han cambiado, lo mismo que la respuesta a: "El Señor esté con ustedes". Adicionalmente, las oraciones de quien preside, las oraciones del sacerdote han cambiado también.

Mientras que muchas de las palabras pudiesen quizás sonar nuevas a nosotros, de hecho tienen sus raíces en la sagrada escritura, en la escritura patristica y en las más antiguas oraciones utilizadas en los primeros siglos del cristianismo. Saludamos el uno al otro en las palabras de San Pablo, cantamos salmos del antiguo testamento, oramos las plegarias eucarísticas escritas desde tan antiguo como el siglo tercero y profesamos un credo basado en las verdades dichas por los apóstoles. Estas palabras nos llevan hacia atrás, hasta los orígenes de nuestra oración litúrgica y nuestras raíces como el pueblo de Dios.

En la última cena, Jesús le dijo a sus discípulos "hagan esto en memoria mía", y esto es lo que hemos estado haciendo por cerca de 2000 años. Algunas cosas pueden cambiar; el lenguaje, los rituales,

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las posturas, la gente y los tiempos en que viven. Lo que no cambia, sin embargo, es lo esencial de la Eucaristía- y el hecho de que Dios nos ama tanto que nos mandó a su hijo único. En cada misa continuamos celebrando el Misterio Pascual. – Que nuestro Señor Jesucristo padeció y murió por nosotros y resucitó de entre los muertos. A través de su muerte y resurrección, nos ganó la vida eterna. Al igual que los primeros cristianos hicieron, continuamos congregándonos y compartimos la Buena Nueva, rogamos a Dios por favores, disfrutamos de las escrituras y agradecemos a Dios por sus muchas bendiciones. Simple pan y vino son transformados en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo y somos invitados a participar de un banquete sagrado. Enseguida, somos enviados a la misión a predicar la Buena Nueva y las buenas obras.

La publicación de la nueva traducción del Misal Romano es un momento de gracia para todos los católicos de habla inglesa. Sin importar que tanto vivamos, nunca podremos enteramente apreciar el privilegio que es nuestro cuando celebramos la Eucaristía. Después de rezar las mismas palabras de la misa por muchos

años, se nos presenta ahora una nueva oportunidad de volvernos más conscientes de las palabras que rezamos. Si tomamos ventaja de esta oportunidad; nuestra fe, nuestro entendimiento y apreciación de la celebración de la misa se ahondarán por esta razón. También podremos participar de forma más completa del gran misterio que celebramos.

Les aseguro de mis oraciones por cada uno de ustedes y de mi gratitud por todo lo que hacen por la construcción del Cuerpo de Cristo en nuestra diócesis.

Dios los bendiga a todos

+Monseñor William F. Medley
Obispo de Owensboro

(Nota: Los cambios citados en esta carta, SOLO afectan a la comunidad católica de habla inglesa. La traducción al español de la Tercera Edición del Misal Romano para los Estados Unidos está en proceso todavía. El español que usamos ahora en la misa ya es una traducción más cercana al latín entonces no tendrá los cambios grandes que están implementando ahora en inglés.)

Calendario del Monseñor Medley para Diciembre del 2011:

1-3	Visita al Seminario de San Juan Vianney
4	10:00 a.m. Candidatura de Julio Barrera, San León, Murray
6	9:00 a.m. Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, CPC
7	Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de CCK, Louisville, KY
8	9:00 a.m. Misa Escolar, Escuela Católica de 4-6 de Owensboro 6:30 p.m. Confirmación, San Jerónimo, Fancy Farm
10	4:00 p.m. Misa, San Guillermo, Knottsville, Bendición del Nuevo Altar y Ambón
11	10:00 a.m. Misa, Santa Inés, Uniontown
12	7:00 p.m. Misa, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville
13	10-3 Horas de Oficina en Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes
14	12:00 p.m. Reunión de CCK con los legisladores, Frankfort
15	9:00 a.m. Misa Escolar, Escuela Secundaria Católica de Owensboro
16	9:00 a.m. Misa Escolar, Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
17	4:00 p.m. Misa con los Candidatos al Diaconado Permanente, Cristo Rey, Madisonville
18	8:00 p.m. Noche de Oración de Adviento, Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro
19	9:30 a.m. Reunión del Comité del Personal Sacerdotal, CPC 1:30 p.m. Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes, CPC
20	9:00 a.m. Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, CPC
25	12:00 a.m. Misa Navideña, Catedral de San Esteban (Sótano del CPC)

El obispo William F. Medley 's Paducah Oficina Calendario de Lourdes Hospital:

- Martes, 13 de diciembre 10 a.m.-3:00 pm (él no estará allí el 27 de diciembre)
- Martes, 14 de febrero 10 a.m.-3:00 pm (él no estará allí el 24 de enero o febrero 28, programada con anterioridad)
- Martes, 27 de marzo
- Martes, 24 de abril

“En Nombre de Dios”



12 de Diciembre, Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La Virgen de Guadalupe, es declarada por su Santidad el Papa Juan Pablo II, como Reina de las Américas (Emperatriz de America) por lo consiguiente no es solo para un determinado país en Latinoamérica.

La celebración debe de ser para todos los que formamos la comunidad multicultural que constituyen todo el continente americano, por lo tanto se considera como Madre de todos los nacidos y no nacidos en este continente, entendiendo que la sociedad actual, esta conformado por Nativos Americanos del Continente y otros venidos de otros continentes, pero en términos de Fe Católica, nos une sola una madre. Pienso que si estuviéramos todos bajo la advocación de la Virgen de Fátima, lo haríamos propio puesto que estriamos en ese lugar geográfico, pero en nuestro caso es reconocer que la Virgen Maria de Guadalupe, nos visito con rostro de Latinoamericano, identificándose con la cultura del Santo Juan Diego llevando en si el color, la humildad, la luz que identifica a un continente de varias matices culturales.

Todos estamos invitados a todas las celebraciones que se realizan en las varias parroquias de la Diócesis de Owensboro, unidos a una sola celebración, sin quitar el merito de nuestras devociones particulares, como por ejemplo la devoción de cada país que varia solo el Nombre de Maria de Guadalupe a lo suyo, puesto que estamos hablando de la misma Virgen Maria, Madre de Jesús y Madre Nuestra.

A través del tiempo, nos damos cuenta que nosotros los Católicos, tenemos distintas formas de tradiciones, sin dejar de serlo, las personas de habla Ingles saben y deben de aprender de otros, así como nosotros los Latinos aprendemos muchas tradiciones de otra cultura, por eso debemos de empezar en apreciar las tradiciones que existe en nuestro alrededor. Así nadie se queda sin entender lo que pasa en nuestro alrededor.

Si quiere aprender de otras culturas y sus tradiciones de Fe, esta cordialmente invitado a ser parte de las celebraciones, en sentido de Iglesia nadie esta afuera de ningún grupo, nuestra Fe Católica, no debe de hacer ninguna diferencia de personas, cada quien es hijo de Dios y la diferencia que vemos en las personas es la diversidad del Rostro de Dios en la gente.



Oración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Fiesta: 12 de diciembre

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, que bendijo a México y toda América por su aparición a Juan Diego, interceder por la Iglesia santa, proteger al Papa, y ayudar a todo el que te invoca en sus necesidades.

O rosa mística, escucha nuestras oraciones y nuestras peticiones, sobre todo para el particular, estamos orando para que en este momento (mencionar el pedido).

Dado que usted es la siempre Virgen María y Madre del verdadero Dios, nos obtenga de tu santísimo Hijo la gracia de mantener nuestra fe, dulce esperanza en medio de la amargura de la vida, la quema de la caridad, y el precioso don de la perseverancia final .

Amén.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day: December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe, who blessed Mexico and all the Americas by your appearance to Juan Diego, intercede for the holy Church, protect the pope, and help everyone who invokes you in their necessities.

O mystical rose, hear our prayers and our petitions, especially for the particular one we are praying for at this moment (mention your request).

Since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance.

Amen.