

Annual Black Catholic Day of Reflection Coming on March 26 in Henderson

The Diocese of Owensboro will host its annual Black Catholic Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 26 at Holy Name School, Henderson, Ky. from 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM. Vendors of Afrocentric items will be available as well as diocesan T-shirts. The day includes a continental breakfast, lunch, music and prayer as well as a presentation and celebration of Mass by Bishop Medley. This will also be the last chance to pre-register and discuss financial assistance for the upcoming Interregional Conference in Jackson, MS. Contact the Office of Black Catholic Ministry, Rita Hayden (270) 683-1545, or Veronica Wilhite (270) 926-4741 for information and to register for this day of fellowship and spiritual revival.

\$14.5 Million Dollar Investment at Lourdes

PADUCAH, Ky. - Lourdes announced February 14 a \$14.5 million dollar investment that will advance cardiovascular care in our region and in the state of Kentucky. This investment includes 3 state-of-the-art heart catheterization labs, an advanced angiography suite, and cardiac hybrid and endovascular hybrid operating rooms.

The term "hybrid" means the combination of two distinctly different functions into one. At Lourdes, the hybrid OR combines a complete state-of-the-art surgical suite with the advanced imaging equipment normally found in a catheterization lab, enabling doctors to perform life-saving procedures percutaneously, or through the skin, significantly decreasing the negative side effects that were previously unavoidable associated with undergoing major surgery.

"The advanced technology of the hybrid OR will "change the face of surgery," says cardiothoracic surgeon, Dr. James P. O'Rourke. "This hybrid OR combines the advanced imaging equipment of the cath lab with the sterility and overall capabilities of a full operating room." "It allows us to perform "big" operations through tiny incisions with the aid of this excellent imaging."

"It's all in one room," adds fellow cardiothoracic surgeon, Dr. Omid H. Javadi. "There's less pain, we don't open the chest, it's all done through a few small



Ash Wednesday Collection for Our Sister Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica



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The Church is the Living Body of Christ in the world today, and in it, we are all connected in love. As we partner in service with the Mandeville Diocese, we build up the Church there, here and around the world

Please be generous again this year in your support for our faith family in the Mandeville Jamaica Diocese.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This was my first visit to your Diocese (10-4 to 10-8-10) and I was impressed with your spirit of joy and faith. While the days went by so fast, I was deeply touched by all those whom I met. On Tuesday (we had a wonderful dinner and meeting with all those who have visited the Mandeville Diocese. It was inspiring to see the joy and excitement that was expressed.

I was over whelmed both by the generosity and hard work (represented in the Container Collection.) We are very grateful.

On behalf of all the faithful of the Mandeville Diocese, I wish to thank you and assure you of our prayers....

Yours in Christ's Passion,

Neil Tiedemann, C.P.

Most Rev. Neil Tiedemann, C.P.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Mandeville



Members of St. Francis de Sales Parish of Paducah after building a house while on a Mission Immersion Trip in late May 2010

To send a donation, please make check payable to:

The Diocese of Owensboro
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Owensboro, Ky 42301

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The Diocese of Mandeville.

incisions."

Lourdes President and CEO, Steven Grinnell states, "With hybrid operating rooms our specialists are equipped to provide the most advanced care available, regardless of what cardiovascular condition presents in our facility."

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. Construction will start immediately and is scheduled for completion in 2012.

Diocese of Owensboro

St. Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Campus Center

World Youth Day

Pilgrimage

Madrid, Spain Travel Dates -

August 13-23, 2011

Estimated Cost- \$2,500 per person,
Open to young adults, ages 18-30.

Registration Deadline and
\$500 deposit.

For questions and registration,
contact Mary Reding, 270-872-7818
reding.mary@yahoo.com

Cursillo Closing Information



Closing schedule for
Cursillo weekends:

- Men - March 13
- Women - March 20

5:00.p.m. Immaculate
Conception Catholic
Church, Hawesville.

Please be there by 4:45 p.m.
Bring your favorite dish to share
with the 4th Day.

The Diocesan Listening Sessions for the Strategic Plan have concluded. For those not able to attend a session, the diocese has a link on the website where you are invited to give your input. The link for the questionnaire is <http://rcdok.org/spp> This site is open through March 31.

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2 My Deepest Prayer That Our Church Can Transform Hurt To Holiness

Dear friends,

On February 3, 2011 David Jarboe, Jr. died. David, who was the son of Karen and David Jarboe of Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro, took his own life. David was a graduate of Owensboro Catholic High School where he is remembered as a leader among his peers, a youth of faith, and a star athlete. For part of his college years David was a seminarian discerning a call to priesthood. David is also survived by three sisters, a nephew, and a large extended family including his grandmother, aunts, uncles and cousins.

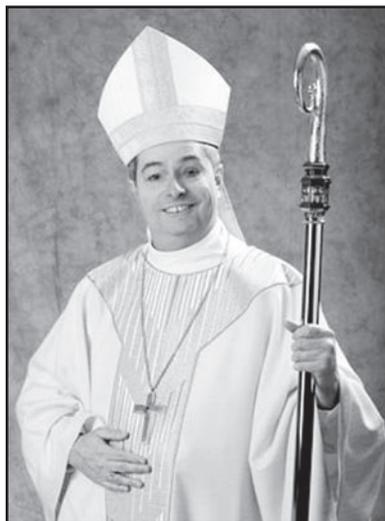
The entire Catholic community extends our deepest care and comfort to his family and friends in this sad and tragic loss. Any who knew David seek answers as to why a young man, so apparently filled with talent and promise, would be led to the choice he made. David did leave a farewell note and shared some struggles that had been part of his life, struggles that even many who knew him well may never have known.

Among hurts that David recalled in his message was the acknowledgment that he may have been a victim of sexual abuse. This revelation deepens the sorrow his death has brought.

The Diocese of Owensboro and Catholic Church across the world continue to seek to heal terrible wrongs that we know have happened in the past, and were not always properly and effectively addressed when victims came forward.

The Diocese of Owensboro has, in accord with our policy, engaged an independent investigator to review David's story, and if we can identify anyone who harmed him within the Church, we will provide this information to civil authorities and act on this information. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops enacted a national policy in 2002 that any priest credibly identified as having abused a child is immediately removed from ministry. The late Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have said that there is no place in the priesthood for one who has sexually abused a child.

Our local Church has since 2002 sought to address and correct the shameful reality of abuse within the church. (See accompanying description of the role and membership of the Diocesan Review Board entitled "*Diocesan Review Board*



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

Members Ready To Respond To Calls" on page 7 of this edition.) The diocese longs to be an instrument of healing and justice to anyone who has ever been harmed by sexual abuse within the Church.

As I write this to the people of the diocese, I remind you that our Western Kentucky Catholic is published but once a month, and often news and events have changed by the time you receive the newspaper into your homes.

In the days after David's death a spontaneous shrine of flowers was found at Blessed Mother. Fr. John Meredith, the church's pastor, offered consolation to his family and the parish when he noted, "Isn't it just like Catholics to come to a place of tragedy and begin again to make it holy?" It is my deepest prayer that our church can confront the crime and pain of child abuse and transform even this hurt to holiness, just as Calvary Hill, where Jesus died, is today one of the most sacred shrines in the world for Christians.

Yours in Christ,

+ William F. Medley

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar for March 2011

- March 1 9:00 a.m. CPC Staff Mass and Meeting
- March 3 11:00 a.m. Mass, St. Maximilian Kolbe Montessori School
- March 5 5:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
- March 6 9:30 a.m. Confirmation, St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
- March 6 2:00 p.m. Rite of Election, St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
- March 10 9:00 a.m. School Mass, St. Joseph, Mayfield
- March 13 11:00 a.m. Mass, Youth 2000, Brescia University, Owensboro
- 2:00 p.m. Rite of Election, St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
- 7:00 p.m. Rite of Election, Holy Name, Henderson
- March 15 Workshop, Archdiocese of Indianapolis
- March 16 8:30 a.m. Administration/Finance Cmte meeting, CPC
- March 16 6:30 p.m. Confirmation, St. Paul, Princeton
- March 17 10:00 a.m. St. Patrick Day Parade, Our Lady of Lourdes Day Care
- March 17 6:00 p.m. K of C Vocations Dinner, Bowling Green
- March 19 5:00 p.m. Confirmation, Sacred Heart, Hickman
- March 20 8:00 a.m. Confirmation, St. Sebastian, Calhoun
- March 20 2:30 p.m. Scout Mass, St. Pius X, Owensboro
- March 21 9:30 a.m. Priest Personnel Board
- 1:30 p.m. Priests' Council Meeting
- March 22 9:00 a.m. School Mass, St. Mary High School, Paducah
- March 22 11 - 3 Paducah Office
- March 22 6:00 p.m. Lenten Presentation, Parish of the Immaculate
- March 23 Workshop, St. Meinrad Seminary
- March 25 8:00 a.m. School Mass, St. Ann, Morganfield
- March 26 12:30 p.m. Black Catholic Day of Reflection, Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
- March 27 10:00 a.m. Confirmation, Sts Joseph and Paul, Owensboro
- March 27 5:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Pius X, Owensboro
- March 30 8:00 a.m. School Mass, Christ the King, Madisonville
- March 30 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
- March 31 8:00 a.m. School Mass, Trinity High School
- 9:00 a.m. "Senior Conversations," Trinity High School

Operation Rice Bowl Starts Ash Wednesday, March 9

Baltimore, MD, Feb. 15, 2011 -- Every year, millions of Catholics in the United States participate in Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' annual Lenten program that starts on Ash Wednesday, March 9. Each Lent, Catholic parishes and schools from more than 12,000 communities use symbolic rice bowls as the focal point for their prayer, fasting and learning. Getting involved in the program is a tangible way to help people living in poverty around the world.

Participants in Operation Rice Bowl make the small sacrifice of preparing simple, meatless recipes each week and putting the money they otherwise would have spent on a big meal into symbolic rice bowls. That money goes to support CRS' mission to fight global hunger and poverty.

"Participating in Operation Rice Bowl provides Catholics with 40 days of making a real difference in the lives of people struggling with hunger and poverty," says Beth Martin, program manager for Operation Rice Bowl. "Learning about our brothers and sisters in developing countries and following the call to sacrifice helps thousands of people onto a path out of poverty every year."

An Operation Rice Bowl calendar provides daily reflections and learning opportunities - told through the eyes of people helped by the program - that reinforce ORB's message and mission. To help families, schools and parishes participate in Operation Rice Bowl, CRS also makes a number of resources available, including an Educator's Guide containing lesson plans and a Coordinator's Guide to help Catholics participate as a group.

Last year, Catholics raised more than \$6 million through Operation Rice Bowl, 75 percent of which is used to fund hunger and poverty projects in 40 countries. The remaining 25 percent stays in U.S. dioceses to support food pantries and soup kitchens.

Since its beginning in 1975, ORB has raised more than \$191 million to fund CRS' development projects. With active participation in almost every diocese in the U.S., many communities and families have adopted Operation Rice Bowl as a way to observe Lent. Resources for your use, including stories, photos and multimedia, are available at orb.crs.org/.

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Most Rev.
William Francis Medley



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Lenten Sacrifice



ABSTINENCE

No meat can be taken by those 14 and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays.



FASTING

A limit of one full meatless meal by those 18-59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



SELF-DENIAL

Voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended on weekdays during Lent.



PRAYER and CHARITY

Can include daily Mass, Scripture study, Stations of the Cross, almsgiving and showing mercy and kindness to others.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

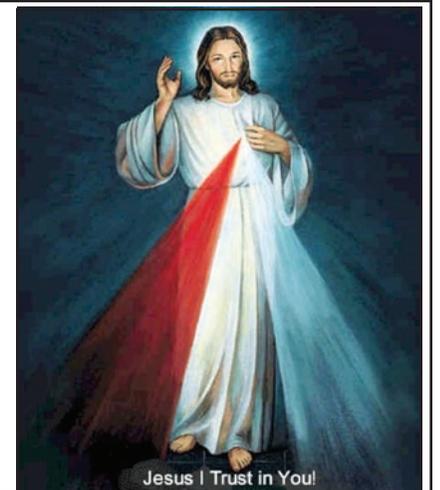
MAY 1st, 1:30P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Blessed Mother Parish

601 E. 23rd St. Owensboro Ky.

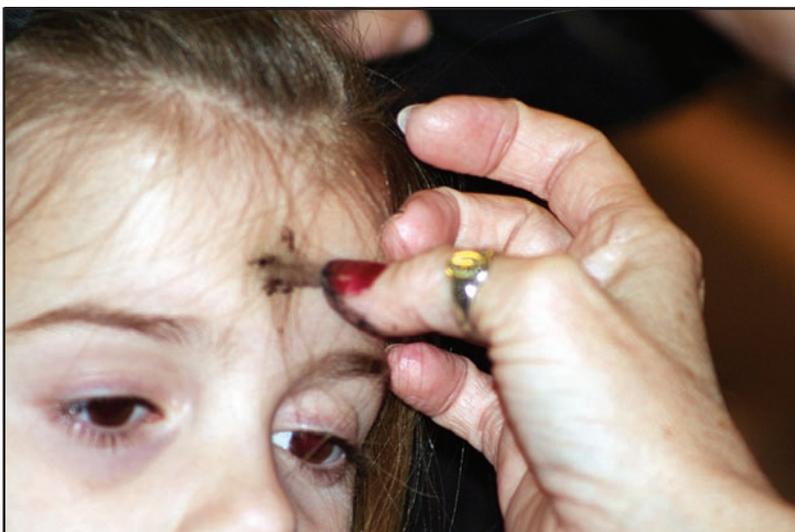
Speaker: Msgr. Bernard Powers,
"Receive And Live From God's Fount Of Mercy"

Ask for His Mercy
Be Merciful
Complete Trust



How (Long) Do You Wear Ashes on Ash Wednesday?

March 9, 2011 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, 40 days (not counting Sundays) until Easter. So don't be alarmed if you see colleagues or neighbors with ash crosses on their foreheads.



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4 Jesuit Peace Activist To Speak At Brescia University March 22, 2011

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Father John Dear, SJ, is a courageous peace activist who has dedicated his life to nonviolence. His faith and vigor in delighting in a nonviolent God ignites the flame of peace within all who hear him speak. Throughout his life he has actively attempted to live the beatitudes and bases his practice of nonviolence on "Blessed are the Peacemakers."

Brescia University, through its Contemporary Woman Program, is delighted to invite the entire community to hear the stories of Fr. John Dear. His scholarly understanding of nonviolent peacemakers such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Dorothy Day, and Thomas Merton will inspire and encourage you to take a leap of faith and trust in the God of non-violence.

His emphatic call to action against war, violence, and the culture that embraces such cruelty far surpasses the lines that often separate us. His attempt to bring all humanity together for the glory of God and the betterment of all creation will inspire you to make a difference in your own

community. His words will leave you with the question, "What can I do?" rather than "Should I do something?"

Father John is a Jesuit priest, peace activist, organizer, lecturer, retreat leader, and author/editor of twenty books on peace and nonviolence. He has also been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

We invite you to take advantage of the engaging and enlightening words that Fr. John will share on March 22 at 7:00 PM in Taylor Lecutre Hall, Science Building, at Brescia University. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door - \$5 for students, or \$10 general admission. Contact Sr. RoseMarita O'Bryan at 270-686-4275 or rosemarita.obryan@brescia.edu for more information.



Father John Dear, SJ,

Join Us at the Lifting Up Mass, March 27, 2011, 2:00 pm, Brescia University

The Diocesan Disabilities Awareness Committee, along with Brescia University, invites all persons with disabilities and their families to attend the sacred liturgy of the Mass, called the "Lifting Up Mass" with a reception following in their honor on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 2:00 pm. Information about L'Arche communities, a unique faith-based residential living arrangement will be shared. The Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart Chapel on the Brescia University Campus. This liturgy will offer them the opportunity to actively participate as ministers of hospitality, lectors, sharers of petitions, gift bearers, and Eucharistic Ministers.

All Pastors and Associates are also invited to join in this celebration, that they may see how the disabled can be easily integrated into all aspects of liturgy and worship.

Persons with one or more disabilities often find it difficult to find they are welcome in their Parish church for a wide variety of reasons.

At a time in their lives when solidarity with others is so important to rally their strength to press on, they, or family members charged with the responsibility to care for them, can not or will not allow themselves, or their loved ones, to be a part of the faith community. Reaching out on the part of the faith community is essential to holding open the door to membership and to express the sense of worth to these individuals.

Jesus said in John's Gospel Chapter 12, verses 32 and 33: 'And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.' He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Jesus was lifted up in His brokenness and he suffered greatly and died. In this process, He draws all who are broken to himself, and we all are broken somewhere or are very likely to be physically, mentally or spiritually at some point in our lives. It is at that point that we recognize the need for a Savior, one who has been there and understands us.

Dying to self is what the Christian life is all about. It is neither easy, nor attractive to embrace, but it is what gives life, just as Jesus' suffer-



Saint Angela Merici is the patron saint of bodily ills, disabled people, handicapped people, illness, loss of parents, physically challenged people, sick people, sickness. Source: http://www.drstandley.com/saints_stangelamerici.shtml

ing and death did for us. Persons with disabilities carry the cross of suffering now, and we, or our loved ones, will likely carry it later. Just as Simeon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry his cross, so the faith community is called to help those in need carry theirs.

Wherever Jesus went, people continuously brought the blind, the mute, the deaf, the cripples, and all who were sick in any way, and the bible indicates that Jesus welcomed them all and healed them. We are healed, and so are persons with disabilities, when we welcome Jesus in them in our midst.

Come join us for this "Lifting Up Mass" on 3-27-11 at 2:00 pm and Brescia University. Both you and the Faith community will be glad you did.

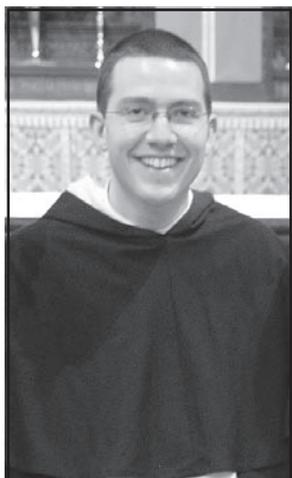
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The Ordination of Rev. Brother Austin Litke, O.P. and tour Washington, D.C. with Toby Tours

5 Days, May 26-30, 2011

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Rev. Brother Austin Litke, O.P.

- Day 1: We will depart Owensboro, KY: departure time & place is still pending. Our travels will take us through Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia. Our next four nights will be at a Comfort Inn in Oxon Hill MD.

- Day 2: Enjoy a continental breakfast included at the hotel each morning. We will attend the Mass of Ordination at 9:00 a.m. at St. Dominic Parish. There will be time for touring in the afternoon and attending the Ordination Celebration Dinner in the evening.

- Day 3: This morning after breakfast a Mass will be celebrated by the newly ordained at the Dominican House of Studies; we have an option to attend Mass or tour the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The afternoon will allow us to visit the Arlington National Cemetery & other places of interest as time permits.

- Day 4: This morning we will have the honor to attend Fr. Austin's First Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Peter Parish! Oh, what a blessing! After the morning festivities,

again finds us spending time exploring some of Washington's noted monuments & memorials! If this is your first time to visit our Nation's Capitol, you are going to be in for a treat!

- Day 5: This morning we depart our hotel to travel back to our "Old Kentucky Home," arriving in Owensboro at 7:30 p.m.

For reservations please contact: Martha Kauffeld (270) 771-5525 or 302-9120 Veda Mattingly (270) 233-0397. A deposit of \$50.00 per person is due at the time of making your reservation with the final payment due April 18th, 2011.

St. Stephen Cathedral

is seeking a full-time business manager. Interested applicants should have professional accounting qualifications and be faithfully committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Fr. John Vaughan at 610 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301, call 683-6525, or email John.Vaughan@pastoral.org.

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2011

- 3-5 CCK West Area Ministers
- 4 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
- 5 Connect, Awake & Share
- 11-12 Ohio Co. Ladies Prayer Group
- 11-13 Yarn Spinners Weekend
- 9 **First Bible Study** (see below)
- 14 **Lenten Midday Prayer**
- 15-18 Paducah Quilt Guild
- 19 Blessed Mother Confirmation
- 20 Precious Blood RCIA
- 21 **Lenten Midday Prayer**
- 25-27 **Women's Retreat with Sister Cheryl Clemons**
- 28 **Lenten Midday Prayer**

April 2011

- 1 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
- 1 Reitz Memorial Juniors Retreat
- 2-3 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 4 **Lenten Midday Prayer**
- 5-7 Theological Reflection
- 8-15 St. Meinrad Retreat Week

- 11 **Lenten Midday Prayer**
- 15-17 Christian Women's Retreat
- 16 Sts. Joe and Paul RCIA
- 18 **Lenten Midday Prayer**
- 20 Reitz Memorial Seniors Retreat
- 25 **Easter Midday Prayer**
- 27 **Spirituality at Work** (for Administrative Assistants)
- 30 **MSJ Fundraising Dinner, Auction and Sale**

May 2011

- 2 **Easter Midday Prayer**
- 2-6 Spiritual Direction (Week 3)
- 6 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
- 7 **Yarn Spinners Day**
- 9 **Easter Midday Prayer**
- 14-15 MSJ Academy Alumnae Wkd.
- 16 **Easter Midday Prayer**
- 18 4-6 Campus Youth Prayer Day
- 21 Day of Reflection for Associates
- 23 **Easter Midday Prayer**
- 23-24 Riney Hancock Workshop

Church/Bible Study - (Suit your own schedule - come when you can!)

Day Sessions 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6

Evening Sessions 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7



To register or to schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty
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ext. 802

kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org
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Rome in November

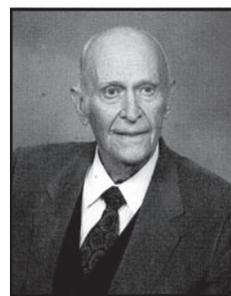
You are invited to come along on a Nine-Day Pilgrimage to Italy November 3-11 with Fr. Tony Bickett and Fr. Dan Kreutzer. We will see all the major Shrines of Rome, attend Sunday Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, have an audience with Pope Benedict XVI, and visit the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and Assisi, Italy. The cost for this trip leaving from Louisville is \$2,248.00. For more information contact, Fr. Tony Bickett at (270) 756-2356 or Golden Frontier Catholic Shrine Pilgrimage at (618) 234-1445, www.goldenfrontier.org.



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By Richard Murphy

Bob Cox, a former Parishioner at St. Stephen Cathedral, who has passed away now, was a good Lector, but he was advanced in age and his health was suffering. He walked slowly and painfully with the help of a cane, and yet, he did not wish to give up service to the Parish community. He wished to continue to lector and the St. Stephen Parish Community allowed him to continue. Yes, it took a while longer for Bob to make his way forward to read. Sometimes he had to be helped up the steps and back down again but it did not matter. The Parish family gladly waited for this noble gentleman to make his way forward to read the Word

of God to us from the Lectionary. It was an example to all of the value of pressing on with service despite the hardship of infirmity. The Word of God had a truer tone to it when Bob read to us. We would have been poorer for Bob's quitting his service because of growing disabilities.

There are countless numbers of people like Bob Cox in our Parishes, and they await the opportunity to serve and even just the chance to be present in the assembly each Sunday, yet they often feel excluded. How can we help them to use their gifts to share with their own Parish communities? Our Parish communities are poorer for their exclusion, and can be enriched for their inclusion.

At the end of January 2011, our Pastors received a letter from Bishop Medley asking them to name a person or two to serve as representative(s) for the Parish to assist persons with varying degrees of disabilities to obtain more access to involvement in the Parish Assembly. All representatives will receive training in their role on 3-19-11 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Immaculate Parish in Owensboro Kentucky. Why not go to your Pastor and volunteer to be it?

These "Inclusion Representatives" will serve to raise awareness to barriers to participants that exist in many faith communities for persons with physical, mental and emotional difficulties. They will also be trained to provide practical ways to remove barriers so that all may worship together. Good candidates to serve in this role may be someone who has shown an interest in working to include persons with disabilities in the parish, a parishioner who has a disability or have a relative or friend with a disability. A staff member, minister to the sick, or a parish nurse would also make a good representative.

The state of Kentucky has the nation's second-highest percentage of people with disabilities, behind only West Virginia. The US Census indicated that nearly one in every four Kentuckians, 23% of adult residents, have a physical, mental, sensory or self-care disability. In fact, some form of disability can happen to us all.

A truly Catholic WELCOME

One meaning of the word "catholic" is "all-embracing" or "inclusive". Every parish needs to become more truly catholic in this sense, not simply being ready to accept anyone who comes to us, but reaching out pro-actively and positively to all in the name of Christ.

How can we make our parish more fully inclusive, so that everyone feels truly welcome? Truly Catholic unity is unity in diversity. We rejoice in being able to be truly united while cherishing and nurturing distinctive cultures, abilities and contributions. The challenge is to 'count everyone in', creating a culture of inclusion.

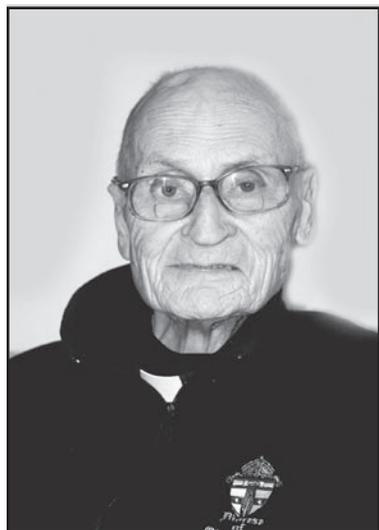
Source: <http://www.olem.freeuk.com/DiocesanPastoralPlan2004.htm>

Perhaps we can offer now the sensitivity we would like to see if it happens to us later.

Each of our Parishes has a number of people with disabilities that long for more involvement in the life of the parish. As expressed by the National Coalition Office for the Deaf: "deafness brings suffering with it, but many deaf people say that this suffering is not caused by the deafness itself, but by the oppressive way in which hearing society treats deafness, namely by the dynamics of exclusion." As for deafness, so it is for any number of other disabilities.

Why not consider being part of the solution to this problem. Approach your pastor and consider volunteering to be your parish's "Inclusive Representative." Then let's get started with the training on 3-19-11, 9-2 pm at Immaculate Parish Owensboro.

6 In Your Charity, Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Father Leonard Reisz



Rev. Leonard Francis Reisz, 87, of Owensboro, died Thursday, February 17, 2011. Father Reisz was born in Daviess County on April 28, 1923. He was the son of the late William J. and Ella (Tong) Reisz. He was ordained a priest on May 30, 1950, in Owensboro. Since then, he has ministered at various parishes in Western Kentucky.

Survivors include sisters; Margaret Reisz Payne of Rockport, IN., Sister Mary Reisz, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth, KY., and Nancy Reisz Harpenau of Tell City, IN. Fr. Reisz was preceded in death by brothers; Anthony, Martin, Gregory, and Delbert Reisz, and sisters; Martha Reisz Snyder, and Joan Reisz.

Visitation for Fr. Reisz was at Blessed Mother Catholic Church, in Owensboro, on Monday, February 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon with a funeral mass held at 12:00 noon. Burial followed in St. Martin Cemetery, Chrisney, Indiana. The family has requested that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to St. Vincent Depaul Charity in Owensboro. Online condolences may be left at www.glennfuneralhome.com.

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Chapter 7: Alleluia!

Attitude Adjustment

"Alleluia! Praise the Lord! Come on in, come in." With that enthusiastic welcome, I had my first encounter with Father Leonard Reisz down in Owensboro, Kentucky, as he threw open the screen door and waved me in. Father Leonard is thin, wiry, and full of spunk, but you couldn't call him a spring chicken by any stretch of the imagination. He hasn't checked recently whether he is the oldest priest in the diocese, and he's not interested in finding out. It's never a title that anybody gets to hang onto for long.

Some years ago, Father Leonard "retired" and moved out of the rectory into a little house down the street from the church. When I asked him how he had been spending his time of retirement, he said he has taken up hospital and prison ministry: four or five hospitals, several prisons, and a few nursing homes for good measure. I start to feel worn out, just listening to his schedule. Father Leonard would make the rounds each week, saying Mass, visiting people, and bringing cheer wherever he went.

"You know, for a lot of these people, every day's a bad day," Father Leonard quips. "You wake up in the morning and realize you're still in the slammer. Or in a nursing home you're lonely and sick, and doing anything hurts. Sometimes they set the old ladies up in wheelchairs for Mass, and they just lift them out of bed, and they have bed sores and you see them crying. They're just not in a good state of mind for celebrating the sacrament." So before starting Mass, Father Leonard insists on a period of "attitude adjustment." Everyone has to follow his lead in singing a few songs – "Old MacDonald," "Jingle Bells," or "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer"... the season doesn't really matter. If that doesn't work, then a few jokes might be necessary."

At one nursing home, Father Leonard asked everybody to raise their hands if they wanted to go to heaven. And everyone threw their hands up. Then he asked how many wanted to go today, and all the hands flew down – except for one lady in back with her hand still up...at least until someone beside her leaned over and yelled, "Ethel, is your hearing aid on?"

"Everybody wants to go to heaven, but no one wants to go today!" After Father Leonard sees some smiles and is satisfied that attitudes are sufficiently adjusted, he asks for a moment of silent preparation, so Mass can begin reverently.

Then there are the poor folks in town – someone has to take care of them. So Father Leonard makes a stack of sandwiches for lunch. Anyone that comes to his back door can have a few, as long as they come between eleven o'clock and noon. If anyone is late, they will just have to come back the next day. After all, he can't have people banging on his door all day, and he figures anyone who doesn't show up on time must not be all that hungry after all.

Vine Power

Father Leonard has outlived a passel of popes. But there was always something special about John Paul II, especially his devotion to Christ really present in the Eucharist. "I'll never forget the first time the Pope wrote a letter to us priests on Holy Thursday," says Father Leonard. "Our bishop sent us all a copy, and it really touched me. I read that letter again each year and use it for my prayer."

If you wonder where Father Leonard gets all his enthusiasm, if you wonder how he has kept going through thick and thin, an answer can be found in the theme that runs through all those Holy Thursday letters:

"Let us rediscover our priesthood in the light of the Eucharist!...Through the centuries, countless priests have found in the Eucharist the consolation promised by Jesus on the evening of the Last Supper, the secret to overcoming their solitude, the strength to bear their sufferings, the nourishment to make a new beginning after every discouragement, and the inner energy to bolster their decision to remain faithful." 52

All alone, one priest can do nothing, but united to Christ, the true vine, he can bear much fruit.

Recently, Father Leonard has been forced to cut back on his work. His heart doctor told him that his old ticker just cannot take the strain. So now he only says Mass at the women's prison and one of the nursing homes – he could not give those places up because the people there need him so badly.

Yet the restricted schedule has not diminished his priestly zeal. A priest's life lived in prayer and sacrifice is a powerful thing. Alongside Christ, he offers his own sufferings and labors to the Father, pleading for the salvation of souls.

52. John Paul II, "Letter to Priests for Holy Thursday 2000."

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Monica Osterhaus is seen here teaching the Sisters of Service girls how to make fleece baby blankets at a Dec. 16, 2010 sleep over.

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Daughter of Isabella sponsored service group, Sisters of Service, has been working on pro-life projects in the month of January to commemorate the anniversary of Roe V Wade. The SOS descended on Hope Unlimited, the crisis pregnancy center in Paducah, KY on Monday, December 10. Twelve girls unwrapped diaper samples, cleaned and sorted toys for sale in the Hope's Closet Thrift Store, hung up clothing for resale, and sorted plastic bags.

On December 16, fifteen girls had a sleep over at the home of Big Sister Regent, Grace Babbs, where girls were taught to make fleece baby blankets by DofI member, Monica Osterhaus. Supplies for making fleece and knit baby blankets were donated by DofI and members, Monica Osterhaus and Martha Floyd. The SOS are making knit blocks that will be incorporated

into a community blanket to be donated to Hope Unlimited. All through the sleep over, the SOS was led in a decade of the Rosary each hour, on the hour. Olivia Romero, SOS Big Sister Chancellor, led the Joyful and Luminous mysteries for the intention of the babies who would be warmed by the blankets.

Eighteen SOS members delivered 9 fleece blankets to Hope Unlimited on December 17, while out of school for Martin Luther King Day. They worked on Monday morning sorting summer children's clothes making sure that they were clean and in good repair. They ironed and hung the clothing in preparation for resale in Hope's Closet.

The Sisters of Service is a service organization for girls 10 to 18 years of age, sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella. The SOS works on a different service project each month. SOS



The Sisters of Service in front of Hope Unlimited with the blankets that they made are: front row: Hope Eason, Hayley Mudd, Olivia Ellison; 2nd row: Rachel Steiner, Amanda Steiner, Abbi Crouch, Kati Crouch; 3rd row: Katie Clark, Kayla Speis, Alexandra Goreing, Beth Sisk, and Karina Romero; Back row: Emily Strasser, Olivia Romero, Emily Osterhaus, Emily Meredith, and Grace Babbs. Submitted by Sheri Babbs, Daughters Of Isabella, Vice-Regent, Circle 285.

meetings are the second Sunday each month at 2 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Council 1055. Call Sheri Babbs at 270-832-0958 or Sherri Speis at 270-519-9762 for more information about Daughters of Isabella or Sisters of Service.

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The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett, Dr. Charles Bohle, Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, (Vice-Chairperson), Rev. Pat Connell, Mr. Jeff Ebelhar, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Teresa Henry, (Chairperson), Mr. Dan Howard, Sr. Eula Johnson, SCN, and Rev. Pat Reynolds. Ms. Louanne Payne serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board.

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8 Bishop William F. Medley Visits Parish of The Immaculate for Confirmations



By Dave McBride, story and pictures
OWENSBORO, Ky. - Bishop William Medley was welcomed to The Parish of The Immaculate on Sunday, February 6, for the confirmation of 16 young men and women. He was assisted by Father Tony Jones, pastor (in the center picture above). The bishop took time prior to the service to meet with the candidates and to discuss letters he had requested

and received from them pertaining to some of their thoughts and preferences (in the picture at left). Those letters were again reviewed during his spirited homily. The bishop was officially welcomed by a sign placed over the church's front door (in the picture at top right).

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Brescia Student Leaders Recognized During Founder's Day Convocation

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OWENSBORO, Ky. - Brescia University celebrated Founder's Day this year with a packed house during the Convocation and awards ceremony on Tuesday, January 25.

At this event, 26 student leaders from University teams and organizations were recognized and the two "Spirit of Angela" recipients were announced.

Student leaders recognized included Leslie Powell, Student Activities Program Board; Katie Duff, Freshman Year Experience Peer Educator; Jacob Blevins, Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Matt Lasley, Brescia Choir; Christin Tucker, Brescia Student Social Work Association; Katie Beyke, Ichabod Society; Sara "Katt" Downs, Psychology Club; Emily Gatton, Habitat for Humanity; Emily Whelan, Student Government Association; Carla Crespo, Freshman Class Council & Sigma Alpha Pi; Hannah Ison, Sophomore Class Council; Katie Hayden, Junior Class Council; Sagan Sette, Moore Presidential Scholars; Jake Davis, The Broadcast; Ashley Miller, Resident Assistants; Tony Clemons, ZEST; Lauren Varble, Women's Golf; Isaac Church, Men's Golf; Brittany Bird, Women's Basketball; Matt Cissel, Baseball; Josefine Grups, Volleyball; Stephanie Olp, Softball; Kelsey Hurrigen, Women's Tennis; Julien Cheneberg, Men's Tennis; Carrie Mann, Saint Angela's Messengers; and



Brescia University Fr. Larry Hostetter delivered the Founder's Day address in which he gave an update on the University.

Ryan Durban, Rotaract.

The 2011 Spirit of Angela recipients are Michele Johnston and Jason Ward. Michele is the first Brescia online student to ever receive this award. She is also the only woman in a class of 14 in Brescia's online program for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Michele is studying theology in prep-



One of Brescia University's student leaders, Matt Cissel (baseball), is seen here accepting a pin from Fr. Larry Hostetter.

paration for serving in lay ecclesial ministry. Michele drove up from Florida to accept the award personally.

Jason Ward recently completed his student teaching and is now a substitute teacher in Daviess County, Kentucky. He is a husband, father and avid reader who has the gift of connecting scholarly content to adolescent interest. A fellow teacher said of Jason, "If you want a job done, you can bet [Jason] will work and work until it is done and done well.

The "Spirit of Angela" recipients are students who were nominated by faculty, staff or other students because they embody



The Brescia University 2011 Spirit of Angela recipients are Michele Johnston and Jason Ward. Photos by Tina Kasey

the characteristics or qualities that were evidenced in Angela Merici's life. Angela Merici is the founder of the Company of Saint Ursula. It was the Ursuline Sisters who established Mount Saint Joseph Junior College, which was later moved to Owensboro and renamed Brescia College. In 1998 it became Brescia University.

Fr. Larry Hostetter delivered the Founder's Day address in which he gave an update on the University. A lunch followed in the dining hall.

First Reconciliation



First Reconciliation at St. Joseph's in Mayfield. January 29, 2011. Pictured are Left to Right - Brock, Caleb, Devan, Maleah, Grace, Macy, Amanda and Iileah. Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

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March 25-27, 2011

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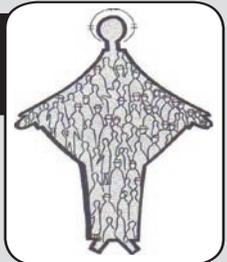
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10 St. Columba and Immaculate Conception “God’s Players” 2010, Year in Review

By Jean Mattingly

HAWESVILLE, Ky. - After a three month hiatus from the 2009 dinner theatre production, in March of 2010 director Jean Mattingly began searching for a theme for the 2010 dinner theatre production. After many hours on the internet, at the library and listening to music on the radio and television, she tentatively decided on blues music and work on the upcoming 2010 dinner theatre began.

However, “God’s Players” were also busy with other projects. We were privileged to be asked by the local veterans group to perform for the opening ceremonies of the Viet Nam Memorial Wall that came to Hancock County on May 12th, 2010. We performed our patriotic musical which was a hit and we received many compliments from the veterans and from the viewers.

The weekend of July 4th, 2010 a group of “God’s Players” traveled to Memphis, Tn. to gather musical inspiration for our show and to obtain ideas for set construction, make up, and costume design. We had a really good time and decided we would dedicate the show to the citizens of Memphis who were so gracious to us.

After returning from Memphis, work began on gathering karaoke music for the show and try-outs were held on July 30th, 2010 and August 1st, 2010 with practices beginning August 9th. Practices are held every Tuesday and Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons until two weeks prior to show time when practices are every night.

After the Viet Nam Memorial show we were approached by the Hancock County Fair Board and asked to present our patriotic musical at the fair on August 13th, 2010 and practices for both the fair show and the dinner theatre were held every week. Needless to say everyone was tired so we took the week following the fair show off to rest.

Besides practicing during the month of August, “God’s Players” helped at the St. Columba picnic and during September helped at the I.C. Picnic and assisted the Lewisport Lions Club at the Domtar Picnic.

In October, “God’s Players” participated in the Hwy. 60 yard sale raising some much needed funds for sound and lighting equipment. We try to have one or two fund raisers during the year to help fund the purchase of equipment.

Some time after the fair show, we were approached by Rita Stephens and asked to perform for a dinner for local cancer survivors on October 23rd at the high school. We wholeheartedly agreed, performing some of our favorite country tunes. Again we were practicing for the dinner theatre and the benefit at the same time.

The dinner theatre production was held on Friday, November 5, Saturday, November 6, and Sunday November 7. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and shows which were highlighted this year by not only wonderful musical performances but by a spectacular set constructed by Truman Daugherty, Eddie Gray and our resident artist, Lynn Johnson with help from other “God’s Players”.

I would like to thank all of the hard working performers and crew members who helped make the dinner theatre such a huge success and to all the wonderful people who come to our perfor-



Group picture of the Cast and Crew of our 2010 Dinner Theatre Production of “Memphis Blues,” left to right, front row, Tim Heavrin, Truman Daugherty, George Gammon, Eddie Gray, Jimmy Harper, Bob Payne, Mike Mattingly, 2nd row: Mike Brown, Rachel Gray, Jean Mattingly, Director, Charlotte Payne and Mark Riley; back row standing Joe Roach, Judy White, Pam Turner, Sharon Russelburg, Barbara Alexander, Cindy Cox, Rachael Gily, Kaye Daugherty, Mary Masterson, Brenda Riley, Lou Fleck, Charlotte Kerr and Bob Kerr.



left to right: Mary Masterson, Barbara Alexander, Rachel Gray, Charlotte Payne singing “I’m Gonna Sell My Jewelry” accompanied by Mike Brown.

mances.

A special thanks to Bob Payne and his dinner crew who cooked a wonderful meal each night of the performances. Also thanks to all the people who helped in serving the meals. A successful dinner theatre consists of both a great dinner crew and a talented cast and production crew.

Work on the 2011 dinner theatre has begun and we hope to see you there in November of 2011.



Mark Riley singing “Heartbreak Hotel” to Brenda Riley.

In the picture at left, Joe Roach singing “Minnie the Moocher” to Tim Heavrin as Minnie the Moocher.

Henderson Holy Name and St Paul School Share From An Abundant School Supplies Closet

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Hebrews 13:16 admonishes us, "Do not neglect to do good work and to share what you have . . ."

By Kamille Stich

SAINT PAUL, Ky. - In the spirit of sharing, Holy Name School Principal, Sandy Fleming, and Kindergarten Aide, Yvonne Drury, visited St. Paul's School in St. Paul, Ky., Grayson County, to share from an abundant school supplies closet.

Yvonne, an alumnus of Holy Name School, Class of 1968, implemented the Coke Rewards Program at Holy Name. School families collect Coca-Cola bottle caps and cartons. Those caps and cartons contain numbers that are entered on the Coke Rewards website and points are accrued. Points are then redeemed for a variety of items including construction paper, soccer balls, pencils, paint brushes, office supplies, and much more. In a short time, Holy Name families have responded in a most generous way, and the supply closet was at maximum capacity on construction paper and other items. This program is



Holy Name School sharing school supplies with St. Paul School, St. Paul Ky. In the photo from left to right are: Sr. Anne Michelle Mudd, OSU, Yvonne Drury, Michelle Robinson, Joan Butterworth, Deanna Kipper, Janice Darst, Gina Sims, and Sandy Fleming.

now supplying the school's construction paper requirements for the entire school year.

It quickly became apparent that there was beginning to be an abundance of items as a result of the program and that Holy Name would be able to share. Thoughts turned to St. Paul's School in St. Paul, Ky. St. Paul's begin their Church in 1811 and their School in 1906. Principal Gina Sims and her faculty and staff welcome 22 students to the School each day in Grades K-8. On January 19, the Holy Name visitors were warmly received, given a tour of the facility, and served a nice lunch. Everyone enjoyed brainstorming and sharing during the meal. It was noted that, although Holy Name has a larger student body, many of the challenges and issues are the same between the schools.

Holy Name School thanks all families for supporting the Coke rewards program and for making it possible for us to share out of our abundance. Thanks to St. Paul's School for their hospitality.

Ursuline Sisters Bid Goodbye to Longtime Confessor

MAPLE MOUNT, Ky. - After more than 20 years of hearing confessions for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Father Pike Powell retired from that role at the end of December, 2010. To thank him for his service to the sisters, Father Powell was honored at dinner on Jan. 25, 2011, with several of the sisters telling amusing and heartfelt stories about him. Sister Fran Wilhelm sent a note thanking him for being such a champion of Centro Latino over the years, and for being "shot by popcorn," an expression for hearing the sisters' confessions. Father Powell's role as confessor for the sisters will be taken by Father Mark Buckner, the pastor at St. Mary Magdalene in Sorgho.

Father Powell told the sisters that lots of people get to talk about their jobs, but he never could being the confessor for the sisters. His fellow priests would kid him when he prepared to come to the Mount, saying he was coming "to dust off the angels." He ended his comments by telling the sisters, "I hope all your sins will be little ones." MSJ Photo



Father Powell receives a digital camera and cards from the sisters, delivered by Sister Naomi Aull. MSJ Photo



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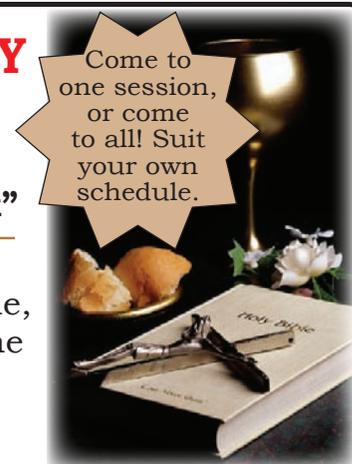
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Catholic Schools - A+ For America

Mass Celebrating Catholic Schools Week, February 3, 2011, Owensboro Sportscenter,



O, Praise Him With Lyre and Harp ...!

Owensboro Catholic High School sophomore Lysnie Hyland played violin as one of six student musicians who accompanied the singing during the Feb. 3, 2011, Catholic Schools Week Mass celebration in the Owensboro Sportscenter. Mel Howard Photos



The faces of students in the Owensboro Catholic Elementary Schools displayed interest and some awe at the feeling of being a part of a Mass with a bishop, priests, parents, grandparents, school staff and nearly 1,200 students of the Owensboro Catholic School System. Bishop William Medley found many ways to gain their attention during the celebration.



Bishop William Medley was one of many ministers giving the Blessing of Throats in honor of the church's Feast of Saint Blaise during the CSW Mass in the Sportscenter on Feb 3, 2011.



In the picture at left center, Bob and Connie McCarthy participated in the CSW Mass Feb. 3 as their youngest child of seven children, Bethany, 5, led her menagerie of dolls in prayer, too. All the McCarthy children are or have been Catholic School students. At left, OCS Marketing Director Keith Osborne gave directions to student ushers. At right, two OCHS guys focus on the liturgical action at the altar, as shown in the picture just above, feet first. Mel Howard Photos





Music was a happy form of prayer during the Catholic Schools Week celebration Mass Feb. 3. Here, OCS music teacher Heather Hayden led the student musicians and choirs in singing liturgical songs.



OCMS teacher Julie Renshaw, at left front, sang with choir members.



Adaira Hatchett, grd. 6, enthralled.



Signing with the Communion Song. A "Christ-Bearer" walks back to her seat.



In awe of the Sacred.



A Sign of Peace.



Thanksgiving After Communion.



So happy to be here!



Bishop William Medley blessing the assembly during the recessional. A priest's or a Bishop's blessing is a sacramental of the church.



Bishop Medley said to every OCS student on Feb. 3: "Thanks for coming to pray with me today!"

14 Reflections About Christian Conversations:



I've been asked by family and friends, "How are you preparing yourself to be ordained as a deacon?"

By Terry Larbes

There are a lot of ways to answer this question but as I reflect on the present deacon formation process and future ordination, three areas bubble to the surface: formal deacon formation process, interior spiritual formation, and my wife's support.

The process of forming a man to be ordained as a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church takes approximately 5 ½ years. The Diocese of Owensboro has contracted with the Saint Meinrad Seminary to provide the instruction. The course of instruction follows an established curriculum, following the National Directory of the Permanent Diaconate, which St Meinrad has used in many dioceses to form men to be ordained as permanent deacons. St Meinrad sends the instructor to us. Our formation classes are held at Sts Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. We meet one weekend a month. In preparation for a weekend there are usually one or two books to be read prior. After the weekend is completed, there is a reflection paper to write or a test to complete. During the weekend there is a minimum of 12 hours of course instruction from a St Meinrad instructor. The curriculum as presented by St Meinrad covers a broad range of topics: for example, Christology, church history, liturgy, moral theology, pastoral guidance, sacraments, scripture, and spirituality are a partial list. My library has grown from a few books about generic Christianity and Catholicism to shelves of academic books that will be reference material for a future ministry as a permanent deacon. In addition to the St Meinrad instruction other formation topics are presented, we participate in Mass on Saturdays and Sundays, have group prayer centered on the Liturgy of the Hours, and then private prayer fills in the time gaps. There is not a lot of downtime.

The academic information is important ... the increase in cognitive understanding is important; however, if there is not a parallel change in my personal spirituality then the "formation process"

has failed. I have found that the re-formation of me relative to Jesus, God, and the Church is the true focus. The Director of Permanent Diaconate formation, Fr John Thomas, told us several times in the beginning that formation was a lot more than academics. The more challenging part of formation would be our spiritual evolution that would cause us to perceive the world and our role in the world differently. By the time we completed the formation process we would be different... we will have changed.

The on going spiritual formation has two aspects: personal prayer and reflection on the course material. These two aspects are like two sides of a coin. Both sides work together to make the coin.

Four years ago my personal prayer had a casual flavor to it. Although I prayed everyday my approach was casual and addressed whatever was the concern for the day. Sunday Mass was a regular. Occasionally, I would pray the Liturgy of Hours or a rosary and if I were feeling particularly generous, I would attend weekday Mass. During the past four years the Liturgy of the Hours has become the backbone of my prayer life: Morning Prayer – Evening Prayer. In order for me to stay on track (to not get lost) I need a marker ahead of me to look forward to and a marker behind me to see from where I came. For me Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours are those two markers. I can't tell you how many times I've been in the midst of a work, family or social problem and was able to look forward to Evening Prayer for direction and look back on Morning Prayer for perspective. Praying the Liturgy of Hours has evolved from "nice" to do to how God sustains me on a regular basis. When possible I schedule the morning and evening prayer to coincide with sunrise and sunset because many of the prayers mention the changing of the day to night or the night to day.

The other side of the spiritual coin is reflection. The course material is a catalyst to cause reflection which creates change. Remodeling a house seems to be an appropriate analogy. Each topic that we study is like a room in my house. Based upon the course study I look at the room with a new perspective and the remodeling begins. Sometimes I throw out a few things, add a few things and paint the walls. Sometimes the room gets gutted and I build a new room. The basis of these changes is the asking and answering a few basic questions. What is this (course) telling me about my relationship with Jesus Christ? As a result of this

(course) what change is God requesting? How is this (course) affecting my relationship with the Church? The only way to answer these questions is through prayer. The reward is that answers do come. The depth and nature of my relationship with Jesus, God and the Church has evolved over the last four years and I expect the evolution will continue. The frustration is that I've never been able to complete the answers before the month is over and I have to move on to the next course.

I would be very remiss to not discuss my wife's role in preparing me for ordination. Barb knows my strengths and weaknesses better than anyone. She is, also, the one who will give me honest criticism in a loving way. She has been a part of my moral compass for 45 years (we started dating when we were 15) and continues to be an intimate part of my moral compass.

Barb's commitment to the formation process parallels mine. Correspondingly she has had to give the formation weekends a #1 priority on the calendar

which has really impacted family events. Our calendar has been "marked and blocked" from 2008 to 2012. In between weekends she supports the time that I spend in study and completing homework. Barb has participated in most of the deacon formation weekends. While she does not actively get involved in the reading, writing and course work she generally understands the material. Some of what I read I discuss with her which usually engenders a good conversation. Almost all of what I write is reviewed by her for grammar, content and flow ... in other words is it easy to read and does it make sense.

What I appreciate the most is her presence. Her presence says, "This vocation is what you and we need to answer. Yes, this is what we need to do."

My wife's name is Barb. We met in high school at the sweet age of 15; we were married at 21 while we were both in separate colleges. We celebrated our 38th anniversary in 2010. We have two adult children and two wonderful grandsons.

A Journey Through Grief



By Betty Medley

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

Grieving the death of a child is a complex process, unique to each individual, based on personality type, circumstances of death, and our relationship with the child who died. There are, however, emotions common to almost all bereaved persons. Understanding is the KEY to the tolerance and patience necessary to accept and integrate loss into our lives. There will be a bereavement support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a child from miscarriage, SIDS, or for any other reason at any time of his/her life. This group will run every Monday for four consecutive weeks and is open to all the public at no charge.

Bereavement Program-four Week Session

- **Where:** Faith Lutheran Church 2830 Frederica St., Owensboro, KY 42301
- **Time:** 6:00 To 7:30 P.m.
- **Contact Person:** Betty Medley, Glenn Family Services 270-683-1505; Ron Goltry, 270-686-7559

March 7 What Grief is Really Like: Some common reactions to a situation no one is ever prepared to handle. Why we feel the way we do and why no one seems to understand.

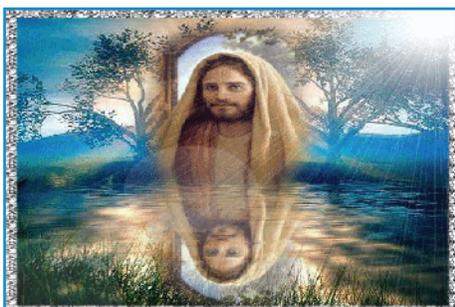
March 14 Depression: Sadness, loss, and the feeling that nothing will ever be the same. Physical symptoms; healing can happen.

March 21 Anger: Nice people DO get angry. Recognizing our anger, coping with it and getting over it. (Address suicide and our feelings of outrage and shame.) Guilt: Blaming ourselves for what has happened, handling the "what ifs..." and "if onlys..." (Touch on suicide and our responsibility or lack of it.)

March 28 From Grief to Living Again: Putting grief in perspective, learning to share our lives with the living and realizing that we will never "get over" our grief, but we can learn to live with it.

Join us for Reflection Days

- March 4 - "Leaning on God"
- April 1 - "Watered Gardens"
- May 6 - "A Rushing Wind"
- June 3 - "Seeking and Finding"
- Aug. 5 - "Hearts on Fire"
- Sept. 2 - "Instruments of God"
- Oct. 7 - "The Falling Leaves"
- Nov. 4 - "Faithful Love"
- Dec. 2 - "Homecoming"



First Friday of every month* in 2011

Time:
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To register, contact Kathy McCarty:

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CHAPEL OF DIVINE MERCY

806 Shaker Museum Road
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10:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Visitors are encouraged to bring their own picnic lunch; the
FATHERS OF MERCY will provide space indoors and outdoors for eating

2:00 p.m.

Blessing and veneration of the image of Divine Mercy

2:30 p.m.

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Gospel Reading and Homily

3:00 p.m.

Singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, devotional prayers
and veneration of the first-class relic of Saint Faustina Kowalska

4:00 p.m.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance will be available before and after
Mass, as well as during the Divine Mercy Sunday devotions.

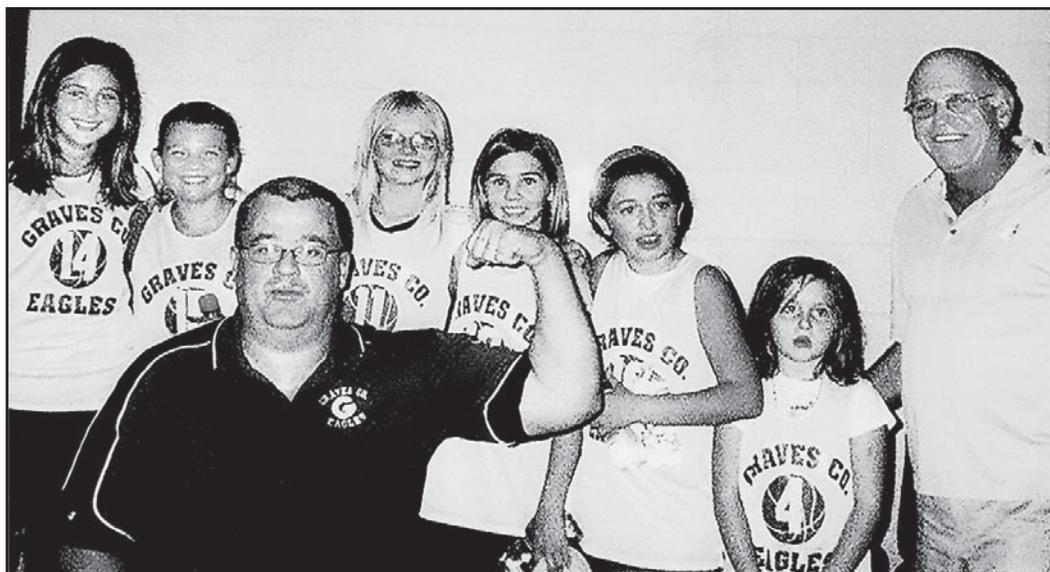
16 Saint Joseph Catholic School, Mayfield, Fields First Girls' Team

Submitted by William Russelburg

MAYFIELD, Ky. - January 28, 2011 - St Joseph's elementary school here currently has their first girls' basketball team competing in the Graves County, Ky. little league. The "Lady Tigers" currently have finished the regular season with 6 wins and 3 losses. This is quite impressive when you look at the fact that half of these girls have never touched a basketball until this year. The girls entered their first post-season's play in the Graves County Tournament on Sunday, Jan 30 against the Sedalia lions.

St Joseph Catholic School is a pre school through 6th grade institution. The principal is Susan Brinkley.

In the picture from left to right are Autumn Greenwell, Isabella Russelburg, head coach William Russelburg, Madison Clapp, Sidney Flood, Elizabeth Abreu, Amanda Greenwell, Asst coach Robert Flood. Photo by Pauline Russelburg

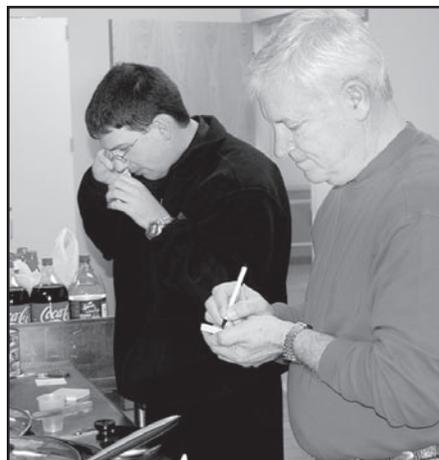


St. Thomas More Parish Potluck Primes Parishioners for Super Bowl XLV

PADUCAH, Ky. - The parishioners of St. Thomas More, Paducah gathered for a pre-Super Sunday potluck celebration and chili cook off on January 30, 2011 in the Parish Hall. Chicken wings and hotdogs were provided by the church, with parishioners bringing appetizers, salad, fruit, vegetables, and desserts. Chili was not in short supply as members brought a pot of their best to be judged, and parishioners sported their favorite football team's apparel.



Stan Eckenberg and Fr. Pat Reynolds score the chili selections.



Fr. Daniel Dillard and Cletus Poat perform their judging duties.

The St Thomas More Parish Potluck chili champs - L to R - 3rd place - Ruth Ann Halicks, 2nd place - Camille Warden, 1st place - Frank Bosh, avid Steelers fan.

Photos by Missy Eckenberg



Good Community Relations

In the picture at right, Grave County, Ky., Sheriff Dwayne Redmond spoke to Mayfield St. Joseph students about his job duties during Catholic Schools Week. Photo submitted by Carrie Burnett

Christmas Eve Children's Mass a Favorite at St. Thomas More

PADUCAH, Ky. - Christmas Eve afternoon Mass is a favorite with St. Thomas More school aged children, their parents, and relatives. The church pews and parking lot were once again overflowing as Sylvia Steiner used her talents to coordinate a very special and meaningful program.

The Nativity including Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, angels, shepherds, and wise men surround Fr. Daniel Dillard as he addresses the children attending the early Christmas Eve Mass at St. Thomas More. Photo by Missy Eckenberg



Parish Renewed with Mission

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Many members of the Sts. Peter and Paul parish in Hopkinsville learned an Italian word during a mission hosted by the parish from January 16 through 19 that they will not soon forget. The new word was "pazzo." Translated to English, the word simply means "crazy." Crazy, or more specifically how God is crazy in love with his people, was the overall message of this mission conducted by Fr. Tony Judge, C.Ss.R. "If you remember nothing else from these four days, remember that God is love and God is crazy in love with us," said Fr. Judge.

"All through history, God has been trying to convince his people how much he loves them. God is always faithful," Fr. Judge taught. "We don't have to convince God to love us, he is already pazzo in love with us. Our love is conditional. God doesn't have conditions because he's pazzo!"

Fr. Judge is a member of the Redemptorist Parish Mission Preaching Team out of Chicago, Illinois. Five Redemptorists of the Denver Province live at St. Michael's Rectory in the Old Town section of Chicago and are full time preachers of parish missions.

It was the stewardship committee of the parish that pursued having a mission brought to the parish. All who attended were very pleased. "It was absolutely a success," exclaimed Tony Esposito, chairman of the stewardship committee. "I've seen people that I never knew before. I got to meet new people," he added. The one point that will stick in Esposito's mind is "pazzo." "Every night I left with a message," he explained.

The mission format, as dictated by the Redemptorist Mission Preaching Team, consisted of an overall theme that they referred to as a "conversion" theme. Each night, however, a different symbol was used and explained during the evening.

On Sunday evening, the symbol was the bible and the discussion revolved around God's plan of salvation. After introducing himself and telling a little about his background, Fr. Judge admitted that growing up as a Catholic with strict Irish-Catholic parents in St. Louis, Missouri, his family didn't use the bible as part of their spiritual life. Pointing to the bible which was displayed in front of the altar at the beginning of the mission service, Fr. Judge said, "Here is the story of our salvation!"

"It is a living word," Fr. Judge continued. "Every time you hear it, you should learn something new. We need to read it over and over again. The purpose of reading scripture is to allow this living word of



Participants in the first night of the mission held at Sts. Peter and Paul from January 16 through 19 laid hands on Fr. Tony Judge, C.Ss.R. as members of the congregation and the presider extended their hands in prayer over Fr. Judge as he prepared to share God's message. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

God into our hearts to remind us that God is pazzo in love with us."

Upon arriving to Hopkinsville, Fr. Judge learned that Sts. Peter and Paul was getting ready to start a parish-wide scripture study program. He encouraged all parishioners to take advantage of the study. "Don't go into the scripture study thinking you're going to understand it all," he implored. "As we read it, it becomes part of our experience too. Scriptures were never meant to answer all the questions about human experience," he concluded.

The first evening of the mission was concluded with those in attendance coming forward to venerate the bible. "When I saw my Catholic brothers and sisters venerate the bible like that, I just cried," admitted Missy Craft, a parishioner who converted to the Catholic Church fifteen years ago.

"What I liked was bringing us back to the bible. The word of God," agreed Pam Carrico, another convert to the Church.

Moving the bible slightly to the left on Monday evening, the next symbol was then the center of attention. The symbol of the second night was the crucifix and the discussion focused on "who Jesus is for us." After encouraging members of the congregation to call out the many different names used for Jesus, Fr. Judge exclaimed, "He is so incredible, one simple name doesn't do it!"

"The people expected a big, strong, powerful redeemer," Fr. Judge explained the historical context of Jesus' ministry. "Boy were they surprised!" he said. "He came in the simplicity and poverty of Bethlehem. He lowered himself to be like

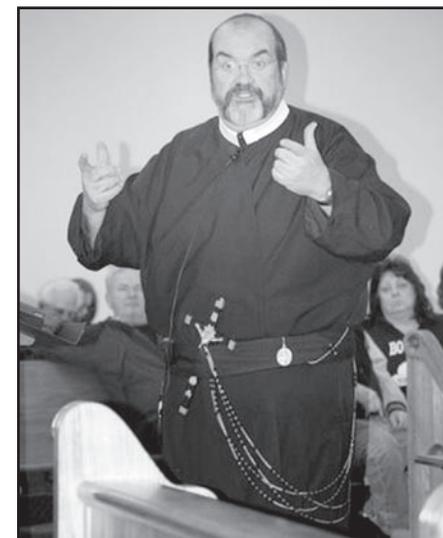
humans, in the likeness of humans. Pazzo! We were created in God's image, then he created Christ in our image. Pazzo!" Fr. Judge emphasized.

"He took the form of a servant. Then lowered himself even further to accept death. Then further to death on a cross. He suffered death as a common criminal. That's really pazzo!" Fr. Judge continued. "The power of God is nothing from this world. Our salvation is only through Jesus Christ."

"This redemption offered by God is for all, especially for those who don't think they deserve it. It can never run out, this love of God," Fr. Judge elaborated. "But we also have our part to play," he admonished. "All that keeps us from God is on the cross with Jesus. All we have to do is let him take it all from us, on the cross. Pazzo! It's beyond us!"

At the conclusion of the mission on Monday evening, all in attendance were invited to come forward and make a profession of faith to a member of the congregation stationed around the altar. While not everyone chose to come forward, a good number of people expressed their love for Jesus to a fellow parishioner. "I had tears in my eyes when I went up to tell my profession of faith," said Deana Holdman, who is currently studying to join the Church this Easter.

On the third night, with the bible to the left and the crucifix to the right, the paschal candle was then placed in the center. The focus of the third evening was sin, reconciliation and healing. "We need to reflect on our sinfulness and how it affects



Fr. Tony Judge, C.Ss.R., from the Redemptorist Parish Mission Preaching Team in Chicago, Illinois, conducted a four-night mission at Sts. Peter and Paul parish in Hopkinsville from Sunday, January 16 through Wednesday, January 19. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

our relationship with God," instructed Fr. Judge.

"Because we were created in the image and likeness of God, we had to be created with free will," Fr. Judge explained. "We need to look at our sins not in the light of sadness, but in the light of Christ. We need to consider not just what we do, but why we do them," Fr. Judge continued.

"No matter how far we go, God is always ready to forgive. Always!" Fr. Judge emphasized. "God is always faithful. God is always loving. God is always forgiving. But we have to repent. The love of God is so powerful, he's ready to forgive, but we have to come to him and ask for forgiveness."

"Our God will judge us," Fr. Judge continued. "He has every right to. But not just to punish us. He wants us to change our hearts and our lives. Most importantly, we have to do it in the light of the love of Christ," he concluded.

Predictably, the third night of the mission, which discussed forgiveness and healing, was concluded with the sacrament of reconciliation. In addition to Fr. Judge, Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two associate priests from the parish, and two additional priests from local parishes were available to grant the sacrament.

On the final night of the mission, the three previous symbols remained where they were placed the night before, but the focus was then on the altar. To begin the

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evening, several parishioners from the linen society, who work to clean the linens and adorn the altar on a regular basis, processed to the bare altar and prepared it for that evening's Mass. The discussion centered on our mission to share the work of Jesus and the Church and concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist.

"We are called to bring that pazzo love to others," instructed Fr. Judge. "It's not just for us. We Catholics have to learn to welcome each other and greet people you don't know." Fr. Judge went on to tell a story of what he experienced when attending Mass at thirty different parishes in the Chicago area last year, while not wearing his clerics. "Out of thirty churches, someone greeted me at one church," Fr. Judge exclaimed.

"This greeting is not just a greeting of friends," Fr. Judge taught. "When we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, we're not just a bunch of individuals. We are the body of Christ," he explained.

"When we come together, we first listen to the Word of God; the story of our salvation," Fr. Judge summarized. "We listen as the body of Christ. After we are fed by the word and we have renewed our faith, we have the great privilege to come to the table and celebrate the Eucharist. In many places in the world and even in our own country, many don't celebrate Mass every day due to the lack of vocations. It is a privilege," he emphasized.

Monk professes solemn vows at Saint Meinrad

Br. Francis de Sales Wagner, OSB, professed solemn vows as a Benedictine monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in a ceremony on January 25, 2011, in the Archabbey Church at St. Meinrad, IN.

Br. Francis is a native of Findlay, OH, where he attended Liberty-Benton High School and was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Parish. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Bowling Green State University in 1988.

After earning his degree, he worked at The Galion Inquirer in Galion, OH, until 1996, where he worked his way up from staff writer to managing editor. From 1996 to 1999, he worked at The News-Sun in Springfield, OH, as a copy editor, and from 1999 to 2006, he worked at The Blade in Toledo, OH, where he was a copy editor and wire editor.

He joined the monastery in 2007 and made his first profession of vows in January 2008. Br. Francis is a writer and associate editor in the publications division of Abbey Press, and is studying for a master's degree from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. He is also a conference presenter for the Benedictine oblate program and gives retreats to guests.

In professing solemn vows of obedience, fidelity to the monastic way of life and stability in the community at Saint Meinrad, he becomes a full and permanent member of the Benedictine community.



Br. Francis Wagner, OSB



Members of the Sts. Peter and Paul parish in Hopkinsville came forward to venerate the bible during the first night of a mission held at their parish from Sunday, January 16 through Wednesday, January 19. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

"There's still more," Fr. Judge continued. Referring to the Gospel read that evening, Fr. Judge reiterated, "As the father sent me, I send you. He breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit so they could go out and preach the gospel."

"We have the same power," Fr. Judge exclaimed. "Through our baptism, through the Eucharist, we have the power to go out and bring this love of God to the world." Fr. Judge then quoted St. Francis of Assisi. "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."

"We are all called to preach the Gospel in how we treat people with our words and our actions," continued Fr. Judge. "All that we do in our lives should lead others to God. In my service of others, they should know how much God loves them," he concluded.

Just being able to participate in the mission, made one parishioner feel loved and welcomed. Jeff Goulet, who had been serving in Afghanistan for more than a year, returned to Hopkinsville just nine days before the mission began. "It was good to be back home and be a part of it. In the Army there are not many priests, so we don't get to have Mass as often as I'd like. To be able to go to Mass each weekend and then now being part of this made it more of a homecoming for me," admitted Goulet.

"I think it's brought me closer to the Church and closer to God," said Anita



Members of the Sts. Peter and Paul Linen Society, Shirley Prunitsch and Mary Ann Keel, prepare the altar on the last night of a mission which was held from January 16 through 19. The focus of the mission that last night was the altar and the Eucharist. In the back stands altar server Harley France holding the censer. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Schroeder. "I am thankful we were able to attend all four nights, otherwise I might have missed part of the whole picture. God is pazzo in love with everyone and that's something I'm going to remember all the time," she concluded.

"I think it was spiritually powerful," said parishioner Donna Dunham. "I got a lot out of it."

"I don't know what I would have missed if I hadn't come all four nights," admitted Robin Bilan. "They really built on each night. It was the best Catholic revival I've ever been too!" She exclaimed.

While many people attended all four nights of the mission, some could only attend one or more evenings. Regardless, the attendance each night seemingly grew slightly. Overall, the nightly attendance reached around 200. The most common sentiment of those who attended the last night of the mission was to plan more missions. "We should do this more than every five years," said Sandy Doyon.

"I think we should have a mission every year, if it's feasible," agreed Schroeder. "I would welcome Fr. Tony again. He was awesome," she added, reflecting another common response of those who attended.

"It was beautiful," exclaimed Carrico. "I really just fell in love with Fr. Tony."

"His spirit was a sweet spirit," observed Kiesha Quinonez.

"The Holy Spirit sent Fr. Tony here. He was the right man for the mission," observed Esposito.

"Here's what I liked," explained Fr. Thomas. "I liked that at the Sunday Masses, he very emphatically said that he had been sent to us for this mission. Week after week you hear the same voices, now we got to hear a different voice. The irony is that he's telling the same story I tell every weekend," Fr. Thomas said with a chuckle.

Fr. Thomas admitted, however, that he too was touched by the mission and the words of Fr. Judge. "It's funny, all along as we were planning this mission, I kept saying 'they need a mission, they need a mission,'" he explained. "As it turns out, I needed a mission too!"

Anyone interested in inviting a member of the Redemptorist Parish Mission Preaching Team to your parish can simply call 312-642-1669, e-mail jpacssr@rpmt.org, or write to: St. Michael's Rectory, 1633 N. Cleveland Ave., Chicago, IL 60614.

We Were a Trio

By Teresa A. Hayden

"This is not going to be an easy weekend." I thought as I turned into the Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center parking lot. "My mother is dead now," I reminded myself, "and being here will not be the same."

Usually I was filled with anticipation when I arrived after the three hour drive it took to get here. But, today, my anticipation turned to dust in the passenger seat as apprehension took its place.

I was grieving. The wound of life without my mother was still bleeding. And although she had been dead for almost a year, flashbacks of the last year of her life still haunted me. I longed to remember her in happier times. But those memories were buried deep beneath a litany of tormenting memories of her suffering -- consequences of a brain tumor so large that after it was removed it left an indentation on her brain stem.

I wanted my peace back, but I feared it was laid to rest with my mother.

My first encounter after arriving was in the gift shop where Sister Rose Marita greeted me with a hug. I could hardly get out my hello when my composure crumbled in her embrace, causing me to weep in her arms. I apologized for my breakdown.

"Oh, honey, I understand," she consoled me. "I know this weekend was always a special time for you and your mother."

For twenty years my mother and I had journeyed, every second weekend of Lent, to this retreat center nestled in the heart of a convent. It was a welcoming place where, during our annual retreat, my mother loved raising her hands, waving her arms, and praising Jesus. I always followed her lead; she showed me how to be excited about God.

Our relationship was special. It was sacred. And coming here and worshipping together was like a spiritual baptism where we were a trio: my mother, God, and me.

I remember visiting my mother in the nursing home before last year's retreat. I was taking her for a stroll in her wheelchair when we heard music wafting down the hall toward us. We followed the musical aroma to the activity room where we discovered a worship service in full swing. Recalling our yearly retreats together, I gently encouraged her to take part: "Get those hands in the air, mama, raise them up and praise God."

She looked up at me like a child

who had just received permission to go outside and play in new fallen snow. Then she feebly raised her arms slightly above her head and gazed toward heaven. She began to weep, the tears streaming down her face like flowing rivers of grace.

I watched her, awed by her prayerful gesture. My heart was breaking, but I joined her anyway. After all, we were a trio: my mother, God, and me.

I cherish that day. Because a month after that year's retreat, on Easter Sunday morning, my mother died.

Now, as I walk the grounds of this convent, hallowed by my mother's presence on so many occasions in the past, her absence trips me around every corner.

Opening the door to my room on Saint Anne's Hall, the sight of two empty beds sent a rush of sadness coursing through my veins that I didn't expect. I was stunned. It hurt. I felt the sting of my mother's death more acutely here than anywhere else in my world.

I sat on the bed and glared at the walls. The room was cemetery quiet, a mausoleum of silence that lowered me farther into the depths of my loss. Suddenly, a clump of grief that had lodged in my chest broke loose. I fell sobbing onto the bed.

I regressed: I was a lost little girl crying for her mother.

I lay there until my sobs subsided to sniffles. Then I unpacked my bags before heading to the conference room where the retreat would officially begin with a first night ritual: Confession.

I sat down in the nearest chair I could find and started writing. A chorus of voices and the soulful music of guitars, pianos, and flutes drifted around the room like incense, pulling my reflections from a very deep place. I was making my list of sins.

I walked over to one of eight priests stationed throughout the room and verbally delivered my sorrowful bouquet of human failings. My list was not long, but my most grievous sins stood before me like limestone markers etched with regret: if only I had demanded better care for my mother, she would still be alive; if only I had sacrificed more to care for her at home, she might still be alive; if only I had managed her life better -- she might not have died.

Like many bereaved caretakers before me, I was a pallbearer who carried regret and guilt alongside my grief -- justified or not -- to the graveyard.

Yet, it was the shoveling of my sins

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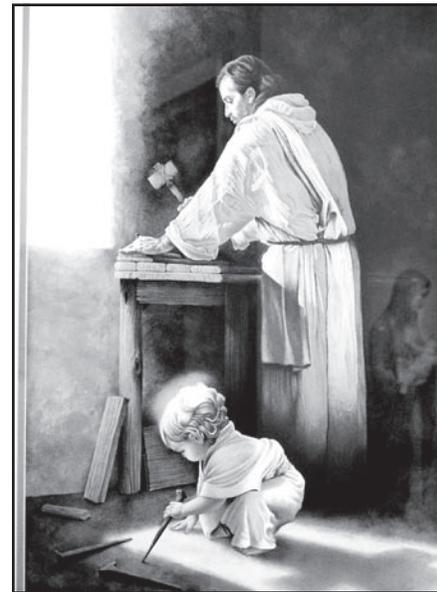


Image of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus found at http://heartofthehomesixkids.blogspot.com/2010_06_01_archive.html

Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity, March 19th

Saint Joseph the Worker Memorial, May 1st

Pope John Paul II, in his Angelus Message on March 17, 2002, stressed that Saint Joseph is a model of fatherhood in the following excerpts:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"The day after tomorrow, March 19, we will celebrate the solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary and patron of the universal Church. The extreme discretion with which Joseph carried out the role entrusted to him by God highlights his faith even more, which consisted in always listening to the Lord, seeking to understand his will and to obey it with his whole heart and strength. This is why the Gospel describes him as a "just" man (Mt 1,19). In fact, the just man is the person who prays, lives by faith, and seeks to do

good in every concrete circumstance of life.

"Saint Joseph and fathers"

"Faith nourished by prayer: this is the most precious treasure that Saint Joseph transmits to us. Generations of fathers have followed in his footsteps who, with the example of a simple and laborious life, imprinted on their children's souls the inestimable value of faith, without which every other good runs the risk of being in vain. So even now, I am happy to assure all fathers of a special prayer, on the day dedicated to them: I ask God that they be men of a robust interior life, in order to fulfil their mission in the family and society in an exemplary way."

Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker for the Unemployed

O Saint Joseph, we pray to you for those who are out of work, for those who want to earn their living or support their families. You who are the patron of workers, grant that unemployment may vanish from our ranks. Do not let those who have children to support and raise lack the necessary means. Help our political and economic leaders find new and just solutions. Grant that we may all share together in the abundant goods God has given us. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker for Employment

God our Father and Our Creator, You bestow on us gifts and talents to develop and use in accord with Your will.

Grant to me, through the intercession of St. Joseph the worker, as model and guide, employment and work that I may, with dignity, provide for those who depend on me for care and support.

Grant me the opportunities to use my energy and abilities for the good of all, and the glory of Your name. Amen.

Source: <http://catholicfire.blogspot.com/2009/05/prayers-for-those-seeking-work.html>

and piling them at the feet of my confessor that uncovered the source of my unresolved grief: I had come seeking forgiveness from God, but what I needed most was to forgive myself.

Making self-forgiveness my penance was like opening my coffined heart to the sun. Immediately, I noticed my stagnant spirit resurrecting as uplifting thoughts of my mother ascended from out of nowhere.

For the rest of the retreat weekend, I could feel her essence soaring on the hands of my praise; her watchful eye guarding me as I slept fitfully in my room; and her body swaying with mine as I danced to the music of God.

She was praising Jesus in heaven while I was praising him on earth. It was a powerful picture, a beatific vision that reassured me we were still a trio: my mother, God, and me. And I carried that revelation home, where over the years it has helped me to work through my grief.

Our Lady of Lourdes: A Parish to Be Proud Of



Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro, pastor Fr. Brad Whistle talking to one of many parishioners that turned out for the parish feast day potluck. Photos by Drew Hardesty

By Drew Hardesty, DRE,

Our Lady of Lourdes

OWENSBORO, Ky. - It was 12:15pm and the parish potluck began at 12:30pm. From my experience with past potlucks, I new I would easily find a seat for the delicious lunch. To my surprise, as I rounded the corner on Placid Place, I noticed the parking lot was packed! Was Mass still going on? Surely Fr. Brad was finished by 12:15. But as I walked into the parish hall I realized something quite beautiful. Our parish had come together to break bread. It wasn't the usual 80 or so parishioners. In fact, I couldn't find room for my family of four to sit at a table. I soon found myself holding my youngest daughter and setting up more tables because more people were pouring in.

What was it about this year that made so many people come? There are many reasons that could have contributed to the higher attendance. It could have been that the Parish Council moved the time up to 12:30 instead of 2:00. It could have been the beautiful weather. Or more probable, it could have been that we were celebrating our pastor Fr. Brad Whistle's 30 years of service to the Church. I think it goes a little deeper than that, however.

It should be noted that we as a parish have been extremely blessed with the priest assignments from the bishop. From Fr. Victor Boarman, our first pastor, to Fr. Brad we have truly been blessed. Our current pastor has put his heart and soul into this parish and greatly contributed to the sense of community here at Lourdes.

His dedicated years of service are certainly appreciated.

For our parish to come out in the numbers that it did can definitely be related to Fr. Brad, but also to many other hard working parishioners. For the past year or so I have seen a growth in our parish, not in the numbers, but in the sense of community. The Stewardship Committee has a goal in mind to build towards an "Excellent Parish." The Education and Formation Committee was re-formed and soon began offering educational opportunities for the parish. The "Nametag Sundays" and "Switch-A-Seat Sundays" give a lively sense of community. It is these types of programs that breathe life back in to a parish.

We are growing for sure. I feel it in



Kay Clark, Parish Administrator, wins the door prize. A beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother.

In the picture at right, Paul Martin presents Fr. Brad with his gift from the parish in celebration of his 30 years of service to the Church.



the pew, in my office, in the programs. We want to be together, in fact, we love to be together. "For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ..." (Romans 12:4-5) This beautiful example of the Body of Christ in the form of a humble potluck speaks wonders about the future of this parish. There are certainly big things on the horizon.



Our Lady of Lourdes Squires

"John Paul II Circle" has recently invested 3 new members to replace several who have turned 18 and joined the Knights of Columbus. Columbian Squires is a service organization for young men ages 10-18 sponsored by the KofC. On December 2nd, the Squires decorated Lourdes Daycare for the Christmas season. This is just one small service projects the Squires do throughout the year. They have also held several work days at Gasper River and have been chosen to pick up litter along a county road through the "cash for trash" program. Submitted by Danny May, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church



Mary Margaret Drury Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Owensboro, Kentucky

Mary Margaret has worked for the Diocese of Owensboro her whole life. "I started working for the Superintendent of Catholic Schools two weeks after I graduated high school at Mount St. Joseph on June 10, 1966. I stayed there for 19 years and was moved to the office of Administration when Bishop John (McRaith) came here and I've been here ever since."

"I figure God wants me here simply because of my longevity!" she said with a chuckle. "My work here is my vocation. I love what I do and I try to live my life in a way that reflects that. I feel like my life is one of service. I work for the Diocese and I am here to serve them in my job. I try to always be aware of where I work and set a good example even to my family. I think we all try here, at the Diocesan offices to be available for help when someone needs it no matter the circumstances."

"I think as a single woman I value my independence, since I can get as involved with my work as I need to without the constraints of a husband and family at

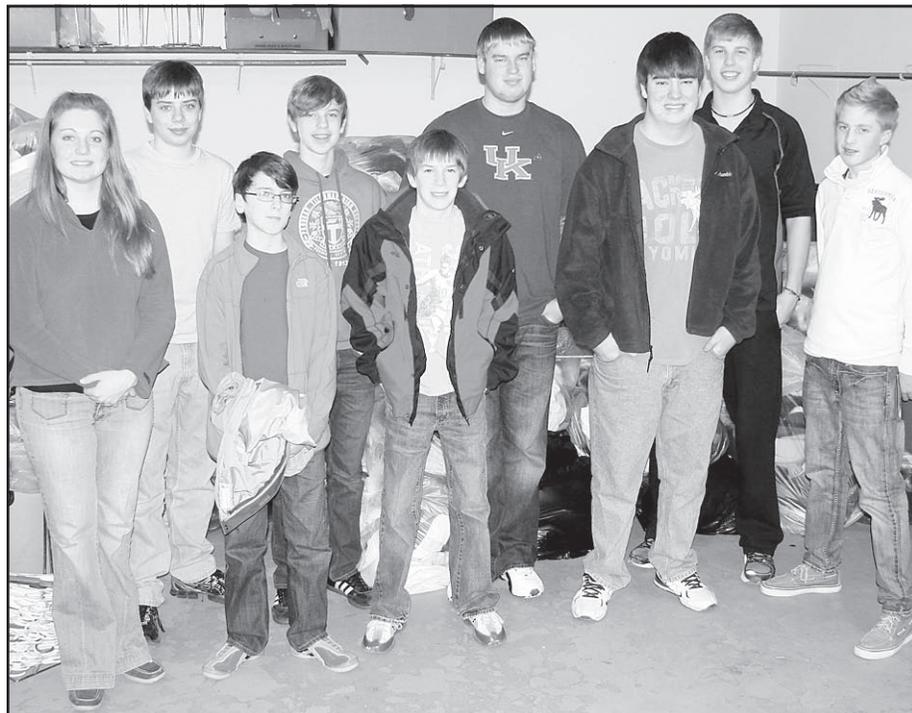


Mary Margaret Drury

home. Work is who I am. My faith is who I am."

Mary Margaret, or Bunkie, as she is more fondly called by her family is the first born of Maurice and Dot Drury's twelve children. "As the oldest I do feel that my family uses me as a kind of sounding board for their ideas, or problems. I'm glad they do because it makes me feel good to know they value my point

St. Thomas More Youth Provide Service Blitz



Youth from the Catholic Community in Paducah volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul "Service Blitz" during the Souper Bowl of Caring weekend. The youth raised just over \$440.00 by collecting money after mass for St. Vincent de Paul that weekend. Shown here are, back row (left to right): Nicole Strasser, Josh Nelson, Jacob Holtgrewe, Adam Holtgrewe, Nick Eggemeyer; front row (left to right): John Holtgrewe, Dylan Clark, Matthew Rea, Mack Shannon. Photo by Greg Holtgrewe

of view."

Maurice and Dot taught their children early on to work and pay their own way in life. "We went to St. Alphonsus church at St. Joseph, Kentucky when we were all growing up. I recorded their Sunday offerings for over 10 years. When I first started working I started tithing from my first pay check and I can honestly say I've never skipped a week in my life. God has been so good to me. He has always given back to me without fail."

Mary Margaret is involved in the Serra Club, helps at the Mount Picnic, Our Lady of Lourdes picnic, takes care of the linens at the office chapel, helps Bishop McRaith with laundry, cleaning, and errands. She is in RCIA as a sponsor for her niece this year at St. Stephen's Cathedral.

In her spare time you might see her at a yard sale, or at a St. Vincent de Paul

thrift store. "I love treasure hunting," she said with a slight gleam in her eye. "I like to look ritzy cheap!" Or, she might pass you walking in the park or riding her bike on the Greenbelt."

"It's funny, my nieces have teased me my whole life about buying from yard sales and thrift stores, now they do it! "We're just like you," they said!"

You might also see Mary Margaret on a cruise ship or a plane to Europe. "I love to travel, and I go all over the United States visiting my sisters who live everywhere. I've been to Europe three times and on two cruises. I usually go with church sponsored trips."

"I think I can truly say my motto would be just plain and simple. 'Just treat people nice ...'"

....And she does.

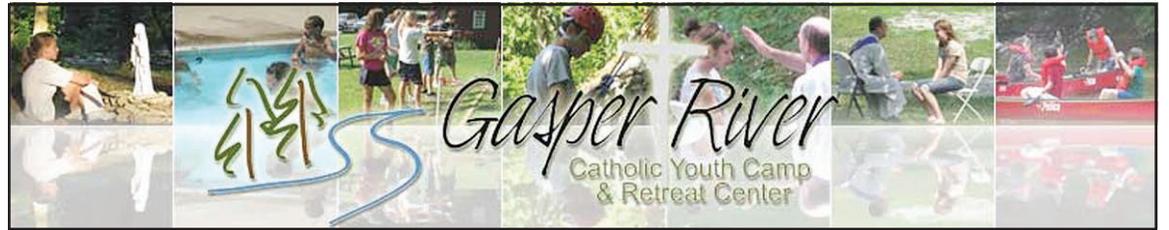
Holy Name Holds All School Mass on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes



Father Ed Bradley celebrated a beautiful all-school Mass with Holy Name students on February 11, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Father used his homily to anoint any students who are suffering from any kind of illness or disease. Pictured is Father Bradley anointing Holy Name School student, Hunter Book, who suffers from food allergies. Healthcare professionals, Dr. Marcia Cave, and School Nurse Kelly Steinwachs, and student Katie Ivie look on. Father educated those in attendance at Mass about the three Christs stored at each Catholic Church around the world. Students were anointed with the Oil of the Infirmary on their foreheads and on their hands. Photo by Camille Stich



Welcome to Gasper River Catholic Camp & Retreat Center.
Are you ready to make a difference in the life of child? Do you want to experience the adventure of a lifetime? Do you want to serve God and the Catholic Church? Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp is looking to hire staff for the 2011 summer camp season. Look online at <http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org/jobpostings.html>.



A Little Piece of Heaven on Earth

By Alexandra Schindler Louisville, KY 2 year summer staff member

Have you ever had a place where you as soon as you walk on the property you can feel a weight being lifted off your shoulders? Where the beauty that surrounds you brings you to tears? Well for me that place is Gasper River. During the summers it is a place of joy and learning as 100's of youth come and dive into their faith, and during the rest of the year it is a quiet get away from the busy, hectic lives we live day-to-day in the real world.

It never ceases to amaze me how much God can do with someone in the span of a week. During the past 2 summers working at Gasper I have seen so many lives changed and minds opened to the awe inspiring power of our God. You get the privilege of interacting and teaching youth from 3rd grade to just graduated high school seniors, and each of these age groups brings with them their own joys. You can get answers to the question of how we can relate everything we do at camp to our faith, that range from barely skimming the surface to diving 200ft into the depths. Over the past summer I was amazed one week when a 3rd or 4th

grader told me that a partner blindfolded trust walk is like God being our GPS in life, always redirecting our path when we take a wrong turn, the insights of children are so mind-blowing sometimes.

I'm sure if you ask any person who has had the blessing of working at Gasper for a summer they will all tell you that their lives have been changed by the wonderful kids they encountered. I know that I have definitely been changed by all of the people I have encountered during my 2 summers at Gasper as a summer staff, and I hope that God has a third summer in my near future. And I highly recommend anyone who feels called to apply to work a summer at camp, it will change your life forever and you will meet and work with people who will always be there to support you through your journey of life. And for any future campers or parents reading this spending a week at camp is worth so much more than the money it costs, you will be amazed at how God works through any and everyone you meet. I hope to see you at Gasper during the 2011 Summer Camp Season!!!!!! God Bless!!

Values of Christian Camps

1. **Genuine Community is experienced.**

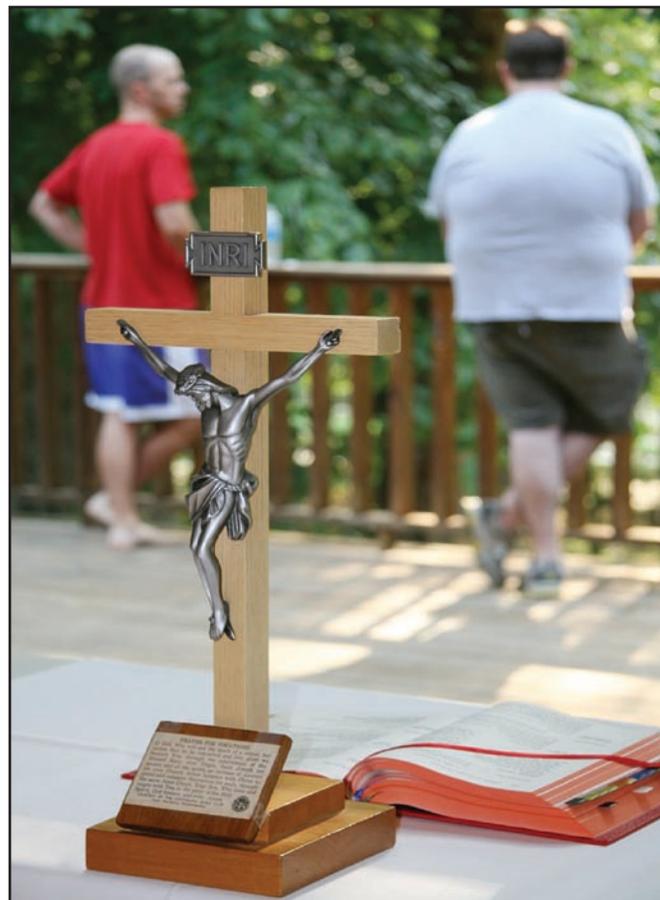
Camp contrasts with daily life. Labels, expectations, mindless routines, influences of parents, teachers, media and friends are left behind in favor of a special temporary community with focused purpose: presenting and nurturing those in the faith toward maturity. Campers are immersed in a loving community free to embrace the values and lifestyle of that community. Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp can be a clear model demonstrating how Catholic Christians should live. Separation from home removes the familiar physical and social supports that provide comfort and security. Campers are forced to transfer trust to others or depend on someone more secure and mature.

2. **Ministry to the whole person takes place.**

Camp powerfully communicates spiritual truths and spurs spiritual growth among campers. In the midst of God's creation, campers experience teachable moments, the Sacraments, praise and worship, relaxation and reflection times. Ministry to body, mind and soul takes place.

3. **Relationships are built-with God and others.**

The activities of daily camp life teach social skills. Camp is foremost a highly relational experience. At camp, spiritual mentors are always present. They are visual examples of how to live when tired, how to be kind when others are unkind, how to control anger, how to discipline with love, how to ask for forgiveness, how to grow spiritually, how to deal with temptation, and how to live in community. The influence for change is great camp, where relationships are valued. Jesus is our model for ministry.



4. **Memories and life commitments are made.**

Because camp is a contrast to everyday life, and because this contrast causes the camper's senses to be heightened, time takes on new meaning. Events at camp become more engaging, alive, and vivid; they are filled with energy and totally absorb campers. Camp experiences provide moments that render campers ready for learning. Struggling with new games, adventure activities, difficult peers, wetness, heat, darkness, disappointments, camp duties and separation from home, all add to the variety and intensity of experiences. These teachable moments open doors of opportunity where spiritual truth can be presented.

5. **Tomorrow's leaders are developed today.**

Very few opportunities exist for young people to be given the significant responsibility for others, especially responsibility to minister to others. Emerging leaders need to discover three proofs-proof of self, proof of learning and proof of God. Camp is the unique setting where all of this occurs.

Try Camp this Summer!



By Ben Warrell, Director, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center

That time of year has hit again - trying to decide what to do this summer. Maybe you want an amazing adventure and the chance to do things that you've never done before. Maybe you want to meet new people. Maybe you'd like to grow in your faith in ways that you never imagined. Maybe you'd just like to try something new. If any or all of these options interest you, you should come to camp at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp this summer. In a safe and secure facility, you will get the chance to go rappelling off our cliffs, challenge yourself in canoes and kayaks on the river, work as a team on the low elements course, take a leap of faith off the zip line platform, learn about your relationship with God in new ways, celebrate the Sacraments, learn new ways to pray and make friends that will last a life time all in a community that has Jesus at it's core.

This will be our fourth summer at Gasper River and each summer has been more amazing than the last. There is an excitement for this summer like we've never had before and it's all from the campers who have come in the past. Their desire to return and bring others to share the experience they have had has been overwhelming. Our goal for the summer is 400 campers and the way that registrations have been coming in so far, we'll far exceed that number! Don't miss out. I promise that you will be different, that God will touch your heart in some way while you are at camp. One father shared with me about his daughter when he dropped her off for Christmas/New Year's camp that her summer camp experience has changed her life. That her faith has become a priority, that she has made friends that help hold her accountable and are there for her and that she couldn't wait to come to Christmas Camp and that she can't for the summer! God changes lives at camp!

Our theme for this summer is again from Pope Benedict's letter to young people for World Youth Day. It comes from Col. 2:7 "Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith." Each day, among all the activities that camp has to offer, we have time to reflect on this scripture and how it still applies to our lives today.

I wish I could describe to you the power of God at camp. There really are no words for it; you just have to experience it. Not just the kids, if you're a young adult or even an old adult, come and volunteer as a counselor for a week. We need your help and you will make a profound difference in the life of a camper. You'll also find that they have an amazing impact on your life as well! So come, have an adventure, meet new friends, learn new things about God, others and yourself. But most importantly, come and be with God. See how He will touch your heart and speak to you. You will be different, built up in Jesus Christ and firm in your faith.

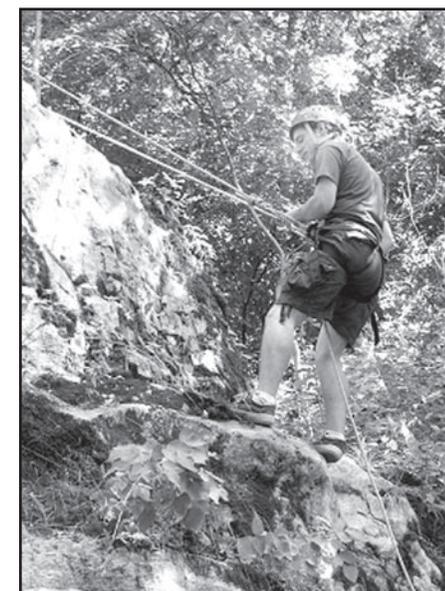
All forms for Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp can be found at our website, www.gasper-riverretreatcenter.org. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 270-781-2466.



Making friends at the Campfire



Campers working together on the teams course.



Rappelling off our cliff.

2011 Summer Camp Schedule

Dates	Camp	Grade	Cost
May 30th to June 3rd	Eucharistic Life	18 and over	\$ 50
June 5th to June 10th	Expedition I	5th & 6th	\$250
June 12th to June 17th	Quest I	7th & 8th	\$250
June 19th to June 22nd	Explorer I	3rd & 4th	\$150
June 26th to July 1st	Expedition II	5th & 6th	\$250
July 3rd to July 8th	Camp Life I	9th - 12th	\$250
July 10th to July 15th	Quest II	7th & 8th	\$250
July 17th to July 22nd	Camp Life II	9th - 12th	\$250
July 24th to July 27th	Explorer II	3rd & 4th	\$150
July 24th to July 29th	High Adventure	10th - 12th	\$350

Please visit our website, www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org for additional information on each camp and for all the forms you will need to register. Grade indicates the class the camper will enter in the fall of 2011. Financial aid is available. Please contact our office at 270-781-2466 if we can be of further assistance.



Campers canoeing on the Gasper River

Catholic Schools - A+ For America



Pictures: top left - Bishop Medley with Priest-Pastors Fr. Pat Reynolds and Fr. Ken Mikulcik during Opening Prayer at CSW Mass held at St. Mary School System

• Top right - Students and parents of St. Mary School System and St. Joseph Elementary worship with Bishop Medley and area pastors during Consecration (l-r Fr. Pat Reynolds, Fr. Tom Buckman, Fr. Dan Kruetzer, Fr. Brian Roby, Fr. Daniel Dillard, and Fr. Ken Mikulcik)

• Bottom left - Parents and students receiving Holy Communion

• Bottom right - 8th grade student Zach Blackwell receives Holy Communion from Fr. Brian Roby at CSW Mass. Photos submitted by St Mary Schools System



What St. Mary Means To Me

Editor's Note: This article is a talk given by Ben Hopper at Catholic churches of Paducah, Ky. on January 29, 2010 in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.



Ben Hopper

Good evening. My name is Ben Hopper, and I am an eighth grader attending St. Mary Middle School. I have attended St. Mary for the past nine years, and I look forward to continuing there throughout my high school career. I'd like to thank Father Pat for allowing me to speak to you today about what our Catholic school, St. Mary, means to me.

Being able to attend St. Mary is an honor and a privilege for which I am very grateful. Without the many sacrifices my

parents make, and the financial support of this parish, my Catholic education would not be possible. I would first like to thank you, the parishioners of St. Thomas More, for your financial investment and spiritual support of our school. Without you, St. Mary would not be here today.

Three phrases that are used often to describe St. Mary are:

- "Pursuit of excellence through Christ."

- "Where faith and knowledge meet."
- "Be it known to all who enter that Christ is the reason for this school."

These three phrases show others that our faith is central in our school. God has given so much to us, and the fact that we are able to practice our faith during the school day, a full seven hours everyday, is one gift that should not be taken for granted. Religion is one of the core classes and is attended by all students daily. Also, we have the privilege of attending Mass regularly, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, praying the Rosary in petition to our patron saint, and beginning and ending each day with prayer. These are key elements that set St. Mary apart from other schools.

St. Mary has a dedicated and committed faculty and staff who work very hard for the students. At St. Mary, they earn only a fraction of what their counterparts at public schools earn, but consider it to be not only a job, but also a ministry. They teach by both word and example, and without their guidance I certainly would not be who I am today.

Some students wonder why we wear uniforms or even make fun of them. Uniforms take away

inequality when it comes to fashion. It is much easier to concentrate on studies and grades when you are not worried about what others think about what you are wearing. Uniforms teach us that no one is better, or less than we are because of their clothes. I have found that many St. Mary students actually enjoy wearing them.

St. Mary means so much to me, and it is one of the biggest parts of my life. I've made many friends with whom I share the same values because of St. Mary. The small size has allowed me to develop close friendships and relationships with my teachers. This school wouldn't be possible without the teachers' constant willingness and care for their students. The St. Mary School System, made up of students, faculty, staff, and parents, is truly one Body in Christ.

Today we begin Catholic Schools Week, and are celebrating with all the Catholic schools throughout the nation. At St. Mary we have many reasons to celebrate. We invite you to be a part of this week's events. Please read the flyer in today's bulletin that lists all the events planned for the week. Thank you again, Father, for giving me this time to speak about what St. Mary means to me, and thank you for listening.



To celebrate Catholic Schools Week the Elementary K-3 Campus had a pep rally and relay races! Plus the dancing was so fun!



Congratulations to the Owensboro Catholic Middle School 7th grade Boys Basketball team on winning the Diocesan tournament. The 7th grade team also defeated Burns Middle School 41-31 to win the Conference Title. Members of the team are: Nolan Elder, Daniel Jacobs, Ray Zuberer, Isaac Settle, Paul Reid, Luke Reid, Mason Robertson, David Scott, Luke Payne, Cameron O'Bryan, John Augenstein, Noah McCormack, Jonathan Garner. The head coach is Paul Mattingly with assistants Alex Bumm and Mark Gentry. OCS Photo



Elite Volleyball

The Western Kentucky Elite Volleyball team placed third in the Valentine's Day Classic in Nashville, TN on February 12th. The team members are Liza Howard, Chelsea Howard, Kelsey Armes and Cailyn Carr in front. In the back is Erica McFarland, Lesley Harney, Jenee Hardin, Tori Lanham and Savannah Bell. The team is coached by Jessica Deminey and Chelsea McFarland. The team consists of players from Trinity, Catholic, Owensboro, and Hancock County. Lisa Armes Photo

Catholic High Senior Ann-Claude Named National Merit Finalist!

Ann-Claude Rakotonianina, Owensboro Catholic High School Senior, Named National Merit Finalist. Congratulations to Ann-Claude Rakotonianina, who has been named a National Merit Finalist.

Ann-Claude, pictured in the photo at right, is the daughter of Anna Rakotonianina and the late Claude Rakotonianina. OCS Photo

OCHS Lady Aces Capture All 'A' Classic Basketball State Title

In the picture at right, congratulations to the Lady Aces on winning the All 'A' Classic State Basketball Title. They defeated Monroe County 65-60 in Richmond, Ky. on Feb.6, 2011. Becca Greenwell was named tournament MVP, Mary Kate Clemens, Laura Riney and Leah Greathouse named to All Tournament team. OCS Photo



Catholic Schools - A+ For America

Mayfield, Ky. Mayor Teresa Cantrell Speaks At St Joseph Catholic School For Catholic Schools Week



During Catholic Schools week, Mayor Cantrell came to talk to the students of St Joseph about her job in the community following the theme A+ For America-In Our Community. She presented St Joseph Catholic School a proclamation declaring the week of Jan 31, 2011 -Feb 2, 2011 to be Catholic Schools Week in the City of Mayfield,

KY. She urged all citizens to join in recognizing these students and faculty members as they work together to prepare for tomorrow's leaders. She also invited all the students of St Joseph Catholic School to open the City Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance on Feb 14, 2011. Submitted by Debbie Givens



Language Artists

The 1st Grade students at the OCS Elementary K-3 Campus had a Spelling Bee between all five 1st Grade Classes. Pictured with Principal, Lori Whitehouse are, from left to right: 2nd Place Winner- Annie Sullivan; 1st Place Winner- Connor Moore; 3rd Place Winner- Luke Zambrano. OCS Photo



What To Do With All That Snow? Make A "Snoem" !

Mrs. Coomes' 3rd Grade Class at the Owensboro Catholic Elementary K-3 Campus used descriptive adjectives to write a poem about snow- called a "Snoem". While reading the poems out loud to their classmates, the students enjoyed eating Snow Cream to bring their writing to life! In the picture above, Payton Cox reads her 'Snoem' to the class.

The poem was written on 'icles.' **"Snow is Wet. Snow is Wonderful. Snow is fun. Snow is Pretty."** OCS Photo



Noe Ramirez and Jack Elliott



Jesus Espinoza and Ben Willett



Jesus Espinoza



Evelyn and Johanna Rodriguez

BINGO! Hold Your Cards!

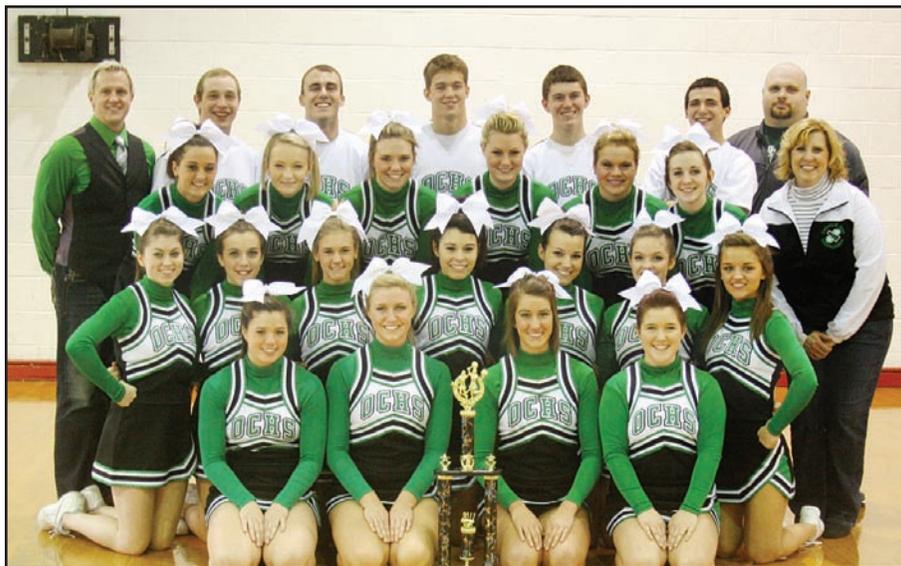
Hispanic students during Catholic Schools Week in Paducah playing a Bingo game held on Friday afternoon.

Photos submitted by Marie Wade

OCHS Cheerleading Win KAPOS Regional Competition – Large Co-ed Division

OCHS Cheerleading competed in Large Co-ed squad division in KAPOS 3rd Regional competition. OCHS placed 1st in their division and now advance to the KAPOS state competition in Bowling Green, KY on February 12.

Members of the squad include: Front row (L to R) Kelly Schweisthal, Kristen Bell, Alexis Dominick, Caylene Newton; 2nd row (L to R) Hayley Lanham, Sarah McCarthy, Emily Pate, Carli Barr, Joelle Boarman, Rachel Hamilton, Caitlin Coomes; 3rd row (L to R) Kindra Evans, Ashlyn Vessels, Mary Grace Boarman, Chelsea Hagan, Jordan Delano, Tori Arnold, Coach Carla Hagan; Back row (L to R) Coach Jeff Fritz, Austin Wood, Seth Todd, Alex Vaughan, Evan Todd, Jacob Linn and Coach Wes Nall. OCS Photo



Seth Todd, left, and Alex Vaughan received the Academic Awards.

A Father's Blessing

During Catholic Schools Week, Fr. Brandon Williams annual blessing for St. Stephen Pre-School. In the picture at right, Father Brandon gave a sacramental blessing on February 2, 2011 to Audrey Townsend as her mother, Denise Townsend, witnessed. Mel Howard Photo



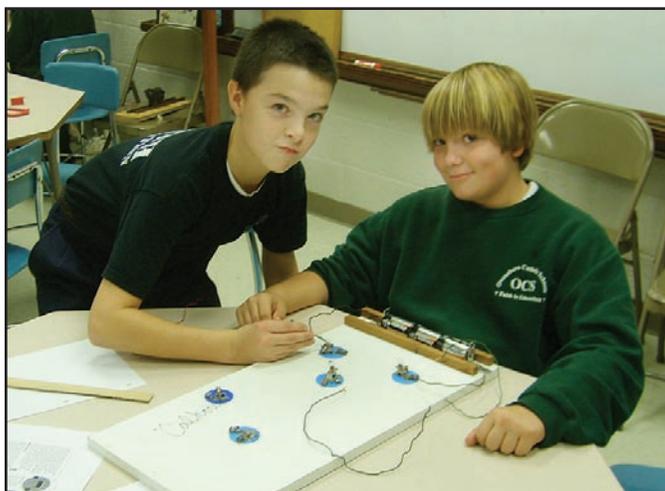
The Francis R. Cotton Chapter of the OCHS National Honor Society Inducts 38 New Members



Owensboro Catholic High School recognized the following students for their scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship by inducting them into the school's Francis R. Cotton Chapter of the National Honor Society in early February: Megan Alvey, Alec Bahnick, Daniel Best, Katie Brown, Rebecca Boom, Peyton Booth, Jessica Bradshaw, Joshua Buckman, Kaleb Caceres, Logan Cecil, Cassidy Clark, Mary Kate Clemens, Michael Crowe, Stephanie Dooper, Matthew Franey, Hunter Gough, Christopher Hayden, Stephen Hyland, Nicholas Krampe, Larissa Lewis, Justin Mahoney, Henley McCormack, Erica McFarland, Anna McNulty, Elizabeth McNulty, Rebecca Millay, Gilbert Mischel, Sarah Murphy, Katelyn Orth, Allie Payne, Michael Polio, Blake Powers, Allen Rakotoniaina, Alex Riccio, Laura Riney, Stacey Schepers, Emily Taul, Megan Tigie. Faculty Sponsor of the OCHS National Honor Society is Mrs. Bev Howard. OCS Photo

Magnetic Investigators

In the picture at left, students in sixth grade Science at the Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus are shown investigating the electromagnetic force. Their investigation included constructing and testing an electromagnetic, modeling a magnetic field with iron fillings, wiring a series and parallel circuit and constructing a simple electric motor. From left to right) David Weafer and Weston Jacob test their construction. OCS Photo





OCMS Eighth Grade Girls Runners-up In Diocesan Tournament

Congratulations to the Owensboro Catholic Middle School 8th Grade Girls Basketball team on their 2nd place finish in the Diocesan tournament. In the tournament they defeated Sts. Peter and Paul (Hopkinsville), St. Mary (Paducah) and eventually lost to Holy Name in the final game. Members of the team include: front row (l to r), Darcy James, Emily Marshall, Leslie

Wilson, Brooke Raley; back row (l to r), Mikayla Berry, Madison Mattingly, Olivia Cason, Ashlee Orr, Morgan Mattingly, Caroline Hayden, Annabel Moore; very back row Maddie Hagan. The team is coached by: Michael Lane and Jay Fillman. Congratulations to Madison Mattingly and Caroline Hayden for being named to the All Tournament team. OCS Photo



Holy Name Lady Cardinals Take Diocesan Middle School Girls Tournament

This is a picture of Holy Name Catholic School's 8th grade girls team, the Holy Name Lady Cardinals, who won first place in the Diocesan Tournament. Front row: Cheyenne Warren, Lauren Spainhoward, Jaime Raleigh, Maci

Brown, Hannah Garrett, Addy Floyd. Back row: Coach Necia Garrett, Autumn Sellars. Holy Name Catholic School was established in 1872. Photo submitted by Bob Warren and Mary Caton for Holy Name School

Holy Name School Holds Science Fair During Catholic Schools Week



Holy Name families enjoy refreshments while looking at dozens of science fair entries.

Submitted by Camille Stich

HENDERSON, Ky. - Hundreds of people attended Holy Name School's Science Fair during Catholic Schools week. All school students participated in preparing a science project, and Grades 4 - 8 competed for first, second, and third places.

Winners were as follows: 4th grade - 1st - Andre Cruse, 2nd - Carlee Crafton, Ashley Fulkerson, and Lauren Eyre, 3rd - Nick Schneider and Ryan Delano; 5th - 1st Ashley Royer, 2nd - Catitlyn Crawford, 3rd - Blake Clement and Riley Martin; 6th - 1st Chris Galbraith and Will Hardy, 2nd - Caroline Newland and Mary Jarrett, 3rd - Isaac Gary; 7th - 1st Cassidy Riley, Miranda Phipps, Blake Stewart, Austin Garrett, Autumn Sellars, 2nd - Drake Willett, Connor Smith, Davis Mitchell, Wes Bugg, 3rd - Austin Wagner, Aaron Caton, Matthew Beaven, Justin Darr; 8th - 1st Jack Hardy, Joe Galbraith, Blake Ross, Josh Adkins, 2nd - Mim Cates, Anna Mayo, Katie Armstrong, Sammy Herdegen, 3rd - Sean Wilson Bailey Maloney, Blake Swaidner, Hencye Sights, Jonathan Royster.



Jack Hardy and Josh Adkins represent their team that also included Joe Galbraith and Blake Ross as winners of the 8th Grade Science Fair. Photos by Camille Stich



New Angela Oratory Blessed on Thanksgiving Day

MAPLE MOUNT, Ky. - The new Angela Oratory at the Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse was blessed by Father Ray Goetz on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 2010, following a Mass celebrating the 475th anniversary of the founding of the Order of Saint Ursula.

The Oratory, in Lourdes Hall, offers books and presentations on Saint Angela Merici, Ursuline history, Saint Ursula, and Mere Marie of the Incarnation, the first Ursuline Sister to come to North America in 1639. On one side of the Oratory is a prayer room, featuring prayer books, easy listening music, low lighting, a small fountain, and a peaceful view of the piazza. Videos featuring Saint Angela Merici are available for viewing.

Sister Diane Marie Payne has been working on the Oratory since July. "It's very exciting," she said. The Oratory is open to all, and books can be checked out. Sister Diane Marie is working in the Oratory from Monday-Wednesday,



Sister Diane Marie Payne shows the new Angela Oratory to visitors, most of them Ursuline Associates, on Jan. 27, the feast day of Saint Angela Merici. The Oratory is located in Lourdes Hall at the Ursuline Sisters' Motherhouse in Maple Mount.

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. She can be reached at 270-229-4103, ext. 315, or diane.payne@maplemount.org.



Sister Diane Marie points out the books on Saint Ursula and Mere Marie of the Incarnation to Ursuline Associate Mary Hartz of Owensboro.

100th Day Of School



Welcome To St. Henry Catholic Church

By Rich Logsdon

AURORA, Ky. Feb. 6, 2011 was the date of the Newcomers' Dinner at St. Henry parish in Aurora, KY. Between 75 and 80 parishioners gathered in the parish hall to welcome 14 new families who had registered in the last two years. Spaghetti and meat balls were served (and devoured) with lots of side dishes and desserts.

Tony and Maria Caruso, Ted and Kathleen Chomicz, Willa Debish, Marty and Wendy Keller, Joe Kuzel, Tom and Joyce Lyons, Rich and Sandy Michalek, Tom Paszko, Joe and Theresa Poremba, John Rittenhouse, Margaret Stelter, John and Patti Suver, Mary Rita Szczecinski and John and Sally Vollmer were the recipients of the heartfelt welcome. Many commented that the parish was very close-knit and friendly.

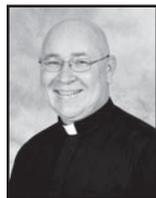


The OCS Elementary K-3 Campus celebrated the 100th day of school! The teachers celebrated the day, Feb. 9, 2011, by dressing in special t-shirts. Several staff members even dressed as 100 year old ladies! Students did all kinds of activities involving the number 100!

In the photo above, (left to right) Ms. Krystal Smith (1st grade teacher), Mrs. Lisa Wathen (Kindergarten Aide) and Mrs. Lyndsi Ebelhar (1st grade teacher) dress as 100 year old ladies for the 100th day of school.

30 Greeting From Bali

By Father Stan Puryear



The Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time this year included the reading of the Beatitudes, wherein Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit...." As I read that gospel here in the Dominican Republic

this year, I reflected on how so priests in our Diocese of Owensboro and throughout the first world will be performing homiletic summersaults so as to say that Jesus didn't really mean that the lack of material wealth brings about joy and spiritual blessings. Living here in the third world among parishioners who work hard and struggle greatly just to survive, I'm coming to the realization that every sermon I ever preached on the Beatitudes was pure baloney. I'm not saying that we should sell everything we have and give it to the poor and lead simple lives: Jesus already said it.

Beginning in Advent, I began reading the book *Radical* by the Rev. David Platt, pastor of The Church at Brook Hills, an independent evangelical church in Birmingham, Alabama. Though the book is so heavily steeped in Calvinism that it almost



An outdoor Christmas Tree made of different colored plastic grocery bags. (Each grocery chain has its own color bags.) Photo by Faye Lash

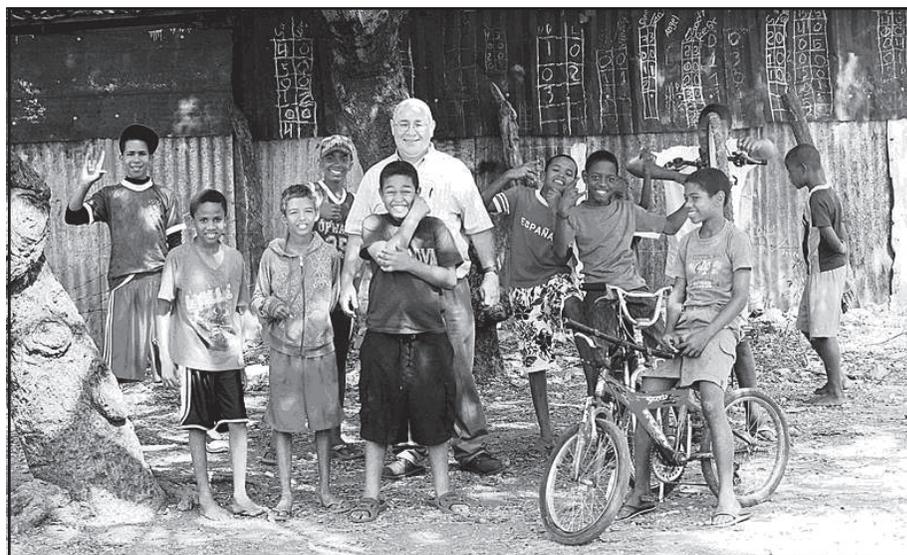
Un Árbol Navideño hecho de bolsas plásticas de diferentes colores. Cada cadena de tiendas tienen bolsas de diferentes colores. Fotografía por Faye Lash

needs to be translated for Catholic readers, there were many good insights for all Christians in the United States. Basically, Platt sees the American dream of seeking greater wealth and prosperity leading us away from our Christian roots and some of the basic teachings of Jesus. This is true not only of individuals but also religious congregations who consistently want more and more programs for parishioners and better and better buildings for liturgy. The casualties of such thinking are the humility of our hearts and the poor of our world.

Such a book might be good for our Diocese of Owensboro as we undergo strategic planning for the future. Though the book was fairly small, I took a great amount of time to read it (English-language books are a rare treat here), thus affording me a great amount of reflection. I often wondered how many millions of dollars have been spent in our diocese over the past 15 years (the time I've been ordained) building and renovating physical structures while the number of registered Catholics and Mass attendees has consistently dropped. I personally oversaw a \$3 million project at St. Joseph's in Bowling Green during that time, so I'm only pointing the finger at myself here. On the positive side, however, during that same time period the diocese began a Catholic Charities office and an office for Hispanic Ministry. In essence, how well we balance our creation of community with our outreach to the poor and evangelization of the unchurched is at the heart of strategic planning for any Church following Jesus.

One passage in particular from the book is worth repeating: "To everyone wanting a safe, untroubled, comfortable life free from danger, stay away from Jesus... Maybe this is why we sit back and settle for a casual relationship with Christ and routine religion in the church. It is safe there, and the world likes us there. The world likes us when we are pursuing everything they are pursuing, even if we do put a Christian label on it. As long as Christianity looks like the American dream, we will have few problems in this world." I purchased the book at Books-A-Million in Owensboro, but both Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com carry it, if anyone would like some challenging reading for Lent.

Perhaps reading a book about voluntary downsizing of one's material possessions is not a good idea for a missionary who lives among those struggling to feed themselves and their families. On more than one occasion, I wanted to access the internet and tell Bishop Medley what he



Kids arriving for baseball practice. Photo by Faye Lash

Muchachos llegando para entrenamiento del beisbol. Fotografía por Faye Lash

needs to tell other priests in the diocese regarding material wealth. Fortunately for all concerned (especially myself), providential power interruptions on the poor Dominican electrical grid kept such emails from being sent.

With regards to struggling to feed myself here, the turkey farm is growing significantly. As I write, one hen is sitting atop a nest with at least a dozen eggs expected to hatch in another two weeks. I was wondering why a second hen was not following suit when an unexpected development

occurred. The hen named Gertrude began gobbling one day, essentially announcing that his new name was Gerald. Given that Gerald is a Royal Palm Turkey and more suited to the tropical climate than Tom, who is a Bronze Turkey, Tom's name has now been changed to Easter Dinner.

My newest challenge is keeping the turkeys in the back yard and out of the vegetables and spices planted in the front yard. I realize that most people in Kentucky don't plant their gardens in the front yard (nor in February), but for some reason, it had better soil and access to water, so some creative landscaping was incorporated. Hopefully, folks here will see how easy it is to supplement one's food budget with even a small plot of land. Currently, I'm trying to grow the ingredients I'm unable to find for gumbo, as Lent is quickly approaching and no celebration of Mardi Gras is complete without my favorite Cajun cuisine. This coming month, I'll be planting the ingredients for Easter dinner.

Finally, I would like to thank Adveniat



The beginnings of a turkey farm. Photo by Faye Lash. El comienzo de granja de pavos. Fotografía por Faye Lash

of Germany, the Knights of Columbus of Bowling Green, and a Diocese of Owensboro priest who wishes to remain anonymous for their donations to purchase a new vehicle for my parish. Here, instead of a priest owning a car, the parish owns a vehicle for the priest to drive. As most parishes include a central church and various communities in the countryside, nearly every parish provides a truck. The old truck I was driving had seen its better days more than 20 years ago, so it was past time for a new one. A Toyota Hilux club-cab diesel was delivered to the parish in early February and has not sat still since. Though the owner's manual says that it comfortably seats five adults, the person who wrote that manual has obviously never seen a priest in the Dominican Republic on his way to Mass. The priest's pickup truck here also serves as the church bus, transporting parishioners to and from church.

Vatican Commission's Guidelines On Church Archives

Document Combines Canon Law and Practical Advice on Care of Archives

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – The Vatican has issued a document not only for but also about diocesan archives worldwide.

A circular called “The Pastoral Function of Church Archives” has been sent to bishops around the globe by the Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church. It brings together provisions in canon law with practical advice on care of archives, such as low humidity storage and microfilming.

Explaining that “archives are places of memory of the Christian community and storehouses of culture for the new evangelization,” the 45-page booklet makes the case that valuable church patrimony may be lost page by page if archivists are not informed of basic techniques of preservation.

And even well-tended collections may serve diminished use if they are not catalogued by a uniform system, and their inventory is not known beyond diocesan boundaries, the booklet says.

“As places of memory,” it adds, “archives must systematically gather all the data making up the articulated history of the church community so that what has been done, the results obtained, including omissions and errors, may be properly evaluated.”

Many of the recommendations come from documents issued to Italian church archivists by various Vatican offices. There are also citations from the Code of Canon Law regarding conservation and management of documents.

The booklet is part of a series produced by the commission, which Pope John Paul II established in 1988. Some of its previous papers have concerned the importance of church libraries and the cataloguing of artistic and historical material in Europe as the Cold War came to an end.

Monastery archives have played a particularly significant part in preserving church heritage, the commission says, because they offer not only a record of regional evangelization, but also the opportunity to set up specialized laboratories for restoring archival material. The collections of religious congregations and other institutions also are cited as valuable sources of information on church missionary efforts.

“Historical memory constitutes an integral part of the life of every community,” the booklet says. “The knowledge of all that which witnesses the succession of generations, their know-how and their actions, creates a sense of continuity between past and present.”



Bishop William Medley blessed the diocesan Archives with the diocesan staff present on February 7 and announced that the Diocesan Archives would be named after Sister Emma Cecelia Busam, O.S.U., first Director of the Diocesan Archives, center, shown being blessed with Holy Water by Bishop Medley during the Archives Blessing. Looking on are, from left, Martha Hagan, Elaine Thomas, and Ernie Taliaferro. Photo by Mel Howard

This link offers “the possibility of an adequate adaptation of church institutions to the needs of the faithful.”

The document was written for and sent to bishops because according to canon law, it falls to them to ensure that archival records of their dioceses be “adequately preserved.” But one of the first suggestions in the set of guidelines, which comprise roughly half the booklet, is that bishops delegate this job to commissions on archival collections and to experts in the field.

Dioceses should maintain archives on current affairs, the document says, because they will be the historical records of the future.

“In these,” it says, “every moment of the life of the church community, and its continued development, is recorded.”

Gaps in past records can be closed with the use of modern technology, the document suggests. Internet searches of records and microfilm reproductions can help “recover archives which have been confiscated in the past, often as a result of complex historical circumstances, and dispersed in other locations.”

But proper record-keeping is not enough, the paper warns, because maintenance also means guaranteeing a safe and stable environment for archives. To this end, it says, properly equipped archives will follow “fundamental norms of hygiene (lighting, ventilation, humidity and temperature control)” and should have fire and burglar alarms.

Items of a personal or otherwise confidential nature should be marked as such in the inventories and catalogues of archives, the document says.

However, it also stresses that, in general, archives should be accessible to the public.

Noting that the preservation and thorough cataloguing of church archives takes time and individual attention, the document offers one final argument for devoting a diocese’s resources to these projects. The historical and artistic appreciation of archives, it says, “could constitute a valid meeting ground with today’s culture and offer occasions to participate in the progress of humanity as a whole.”

Archives 31 in Church Law

The revised Code of Canon Law (1983) contains numerous sections pertaining to church archives. Some of these are summarized below:

- Canon 482 states that the Chancellor is responsible for the diocesan archives.

- Canon 486 suggests the need for a diocesan archives facility – a place in which documents relating to spiritual and temporal matters can be described, organized and maintained in a secure location.

- Canon 487 requires that the bishop and chancellor keep the archives locked and their permission is necessary for anyone to gain admission. However, information contained within the archives should be made accessible to interested parties.

- Canon 488 discourages removing items from the archives; if this is done it should only be temporarily and with the permission of the bishop or the curia and chancellor.

- Canon 489 states that there is to be an additional well protected, secure secret archive. “Criminal cases in the matters of morals” may be destroyed after the criminal’s death or ten years after the sentencing. Summary information about the case must be kept.

- Canon 490 states, “Only the bishop may have the key to the secret archive.” It may be opened in cases of “true necessity” by the diocesan administrator in the bishop’s absence. The contents of the secret archive are to remain intact.

- Canon 491 broadens the aforementioned responsibilities of the bishop to the preservation of diocesan parish records. Guides to these collections should be reproduced in duplicate copies, one for the parish and one for the diocesan archives. The necessity of organizing and preserving historical records is also noted.

Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Indiana Invite You ...

- Come & See Event Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Indiana - March 18-20, 2011 For single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18 to 40. Get to know our Benedictine sisters, share in our community life and prayer, and meet other women who are considering religious life - no pressure, no commitment! For more information or to register online, visit www.thedome.org/vocations, call Sister Michelle Sinkhorn at 800-734-9999, or email vocation@thedome.org.

- Summer Camps Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Indiana - Camp for girls who will have completed 5-8th grade. 5-6th grade Camp is June 13-15 and 7-8th grader Camp is June 16-18. These camps take place outdoors, including campfires, games, crafts, and sleeping in tents. Registration is open March 15th. Camp size limited. Register online at www.thedome.org/vocations or email Sister Michelle at vocation@thedome.org. A valid email address is required.

32 Hopkinsville Area Knights of Columbus Stay Busy in Winter

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - The cold winter months in western Kentucky have not slowed down the Knights of Columbus (Msgr. James H. Willett Council 7847) from Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville.

Once again in December, the Knights sponsored a food drive in the parish to make and distribute food baskets to needy families throughout the area for Christmas. "Paper bags, compliments of Food Lion and ALDI, were distributed at the Masses during December," explained Bob Marko. "The parish responded well in donating food for the baskets. We received about 600 cans from the Sts. Peter and Paul School and another 1700 cans from Enterprise Car Rental," he added.

Knights then gathered at the church on Saturday, December 20 to sort and box the food to prepare for distribution. In addition to the canned food received from parishioners and other donors, the Knights also collected money



Rocky Spader (left) and Larry Puckett (center), both members of the Knights of Columbus Council #7847, delivered canned food to the Aaron McNeil Center, a local food pantry in Hopkinsville. Donations of canned food were collected by the Knights as part of their annual "Christmas Basket" service project. Photo taken by Bob Marko.



Many members of the Knights of Columbus Council #7847, along with Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, and Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, Associate Pastor, gathered in the parish gym on Saturday, December 20 to sort and package food collected during their annual "Christmas Basket" service project. More than 25 families and a local food pantry received the benefits of their efforts. Photo taken by Jim Creighton.

for their "turkey fund." With monies donated, they were able to purchase sixty turkeys along with fresh fruit and non-canned food.

On January 22, several Knights accompanied 40 special needs citizens to an Austin Peay State University home basketball game. Working with an organization known as PLANS, they were able to arrange the event with help from the APSU sports director. The Austin Peay Governors continued their stretch in the Ohio Valley Conference by defeating Jacksonville State by a score of 80 to 66. The Knights received many compliments from the PLANS families for arranging the exciting event.

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School Chooses to Serve Others

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - In the midst of excitement while celebrating National Catholic Schools Week, the students at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville turned their attention to serving others. A total of six trips were made throughout the community to deliver goodwill and treats during the week of January 31 through February 4. In addition, other acts of charity were also exercised.

The majority of the trips took place on the first day of the week. With the assistance of parent volunteers, the fifth grade class traveled to the town's fire department and police station to deliver cookies. Seventh and eighth grade students presented "sweet baskets" to the volunteers of the St. Luke's Free Clinic and to the employee's of the Jennie Stuart Medical Center's emergency room. Students from the second, third and fourth grade classes, along with Fr. Uwem Enoch, Associate Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, visited with several of the residents at a local nursing home.

"Our parents are the ones who make all this possible," claimed Sarah Kranz, Principal of the school. "We can come



During National Catholic Schools Week, students from Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville visited several locations throughout town during the week to reinforce their "serving others" theme. Fifth grade students (from left to right) Jonah Zdrodowski, Sean Ritchie and Alex Allard posed with an officer from the Hopkinsville Police Department after the students delivered cookies at both the police and fire stations in town. Photo taken by Vicki Luckey.

up with a million ideas, but without our parents' help, we wouldn't be able to do any of them. We are so blessed," she added.

On Wednesday, parents and children once again loaded

into vehicles to travel throughout the town. While two classes did not necessarily perform acts of service on this day, they did make a visible show of respect. Students from the sixth grade gathered at Gander Memorial Park, a memorial established to honor the members of the 101st Airborne who died in a plane crash in Gander, New Foundland on December 12, 1985. At the same time, the seventh grade students gathered at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West where more than 1,386 veterans and dependents are interred. At both locations, students, parents and teachers participated in brief prayer services.

While the sixth and seventh grade students were paying their respects to the dead, the eighth grade students, again with the assistance of their parents, traveled to the local senior citizens center to pay respect to the living by joining them in a bible study and bingo.

In addition to traveling around town to demonstrate service to others, the younger students at the school participated in their own service projects. On Monday, second grade students created cards for parish shut-in members. On Thursday, the kindergarteners made cards to send to Bishop Emeritus John McRaith, while first grade students made cards for the seminarians in the diocese. Books were also donated to various organizations throughout the week.

Although the theme of the week focused on serving others, the students did enjoy some down time and fun activities. One of their favorite treats, of course, was being allowed to wear clothes to school other than their uniforms. On Tuesday and Thursday all students were permitted to wear "spirit day" clothes which consisted of blue jeans and some type of school shirt. On Friday, the students enjoyed the coveted "free dress day." The free dress day this year, however, cost each student one dollar. The money collected was then used to purchase

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Interchurch Families

By Fr. Tony Bickett, Ecumenical Officer

Interchurch households live ecumenism every day. Christian unity is made visible every day in interchurch marriages and families. An interchurch family is something like a bridge that connects one side to the other. Ecumenical marriages build connections between two denominations. We may take these relationships for granted since they have become much more common today. Yet interchurch families have much to teach us about ecumenism and the importance of working toward greater understanding among Christians of different denominations.

Interchurch couples are always praying with someone from another Christian denomination. Whenever interchurch couples and families pray together in their homes they are engaging in ecumenism. Interchurch families routinely have those conversations that others aren't privileged to have in their homes since they are married across denominational lines as Christians. The one thing they don't have and that they long for is inter-communion or shared Eucharist in all of our churches. The closest interchurch families come to any kind of a shared holy communion are during their own home cooked meals eaten around dinner tables after prayers and blessings are said. These are special and sacred times for these couples and families.

Many interchurch couples feel they have been at this dialogue for such a long time that being able to share the Eucharist in any recognized way has become a futile request. They have been active in this journey towards Christian unity much longer than most people and sometimes feel a bit frustrated that things seem to be moving so slowly.

Many Catholics married to persons of other Christian denominations feel left out of parish activities because of their interchurch marriage. Yet these couples show the rest of the community

the hope and possibilities of great unity among Christians. The problem is not interchurch marriages but the division between the Churches into which they've been baptized. Unfortunately there is so much apathy and indifference towards our Churches disunity.

Interchurch families have been given a gift of insight and of access to at least two denominations. Their lives can help to influence our communities to work to heal divisions among us. There is so much potential in interchurch families to do good on so many levels. Interchurch families must constantly think and act in ways that overcomes their divisions.

There is an organization called the American Association of Interchurch Families (AAIF) that seeks to be a resource for interchurch families. This is an association of interchurch families, defined as a husband and wife from separate Christian traditions who both desire to remain active in their respective churches. These couples may participate in their spouse's Church in ways and to the extent that is possible. As a couple, they live the unity of their marriage, supporting each other, while participating in two separate traditions. The Association exists to support interchurch families with the message that one tradition need not dominate the other in marriage.

If you are married or engaged to someone from another Christian tradition, then I would like to encourage you enjoy the rich blessings of living an ecumenical relationship. You may be interested in a monthly publication of the American Association of Interchurch Families called The ARK. You can read passed issues at their website at <http://www.aifusa.org>.

The journey of promoting Christian Unity is central to our Christian identity. Ecumenism is central to the life of the Church and therefore must pervade all that she is and does. If you would like more information on how you and your parish can practice ecumenism please contact me at 270-745-2356 or email me at ftonyb@yahoo.com.

Catholic Alumni Club International Young Adult Fun Weekend

St. Louis, MO, June 2-5, 2011



The Catholic Alumni Club International invites you to a Young Adult (Ages 21-39) Fun Weekend at St. Louis, MO! Come join other Catholic singles from around the country for fun and fellowship in the Gateway to the West!

The schedule includes: Thursday: Evening - Meet and

Greet in the hotel lobby and then head off to dinner. Night - After hours party after dinner. **Friday:** Afternoon - Bus Tour of St. Charles, MO (including trip to the wineries - \$35)/ Evening - Dinner Buffet at Syberg's with the St. Louis Local Chapter / Night - After hours party after the Dinner Buffet / Free time. **Saturday:** Afternoon - Bus Tour of St. Louis, MO (\$40) / Early Evening: Mass / Evening - Dinner-Dance Buffet at Spazio's with the St. Louis Local Chapter and host DJ Joe Gassel / Night - After hours party after the Dinner-Dance Buffet / Free time.

Accommodations: Comfort Inn Westport (www.comfortinnstl.com); 12031 Lackland Rd, St Louis, Missouri 63146; Phone number is 314-878-1400 and email address is info@comfortinnstl.com. The Comfort Inn has an outdoor pool, free wireless, free parking, and a fitness center. Check in time is: 3:00pm Check out time is: 11:00am. The Comfort Inn is within walking distance of Westport Plaza. For more information, please click here: <http://www.westportstl.com/Map.html>

Package Price: Early bird price (April 23rd, 2011)-\$199.00 double occupancy/\$309.00 for a single package price. The package price includes a deluxe continental breakfast from 7-10am every morning, free shuttle to and from the airport (Lambert-St. Louis International), and shuttle service within a two mile radius. Friday Dinner, Saturday Dinner-Dance, and After Hour Parties are included (please note that bus tours and the Thursday dinner are extra). For those without a roommate, every effort will be made to match you up.

Transportation: There is a complimentary airport (Lambert-St. Louis International) shuttle to and from the airport. Please call the Comfort Inn to schedule a time at 314-878-1400.

To download a registration, please click here : CACI Young Adult Reservation Form - 2011.pdf. For more information contact: Steve Valko at 314-966-0724 or valksr@yahoo.com.

2010 - 2011 NET Team #4

The National Evangelization Team came to the Diocese of Owensboro from January 12 - 25, 2011, to lead youth retreats in parishes. Posing on Jan. 25 with Bishop William Medley at Owensboro's Blessed Mother Parish Center, Youth Ministry room, the NET Team #4 members, ranging in age from 18 to 25 are, back row: Taylor Piotrkowski, John Holdvogt, Shehan Perera, and Chris Warren; front Row: Nick Welter, Laura Holupchinski, Bishop Medley, Connie Flores, Annie Hinnenkamp, and Emily LaPointe. Team Supervisors: Anna Carter & Nick Petrillo. Photo submitted by Diocesan Youth Ministry Office.



34 St. Thomas More Lifeteen Participate in March for Life

By Nicole Strasser, St. Thomas More Youth Director

PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Thomas More Youth from Paducah KY attended the March for Life 2011 Owensboro Diocesan Trip to Washington D.C. on January 21-25 organized by Melinda Prunty and Joe Bland. After reflecting on the trip, a few students from St. Thomas More commented that the trip was a real opportunity to participate in something they felt passionate about: the right to life. Some of the most notable experiences for the youth during this pilgrimage included the Pro-Life Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, mass with Bishop Medley, meeting with Mr. Russell Coleman, Legal Counsel for Senator McConnell, a tour of the Holocaust Museum, and the actual March for Life.

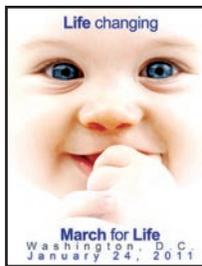


March for Life 2011 St. Thomas More Chaperones include: (left to right) Scott Babbs, Jerry and Diane Stoverink, Fr. Daniel Dillard, Nicole Strasser, Lucy Holder, Silvia Goreing, and Tina Eggmeyer.

At right, 2011 March For Life Poster from www.centralpres.com



Diocese of Owensboro Marchers for Life, Youth and Chaperones, pose after watching the changing of the guards at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. Photos this page by Nicole Strasser



Above, March for Life 2011 St. Thomas More Youth include: (left to right) Caitlyn Hodges, James O'Rourke, Alexandra Goreing, Grace Babbs, Kayla Speis, Pat Osterhaus, Lexi Eggmeyer, and Annie Segebarth. (Not pictured include: Andrew Azar, Martin Strolka, Drew Mayer, and Matt Osterhaus.)



St. Thomas More Youth march for Life while holding signs. Back Row, left to right: Andrew Azar, Lexi Eggmeyer, Annie Segebarth, Martin Strolka, Pat Osterhaus, Grace Babbs, Alexandra Goreing. Front Left to Right: Nicole Strasser, James O'Rourke.



At Left, St. Thomas More Youth meeting at the Capitol with Mr. Russell Coleman, Legal Counsel for Senator McConnell

Photos submitted by Nicole Strasser

pajamas which were donated to the Sanctuary House, a local non-profit agency which provides preventative and restorative services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Just for fun, the students enjoyed movies on Tuesday afternoon, a basketball game on Thursday and class parties on Friday afternoon. Not surprisingly, many of the older students enjoyed the fun activities the most. "I liked the free dress day and the party we had," admitted Caroline Morgan, a seventh grade student. Some of the younger ones, however, found joy in other ways. "We went to a nursing home," explained Adriana Romano, a third grade student. "We talked to the people there and we sang to them. I cried," Romano said softly. "I cried because I saw a girl hug one of them," she added, explaining how happy the hug made the senior citizen.

As is the tradition at Sts. Peter and Paul, National Catholic Schools Week concluded during the weekend Masses. All students in the school were asked to wear their school uniforms to Mass that weekend. In addition, students from the school performed all lay liturgical ministries, such as lectors, commentators, ushers and presenting the gifts. The principal, several teachers and many alumni of the school were asked to serve as Extraordinary Eucharist Ministers at the Masses.

One of the highlights of the weekend Masses again this year was listening to several students read their essays that had been written in preparation for the week. All students in the school were asked to write essays explaining how they feel about their Catholic education. After reviewing all the essays, Kranz and the teachers selected those they wanted to be read at each Mass. Following are excerpts from those essays.

"Our Catholic school is important because it teaches us about God. Our Catholic school is important because it teaches us to love each other," stated fourth-grade student Dalton Folz.

"I would give my school an A+," wrote Jonathan Kinnard, a sixth-grade student. "I know the teachers and students do their best to achieve greatness. I know my Catholic school education challenges me every day."

"I'm glad to be at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic so that I can pray freely. I have gone to Sts. Peter and Paul since preschool. I have and still enjoy going here," claimed sixth-grade student Antha France.

"A Catholic school education is an experience where you can get an excellent education and go to high school and un-



Students from the seventh and eighth grades at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville traveled to a local free clinic and the local hospital emergency room on Monday, January 31 to deliver "sweet baskets" as a way of showing service to others in their community during National Catholic Schools

derstand everything," said Rebekah Holmes, a sixth-grade student who has witnessed two older sisters graduate Sts. Peter and Paul and excel in high school. "I like being in a Catholic school because I have the capability to pray to God continually," she added.

"We are very blessed with our teachers, principal and priests how they are always there for us," explained seventh-grade student Christina Ligibel. "Our teachers don't have to be here, they choose to. Also, they don't get paid very much at all, but they're still here to teach us our faith along with other subjects. It is also quite expensive to send kids here, but every cent is worth it. You know that by our high testing scores!"

"Knowing that many worthy teachers try so hard to help us learn and be able to make our dreams come true some day," wrote Juliana Intessimone, another seventh-grade student. "But it is not only that, but a class that is like a family to you who understands you in our weak moments, tries so hard to comfort you."

"I value my school and the teachers here, because to me, it feels like one, big, happy family!" wrote Allison Watson, an eighth-grade student. "We also have extracurricular activities. Our school has two sports teams, soccer and basketball. We also have a Governor's Cup team, a National Junior Beta Club, student council, KYA (Kentucky Youth Assembly), and STLP (Student Technology Leadership Program)," Watson added.

"In the end, our school is one of the best educated, most caring, and best schools in this county because of the time and efforts put into this wonderful school. And this means a lot to me considering I'm not even Catholic," claimed Rachel Holmes, another eighth-grade student.

When reflecting about National Catholic Schools Week, Kranz also felt compelled to draft an essay of her own which she shared with the entire parish via the weekend bulletin. "Having attended Catholic schools for 12 years, Catholic Schools Week always reminds me to stop and express the profound gratitude I feel for the tremendous education I received. Each day I grow more cognizant of the part Catholic education has played in the person I am today.

"As the current principal of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School, I wish to thank the parish community for their continued support of our school. The cost of maintaining a curriculum that forms our children in the Catholic faith and provides them with a solid education by which to continue the Lord's work in today's society is challenging. I am very aware that we could not do it without your prayers and financial support. One of the main ministries of the parish is Catholic education. Our school gives the parish energy, purpose and focus. Test scores in both our Catholic testing and the Iowa Test of Basic Skills are indicative of the great teaching that is taking place. Our Catholic identity is extremely strong, and we are strengthening it all the time."



Fr. Uwem Enoch, Associate Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, joined second, third and fourth grade students from the school when they visited members of a local nursing home during National Catholic Schools Week. Photo taken by Jennifer Groves.

“Arts at the Mount” Spinning Day

MAPLE MOUNT, Ky. - About 20 women from the surrounding area and as far away as Indiana, Illinois, and Tennessee came to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on Jan. 8 to take part in the first Spinning Day of the new year. They all had a good time working on their crafts and making friends. The next Spinning Day is Feb. 12.

In the picture at near right, Donna Small, left, of Evansville, Ind., knits some socks while Becky Monetathchi, of Lewisport, Ky., spins two-ply yarn. Small made the sweater she's wearing, and Monetathchi made her hat. The women have been coming to the Spinning Days for several years.

In the picture at top right, Frances Scott, left, came from the small town of Dahlgren, Ill., to Spinning Day.



She made the sweater and socks she is wearing. She stopped the project she was working on to show the “magic loop” technique to Allison James,



right, of Nashville, Tenn. The two just met that morning. “If you're a knitter, you can go anyplace and you've got friends,” Scott said. James, 24, came

with her husband's aunt as a bonding experience, and was working on some dress socks for her husband. MSJ Photos

SPP Boasts Spelling Bee Champion

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville was able to boast a champion spelling bee competitor during the Annual Diocesan Spelling Bee held on Monday, January 31. Rebekah Holmes, a sixth-grade student who competed in the lower division, consisting of fourth, fifth and sixth grade students, walked away with the prize.

The competition, which was hosted this year by St. Mary's in Paducah, consisted of the traditional two divisions. In addition to the lower division, grades seven and eight competed in the upper division.

Sts. Peter and Paul student George Boyd, a seventh grader, earned third place in the upper division competition.

“I am very proud of my students,” claimed Sarah Kranz, principal of Sts. Peter and Paul. “They both worked very hard to prepare for the spelling bee,” she added.

A spelling bee for each division was held earlier in the school year to determine who would travel to Paducah and represent Sts. Peter and Paul in the diocesan competition.



Rebekah Holmes walked away with the trophy as champion of the Annual Diocesan Spelling Bee on Monday, January 31. Holmes competed in the lower division of the spelling bee (grades 4, 5 and 6) which was held at St. Mary's in Paducah. Photo taken by Sarah Kranz.

Trinity Seniors Share Catholic School's Family Spirit



At left, The Senior members of the girls basketball team at Trinity are Kara Mattingly, Carrie Wilkerson, Mercedes Varble, Kendal Connor, Diana Rhodes, and Tara Medcalf.

At lower left, Senior members Kara Mattingly and Tara Medcalf with Payton Merritt, their cousin and videographer for the team.

In the photo below, Senior Carrie Wilkerson with Sophomore teammate Kelsey Armes
Lisa Armes Photos



Welcoming the Roman Missal third edition

Fr. Paul Turner on the Roman Missal

On Sunday, November 27, 2011, all Catholic parishes across the United States will begin using a new translation of the Roman Missal.

The following is a Q&A with Fr. Paul Turner. Fr. Turner is a priest of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the author of numerous books and articles. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant' Anselmo in Rome.

Q. What is the Roman Missal?

A. The Roman Missal is the official prayer book we use for Mass in the Catholic Church. Most people know it today by the name sacramentary. They see it at every Mass they go to. The priest reads from it at the altar and whenever a server holds it for him.

Q. How is the Roman Missal different than the missalette that the people use at church?

A. The missalette is an abbreviated version of the contents of the Roman Missal. The Roman Missal has no hymns in it which you might find in a missalette. But all texts of the Mass that the people say are all found within the Roman Missal. So the missalette has taken its words from the Missal.

Q. Why is the Roman Missal changing now?

A. There are two reasons why. One is that it is upgraded might be a way to say it. Like you would upgrade an app on your phone. The Missal is being updated with some new prayers and instructions. The other reason is that the Vatican has changed its philosophy for how prayers should be translated from Latin into English. Almost everything we say at Mass is originally a Latin text. The Vatican is looking a little more carefully now on how those words get translated into other languages.

Q. What are some of the major changes?

A. Some things that most everybody is going to experience would be the greeting. When the priest says "The Lord be with you," their response will now be "And with your spirit." They're also going to see some changes to the Creed. For example, instead of saying "We believe,"

they'll start with "I believe." There are a number of changes within the Gloria. Just enough to make people need to look at paper again. Parts of the Mass that they've got memorized they will now have to examine one more time and relearn.

Q. Why is going back to the Latin text going to be better?

A. A couple of things. First of all, those Latin texts were worked on for hundreds of years. A lot of people don't realize this but, like when the priest says at the beginning of Mass Let us pray, and then starts in on a prayer, you are hearing an English translation of a prayer that might date to the sixth century. One reason that it's important to go back to the Latin is to study again what it has to say and make sure that what we're saying fits it. The other reason it's important to go back to the Latin is that we are a universal church, and even though Mass is celebrated in different languages around the world, we all use Latin as our common text, the text out of which all of these other translations were made. So, understandably, the Vatican would like that all of the different vernacular translations around the world would pretty much say the same thing. The way that you safeguard that is to have people keep looking back at the Latin and not copying from one another in the modern languages.

Q. Do the upcoming changes only affect the Mass?

A. At the present time, yes. They only affect the Mass. But they will eventually affect the other sacraments and prayers that we say as a Church. The Mass is the most important one so the work has begun there. But once these changes are implemented I think you can expect to see similar changes coming in all of the other ceremonies that we use in the Catholic Church.

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



Based on the book by the same title by Henri Nouwen.

2011 Lenten Series

Sponsored by Immaculate Parish

Tuesdays March 15, 22, and 29

6:00pm

Immaculate Parish Family Center

2516 Christie Place

Childcare provided. Refreshments served after the program.

Tuesday, March 15	Holding the Cup	Fr. Larry Hostetter
Tuesday, March 22	Lifting the Cup	Bishop William Medley
Tuesday, March 29	Drinking the Cup	Sr. Cheryl Clemons

Diocesan Speakers To Present Lenten Series At Parish of the Immaculate

By Diane Willis, Parish of the Immaculate

OWENSBORO, Ky. - "Can You Drink the Cup?" These were the words that Jesus asked his apostles regarding their commitment to follow him. Henri Nouwen uses those words for his reflection in his last published book by the same name.

Immaculate Parish of Owensboro will present "Can You Drink the Cup?", a three part Lenten series based on the words of Jesus and Nouwen's book. The Lenten series will be presented on Tuesdays, March 15, 22 and 29. The series will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Parish Family Center.

Presenters for the series will be Fr. Larry Hostetter, president of Brescia University speaking March 15th on Holding the Cup. Most Rev. William Medley, Bishop of Owensboro will be speaking March 22nd on Lifting the Cup. The series will end with Sr. Cheryl Clemons, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Brescia University speaking March 29th on Drinking the Cup.

The presentation is free and open to the public. Childcare will be provided. Refreshments will be served following the presentation. For more information, call Immaculate Parish at 683-0689.

38 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Scott & Lynette Zoglmann, 25
David & Cathy Allen, 25

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

James & Mary Carpenter, 58

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Donald & Shirley Altmeyer, 54

Paul & Nina Drury, 52

William & Charlotte Faulkner, 55

Donald & Robin Thacker, Sr., 25

Jerold & Jewel Williams, 52

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Leonard & Linda Thomas, 25

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Carroll & Joyce Ferguson, 54

Jim & Tina Ronning, 25

Rex & Sarah Marsh, 71

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Kevin & Michelle Hayden, 25

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Paul & Doris Westerfield, 54

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Dan & Cindy Shields, 40

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Victor & Anna Yates, 72

William & Sue Eckmans, 60

St. Ann, Morganfield

Alvin & Mary Austin, 40

St. Anthony, Axtel

Bobbie & Mary Moore, 54

St. Denis, Fancy Farm

Jack & Rose Riggs, 53

St. Edward, Fulton

Paul & Mary Pennell, 55

St. Elizabeth, Clarkson

Patrick & Louise Boone, 61

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

James & Gloria Bennett, 40

Charles & Marie Riggs, 63

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Connie & Dorothy Elliott, 25

Joseph & Betty Thompson, 65

James & Fay Johnson, 59

St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

J. C. & Maggie Edge, 53

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Aubrey & Monselle Willett, 40

Thomas & Helen Ellington, 58

St. Joseph, Central City

Richard & Queenie Schmidt, 66

St. Mary, Franklin

Antonio & Candelaria Estella, 53

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

James & Christy Gilles, 25

St. Peter, Waverly

Billy Don & Joyce Greenwell, 54

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Brian Keith & Nancy E. Arnold, 25

William & Marguerite Campbell, 62

Eugene & Mary Hurm, 54

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Eddy & Diana Kannapel, 25

Kelly & Laura Frank, 25

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Lloyd & Mary Helen Nash, 40

Joseph L. & Betty Johnson, 61

Daniel & Joyce Shuler, 60

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Gerald & Maxine Corbey, 52

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Charles & Linda Wilson, 52

Marcus & Opal Cooper, 54

Joe & Betty Falconite, 56

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Michael & Pamela Quitter, 40

New Policy Analyst Joins Catholic Conference of Kentucky

FRANKFORT, Ky. - On February 3, 2011, Rev. Patrick D. Delahanty, Executive Director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, announced the appointment of Jason D. Hall as a policy analyst for the agency.

Jason Hall has a law degree from the University of Kentucky and a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Campbellsville University. He has worked as a staff attorney representing the Department of Corrections during most of 2005. From December 2005 until July 2009, Jason Hall served as the Deputy General Counsel for the Senate Majority Leadership of the Kentucky General Assembly.

In making the announcement, Rev. Delahanty said that "The Conference welcomes the experience that Jason brings to this position, and we look forward to his help in raising awareness about the Church's commitment to human dignity and the common good in our Commonwealth."

The Catholic Conference of Kentucky is the public policy arm of the state's four Roman Catholic Bishops.



Jason Hall

Bishop Ronald Gainer Speaks at Feb. 3 KY Right To Life Rally

Bishop Ronald Gainer of the Diocese of Lexington, Ky, spoke at the annual rally of the Ky Right to Life organization in the Capitol rotunda in Frankfort on February 3, 2011. In his remarks, Bishop Gainer spoke of Lila Rose who has described the lies told to her by an abortionist. Bishop Gainer described how she was purposely misled and urged support for Senate Bill 9 which would allow a women to hear the truth about her child. "The perfect opponent of pro-choice," he said, "is the truth."



Reflection Day at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

The second Reflection Day at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center was held Feb. 4, concentrating on the theme, "Dry Bones," from the prophet Ezekiel, Chapter 37. Those present listened to Sister Ann McGrew read from the prophet Ezekiel to begin the Reflection Day. Pictured, from left: Rev. Carol Owen, Susan Latham, Ursuline Sister Elaine Burke (back), Joann Waltrip, Ursuline Sister Frances Miriam Spalding, Peggy Clark, and Martha Little. Reflection Days are held the first Friday of every month, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The March 4 reflection will be "Leaning on God." MSJ Photo



Our Love For Our Lady Of Guadalupe

By Chris Gutierrez

I recently was asked by an Anglo Catholic: Why is it that Hispanics have all that devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe? Why all those flowers, candles, colors and the amount of elaborate work and decoration putting up that image, especially when by the next day you have to take her down? Why get up at 4:30am for the “mañanitas”? By the way, thanks to those of you English-speaking parishioners that have annually participated and enjoyed this celebration; you have come and joined us; you supported us in different ways, but most importantly you have found (perhaps not lost) in your souls and hearts as Catholics, the most essential and important connection between Jesus Christ and His Mother and the true meaning of Marian devotion.

Any of you can Google tons of stuff about Our Lady of Guadalupe and about who she is, the symbolism of the image, the strong cultural and historical connections to the nation of Mexico, details of each apparition to St. Juan Diego, what the Lady from heaven was requesting, etc. My intention however is to simply share with you a little of my personal experience as a Mexican-American Catholic in lay ministry with Hispanics and a little bit of the abundant experiences of love that come from the rest of our Hispanic Catholic communities, particularly those of Mexican descent.

The answers to these questions span

from true love, respect, devotion, maternal protection to the admiration of tangible and miraculous results as fruit of a relationship with Mary the Mother of God and our Mother. And just to point out in case someone is confused: when we talk about the Marian advocacy of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we're talking about the Virgin Mary, the same Mother of God. One reason Our Lady of Guadalupe is fondly loved, admired and respected is for having chosen our Aztec land to have come down from heaven. And although she has been known to have appeared in several places around the world and soon after gone back to heaven, in the case of Guadalupe, she decided to “stay”. She's not only considered Queen of Mexico but also Empress of the whole Continent of America. Consequently, and for these reasons, we will always remain humbly grateful for that gift of herself and her permanency. Many of us through her strong intercession have received tangible healings, tangible results and answers to different requests, fruit of humble and sincere prayers and faith. It makes sense, doesn't it? If you see these people continually going back every year to this image of Mary, perhaps the reason is: “They must be getting something!” and that is absolutely true.

I was recently privileged to listen attentively to what one of our parishioners described as a miracle granted through the intercession of our Lady of Guadalupe. “Thanks to her my Mother and my Lord Jesus I made it across, ‘Gracias a Dios’ (Thank God)”, she



said. Beginning in 2010, she urgently had to travel back home to Chiapas, Mexico because of family matters. As it is the reality of many of our Hispanic brothers and sisters residing in our city and diocese, she is undocumented. She was robbed and harassed several times by “coyotes” (smugglers); she got caught trying to cross several times by the border patrol and was imprisoned, she suffered discrimination and was treated as an animal by agents of the border patrol, but she was persistent and after several attempts through walking, and at times running, the vast Arizona desert, she made it.

Another story comes from a man who a couple years ago was hospitalized in Owensboro. I still recall visiting various times throughout several weeks while he was in ICU and in pretty bad shape. After several attempts of crossing the border he had made it across and all the way up to Owensboro.

But shortly after arriving, he fell gravely sick with a bad infection because of deep cuts especially in his legs and feet due to barb wire wounds. Later on, as he recovered he shared with me how at times after days of walking, exhausted and with no water he thought it was just a matter of hours before he would die. However, he described, “I never gave up because of my family, especially my children and wife that counted on me and because of my faith. ‘Nuestra señora’ (Our Lady) was with me the whole and never left my side. I owe it to her.”

On December 12, 2010, this man in thanksgiving for the miracle received was the one who, along with a group of men from his native Toluca, Mexico, gathered donations for the elaborate flower arrangements for Our Lady of Guadalupe at Sts. Joseph and Paul.

So, next time December rolls around in parishes and especially on the eve of the 11th, if any of you happen to see many Hispanics at work in veneration of our heavenly Mother, know that there is a reason. There are truly miracles to be thankful for; there is a fountain of maternal love for the many children so far from home. There is a deep sense of love for God and his Mother, who is also our Mother.

Chris Gutiérrez is Hispanic Ministry Coordinator in Daviess County, Ky.

Pastels on exhibit at Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library

An art exhibit called “Plein-Air Pastels” will be on display at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library Gallery, St. Meinrad, IN, from January 15 to March 5.

The exhibit showcases the plein-air (painting outdoors) works of two Kentucky artists, Jan Frazier of Owensboro and Iris Gentry of Henderson. Both artists are adept in a variety of mediums and enjoy working outside, on location, where the constantly changing light is both an inspiration and a challenge. This exhibit focuses on their work in pastels.

Frazier earned a bachelor's degree in art education in 1973 and has worked in a variety of mediums. Her goal is to bring the viewer to the place where the work was created “to see the beauty of the moment.” She regularly exhibits work in the region, most recently in the winter show at the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art and in “Six Painted Ladies,” a group show at the Arts Council in Evansville, IN.

Gentry studied art at Murray State University, University of Kentucky, Kentucky Wesleyan College and Brescia University. She enjoys working outside because “the brilliant colors, smells, sounds and general sensory overload provide the artist with more inspiration than any camera could possibly begin to record.” Her work is found in numerous corporate and private collections,



At left above, “Rim Light at the Peony Farm” by Jan Frazier and at right, “Tooties” by Iris Gentry

including the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art.

For library hours call, (812) 357-6401 or (800) 987-7311, or visit the Archabbey Library's website: www.saintmeinrad.edu/library/library_hours.aspx.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Those wishing to view the exhibit may want to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing time.

40 Anniversaries Invite Reflection

By Brett Mills



I will be celebrating an anniversary over March 10 to March 13, 2011 in a meaningful, if surprising way. I'll be the Coordinator of the Men's 67th Cursillo for the Diocese of Owensboro exactly six years after attending the 63rd Men's Cursillo back in 2005. This opportunity is not a purposeless circle of activity for me. I see it as an encouraging upward spiral that I believe God directs to help me transform my familiar experiences into a sphere of influence evangelizing others.

Anniversaries invite reflection on the elements of the original experience's longevity. I will always remember my Cursillo Weekend, with affection for the 11 men who were candidates with me. Our deep encounter of Christ in a three-day community among fellow Catholics supported an introduction to the fundamental importance of Christian piety, study, and action. The moving power of paschal self-sacrifice that the Cursillo Movement calls palanca prepared us to enter the community that lives each day as a 4th Day of Cursillo. Sharing within the 4th Day is our way of persevering – channeling the fire of a Cursillo Weekend into lifetimes that glow with the potential for saintliness. Most of all, I am still firmly committed to the apostolic purpose of the Cursillo Movement. We hope to transform the world by witnessing to the salvation offered in and through Jesus Christ.

The decision to make a Cursillo Weekend (including the one I'm coordinating) should start as a conversation with the Holy Spirit – one that continues with a friend who's made a Cursillo Weekend before (you'd be surprised how many of us you might know) and your pastor. The Women's 68th Cursillo from March 17 to March 20, 2011, follows The Men's 67th Cursillo. There will be more of both so that when and if God invites you to a Cursillo Weekend through a friend the encounter that has made such a difference for me will await your own openness to it. Only God can imagine what you might be doing in His service six years after that.

Engaged Encounter Meets at the Mount



Couples gather in the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center for the Catholic Engaged Encounter Feb. 4-6, 2011.



Father Ray Clark, a priest in the Diocese of Owensboro, led a session of Engaged Encounter.

2010-2011 Nomination Form for the Diocese of Owensboro Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award

Previous Recipients:

1999-2000	Sr. Maggie Cooper, SCN	2000-2001	Carol York
2001-2002	Sr. Ann McGrew, OSU	2002-2003	Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, OSU Rosemary Payne
2003-2004	Sr. Julia Head, OSU	2004-2005	Sr. Marie Michael Hayden, OSU
2005-2006	Franki Durbin	2006-2007	Denise Long
2007-2008	Sr. Rosanne Spalding, OSU	2008-2009	Danny May
2009-2010	Mary Helen Rhodes		

The Offices of Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, and Lay Ministry and Formation are asking for nominations for the Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award. The recipient of this award will be announced at the Appreciation Dinner for Catechetical and Youth Ministers on May 9, 2011 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Anyone from the Diocese of Owensboro may nominate an individual for this award. Nominees should be professional ministers working for a minimum of 5 years in the Diocese of Owensboro in the field of catechetics. Some ministerial roles to be considered are Director of Religious Education, Coordinator of Religious Education, Pastoral Associate, Youth Minister, etc. The recipient of the award is a role model as an outstanding human being; committed to Diocesan, Parish and Community service; shows a deep sense of spirituality; is knowledgeable, and committed to continuing their intellectual, spiritual and collaborative growth.

The deadline for nominations is April 15, 2011. The Core Committee for Religious Education, consisting of the Diocesan Directors of Religious Education, Youth Ministry, and Lay Ministry and Formation will discern and select the recipient.

All nomination forms should be mailed to the Religious Education Office, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301-2130 by April 15, 2011.

Nominee _____

Address _____

Parish _____

Nominated by: Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Relation to nominee _____

On a separate page, please comment on the nominee's performance as a Catechetical Minister. Please describe the nominee's performance in the following categories:

- Why should this person be honored with the Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Award?
- Describe this person's commitment as a Catechetical Leader.
- How has this person aided Catechists and/or Youth Leaders to improve their ministry?
- How is this person a Christian role model for Catechists, Youth Leaders and parishioners? Give an example.
- Does this person volunteer time and talent to the community apart from parish and diocesan duties? If so, give details of her or his involvement.
- How well does this person work with the pastor, professional colleagues and parishioners?

OCMS Academic Team - 2nd in Regional Governor's Cup



Congratulations to the Owensboro Catholic Middle School Aces academic team on their second place overall win in Regional Governor's Cup competition on Saturday, February 12, 2011. All individual winners and the entire quick

recall team advance to State Governor's Cup competition on March 12-14, 2011, in Lexington, Kentucky.

The OCMS quick recall team won 2nd place after scoring victories against Providence Elementary School and twice against College View Middle School. OCMS advanced to the championship round and lost to Holy Name School.

Quick recall team members are Meredith Bickett, Sam Booth, Logan Brown, Matthew Caldwell, Evan Christodoulou, Leslie Kuntz, Lucy Kurtz, Jack Padgett, Madeline Rafferty, and Adney Rakotoniaina.

The Office of Wisdom invites you to Chicago!

If you are age 50 and over, please come and join the trip to Chicago and the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana. We will depart from Bowling Green, KY on **June 21, 2011** stopping in Owensboro for pick up (departure times and locations developing). Returning to Owensboro and Bowling on **June 24th**.

The cost per person is \$714.00 per person based on double occupancy includes:

- Round trip motor coach transportation
- Three nights accommodation at The Indigp Hotel in downtown Chicago; Three dinners
- River Cruise, Tours, and all entrance fees.

We will visit the museum of Science and Industry, Navy Pier, cruise down the Chicago River, and go to the top of the Hancock Observatory, to name a few! On our way home we will visit the Shrine of Christ's Passion where we will walk Christ's Passion as depicted in the Stations of the Cross.



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter Announces National Winners Of Longest Married Couple Project

San Bernardino, CA – Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the original faith based marriage enrichment program in the United States, announces the winner of the Longest Married Couple Project to be Marshall and Winnie Kuykendall of

Lordsburg, NM. They have been married 82 years on Feb. 14, 2011.

The 50 state winners as a result of the project were announced on Tuesday, Feb. 8. There were 312 nominations received from all states. **The Kentucky winning**



Leon & Mae Carter, Mayfield Ky. in a recent portrait, and at right, their wedding day picture. Photo by Mary Ann McDaniel.

Robert and JoAnn Lamar Ogle, Immaculate Conception Parish Hawesville, Kentucky, **Winners 2007 Sophia Award**



JoAnn and Robert Lamar Ogle

"I'm still taking one day at a time," said Mr. Robert Ogle in reference to the death of his wife, JoAnn, in June 2010. Our four children; Mark, Kelly, Mary and Coy with their spouses and 10 grandchildren came for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It's always been a tradition for them to all come and spend the night. It's a great time for everyone to all catch up with each other and for the cousins to spend some time together. As a family tradition we all go to Midnight Mass. It was a very different experience this year without their mother...it's a tough adjustment"

JoAnn and I both are from Hawesville and we met in high school, dated and got married on November 26th, 1959 at Immaculate Conception Church here in Hawesville. We were married for 50 years. My wife had always been a very active person involved in many community events, and greatly involved in the work of the church. She was asked to be funeral coordinator for our parish, which I think was a very unique position. I'm not sure how many other parishes have a person for that. She volunteered her time and did a good job. She was an exercise advocate and went to work out three times a week in Tell City, Indiana. Hospice cared for her here at home where she died surrounded by the whole family. I can't say enough good things about Hospice..."

"One thing that I've always felt good about was sending our children to Catholic schools. I think children just get so much more in the long run at a Catholic school where religion is taught and they can go to Mass. My family had a local grocery here in Hawesville and JoAnn worked school hours at the market so that she would be able to be at home when the children

came in. I think that is one of the things that really pulled our family together. She was there and she made sure the children were taken care of and that we were involved with them. We never had one minute of trouble out of any of our children and I give JoAnn most of the credit for that. I was in the banking business and worked many evenings with meetings and so forth, and was gone a lot.

I was with Hancock Bank for 35 years and retired as President and CEO, I was then with Breckenridge Bank in Cloverport as CEO, President and Chairman of the Board. When I retired from banking altogether I was out about three months when Independence Bank of Hancock County called me, so I went back into banking and worked for them for about a year and a half. Now I still do consulting for them. I enjoyed my years in the banking business and the community involvement.

I've had knee replacement surgery, but I'm doing just great. I expect to be out playing golf when it's time! I'm still active in our parish and our community through volunteering, clubs and organizations. I usually go to Mass about 4 times per week and I always say the rosary each day."

Mr. Ogle told me that he contributed 50 years of good marriage to "Working toward a common goal together with the end results being the salvation of our soul and by living a life of this nature we were teaching our children and grand children by our example."

couple with 75 years of faithful commitment to their wedding vows, God, and one another in married life is Leon & Mae Carter, Mayfield Ky.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter undertook the project to highlight marriage in America and to show young couples that marriage really can go the distance. "What an inspiration Mr. & Mrs. Kuykendall are to all of us. They made a commitment to each other 82 years ago and they have kept that commitment over these many years. They truly are a sign of hope to us all," the Seaborns said.

The New Mexico winners have a daughter who is married 56 years, and two grandchildren. The presentation of gifts and acknowledgements to the Kuykendalls will be made at noon Feb. 12th at the Hampton Inn in Lordsburg. The individual state winners will also receive special certificates of achievement and other gifts from the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement over the Valentine's weekend. The state winners will also be presented their certificates and recognitions by Worldwide Marriage Encounter couples.

42 Lecture will focus on spiritual care after trauma



Dr. Carrie Doehring

of Theology in St. Meinrad, IN.

The lecture will be held on Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m. Central time in the Gallery. Her talk is titled "Stepping into Worlds Shaped by Trauma: The Challenges of Intercultural Spiritual Care in the Aftermath of Overwhelming Life Experiences."

According to Dr. Doehring, "Intercultural spiritual care respects the unique ways in which people find meaning and ways to connect with a sense of the sacred in the aftermath of trauma. Overwhelming life events, like a diagnosis of cancer, a sudden death or an unexpected job loss, challenge our basic assumptions about

Dr. Carrie Doehring, associate professor of pastoral care and counseling at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO, will deliver the annual Thomas Lecture on Philosophy and Theology at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School

life and often disrupt spiritual practices like prayer, worship and finding solace in sacred texts and music.

"When we are invited into the world of those who have experienced trauma, it is like being invited into someone's home. As guests, we need to pay attention to the unique features of this home, features that tell us something about their experiences of trauma and the sacred. We need to speak their language in order to build a relationship of trust."

A licensed psychologist, Dr. Doehring studied at McGill University, Wilfrid Laurier University and Boston University. She is the author of numerous academic articles and three books and the book review editor of the *Journal of Pastoral Theology*. Her most recent book is *The Practice of Pastoral Care: A Postmodern Approach*, published in 2006.

Prior to teaching at Iliff School of Theology, she was an assistant professor in the School of Theology and the Divi-

sion of Theological and Religious Studies in The Graduate School of Boston University. In addition, she was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1978 and served in fulltime ministry from 1978-87.

The Thomas Lecture is made possible by an endowment established in honor of the late George and Mary Thomas and the late Fr. Kieran Conley, OSB. The lecture provides an opportunity for students and faculty members at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology to explore issues in philosophy and theology.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Guest House and student parking lots. Saint Meinrad operates on Central time. For more information, call Mary Jeanne Schumacher at (812) 357-6501 during business hours.



Training for Ministers Who Care for Adults in Non-Church Settings

The Diocese of Owensboro has developed new training for those who minister to vulnerable adults. Those who serve in this ministry are clergy, staff, Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound, to nursing homes, and to hospitals, bus drivers, STVDP (home visits), jail ministry, church nurse.

Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish will be presenting this training on Tuesday, March 15th at 12:00pm and 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. The training lasts for less than one hour and is required by the Diocese if you serve in this ministry. If you have any questions please call Debbie Luedke at 683-5641 ext.242.

Doing Things You Love And Sharing Your Talents



Rita Kamuf Jacobs, a parent of three students in the OCS System, visited Ms. Smith's 1st Grade class at the Elementary K-3 Campus. She shared with the class her passion for reading and emphasized the importance of doing the things you love and sharing your talents. OCS Photo By Karen Gross

Vocal Performance to Vocal Prayer: Cantor Workshop/Retreat with Joe Simmons

March 25—27

Enrich your cantor ministry with this workshop/retreat led by Joe Simmons, a nationally recognized cantor formation clinician, author, and recording and concert artist based in New York City.

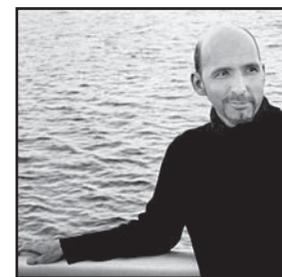
The weekend will include group work and individual coaching that will engage your faith, expand your liturgical knowledge, and enhance your practical and expressive skills. Learn how to breathe life into the word of God with techniques to prepare more attentively, sing more intentionally, and invite participation more effectively. PLEASE BRING TWO COPIES OF A RESPONSORIAL PSALM TO SING.

Should you choose, there will be an opportunity to be taped performing individually as a step toward earning the National Association of Pastoral Musicians' Basic Cantor Certificate (BCC). Taping will be held Sunday afternoon following the retreat.

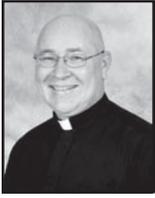
Cost: \$460.00 (Includes retreat, room and meals)

Time: The retreat will begin at 4:00 on the 25th and ends with the noon meal on the 27th. Participants may choose to remain Sunday afternoon for individual coaching or to tape their audition for the BCC.

*** Joe will be available to coach your Parish cantors in your church setting from March 22—24 by previous arrangement through Nazareth Retreat Center.



Saludos desde Bali



Por el Reverendo **Father Stan Puryear**

La lectura del Evangelio del Cuarto Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario este año contuvo la lectura de las Bienaventuranzas, en donde Jesús dice, “Dichosos los pobres...”. Leyendo esa lectura en la República Dominicana este año, reflexioné en cómo los sacerdotes en nuestra Diócesis de Owensboro y por otras partes del mundo desarrollado realizarán gimnásticas verbales para decir que Jesús quiso decir que la falta de riqueza material produce alegría y bendiciones espirituales. Viviendo en el tercer mundo entre feligreses que trabajan duro y luchan solamente para sobrevivir, estoy llegando a la realización que cada sermón que prediqué de las Bienaventuranzas contenía palabras vacías. No digo que debemos vender todo lo que tenemos y darle a los pobres para llevar una vida simple: Jesús ya lo ha dicho.

Comenzando en el Adviento, empecé a leer el libro titulado Radical por el Reverendo David Platt, pastor de la Iglesia en Brook Hills, una iglesia evangélica independiente en Birmingham de Alabama. Aunque el libro es fuertemente enraizado en el calvinismo, así que casi tiene necesidad de ser traducido para los católicos, hubo muchas ideas buenas para todos los cristianos en los Estados Unidos. Básicamente, el Reverendo Platt ve que el sueño americano de buscar una mayor riqueza y prosperidad nos conduce lejos de nuestras raíces cristianas y algunas de las enseñanzas básicas de Jesús. Esto es cierto no sólo de los individuos, sino también de las congregaciones religiosas que siempre quieren más y más programas para feligreses y edificios mejores y mejores para la liturgia. Las víctimas de ese pensamiento son la humildad de nuestros corazones y los pobres de nuestro mundo.

Un libro así podría ser bueno para nuestra Diócesis de Owensboro, como nos sometemos a una planificación estratégica para el futuro. A pesar de que el libro era bastante pequeño, tomé mucho tiempo para leerlo (libros de inglés son raros aquí), por lo tanto me ofrecía una gran cantidad de reflexión. A menudo pensaba en cuántos millones de dólares se han gastado en nuestra diócesis durante los últimos 15 años (el tiempo que he sido ordenado) en construir y renovar estructuras físicas mientras el número de los católicos registrados y los asistentes a la Misa consistentemente ha bajado. Personalmente supervisé un proyecto de US\$3 millones en la Parroquia San José

en Bowling Green durante ese tiempo, por lo que yo estoy hablando de mí mismo. En el lado positivo, sin embargo, durante ese mismo período de tiempo la diócesis comenzó una Oficina de Caridades Católicas y una Oficina para el Ministerio Hispano. En esencia, como equilibramos la enriquecimiento de la comunidad con nuestro alcance a los pobres y los que no asisten a ninguna iglesia está en el centro de planificación estratégica para cualquier iglesia siguiendo a Jesús.

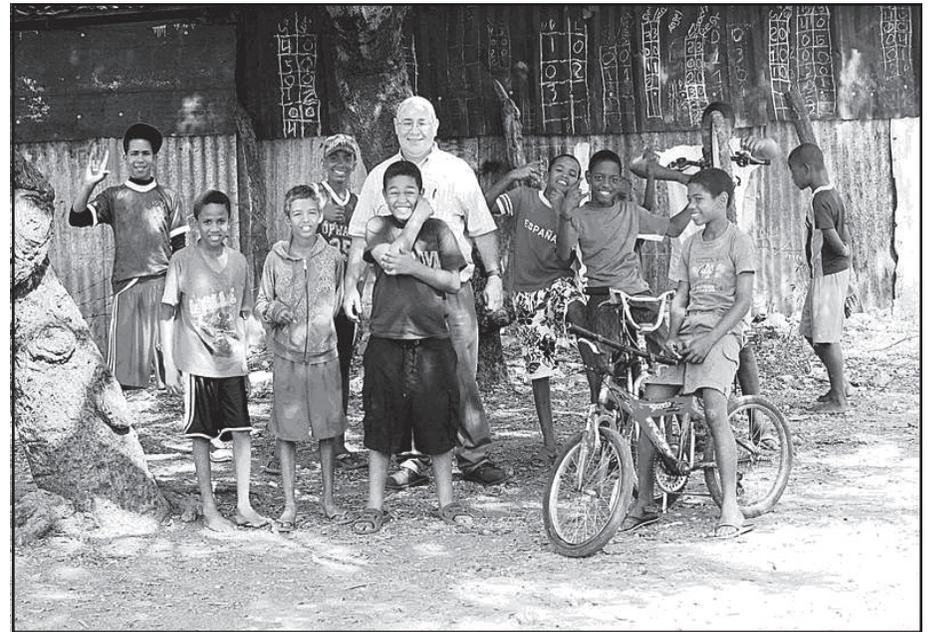
Un pasaje en particular del libro vale repetir: “A todos los que desean una vida segura, tranquila y confortable, libre del peligro, quédense lejos de Jesús... Tal vez por eso nos sentimos conformados con una relación casual con Cristo y religión de rutina en la iglesia. Allí es seguro, y el mundo quiere que estemos allí. El mundo

prefiere que busquemos todo lo que ellos buscan, aun lo ponemos una etiqueta cristiana. Mientras el cristianismo se parece el sueño americano, tendremos pocos problemas en este mundo.” Yo compré el libro en Books-A-Millon en Owensboro, pero también se puede encontrar en Barnes & Noble y Amazon.com, si alguien quisiera leerla para la Cuaresma (está disponible ahora en inglés, pero la traducción español está en trámite).

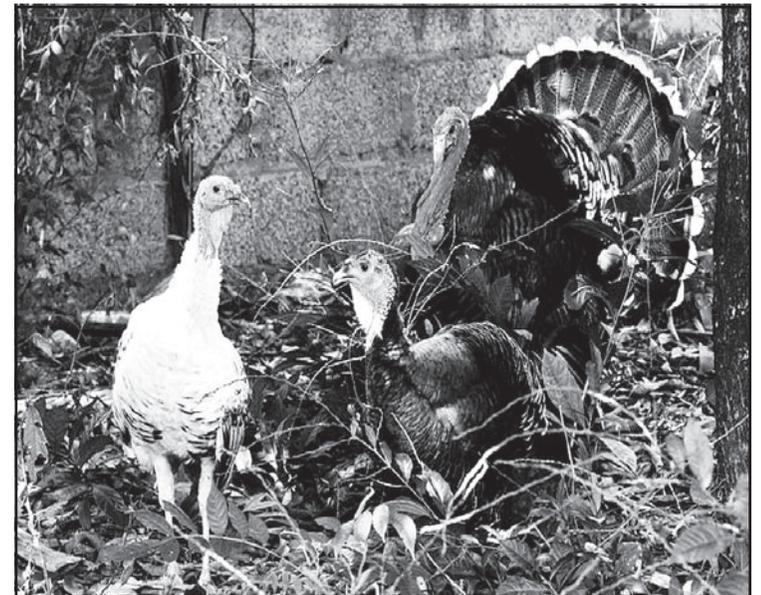
Tal vez leyendo un libro sobre la reducción voluntaria de las posesiones materiales no es una buena idea para un misionero que vive entre aquellos que luchan para alimentar a sí mismos y a sus familias. En más de una ocasión, quería tener acceso a internet y decirle a Monseñor Medley lo que tiene que decir a otros sacerdotes de la diócesis con respecto a la riqueza material. Afortunadamente para todos los interesados (especialmente yo), interrupciones providencial en la red eléctrica dominicana no permitía el envío de esos correos electrónicos.

Con lo que se refiere a la lucha por alimentar a mí mismo aquí, la granja de pavos va creciendo significativamente. Mientras escribo, una gallina está sentada encima de un nido con al menos una docena de huevos. Me preguntaba por qué otra gallina no seguía el ejemplo cuando Con lo que se refiere a la lucha por alimentar a mí mismo aquí, la granja de Turquía está creciendo significativamente. Mientras escribo, una gallina está sentada encima de un nido con al menos una docena de huevos esperados que nacen en otro dos semanas. Me preguntaba por qué otra gallina no seguía el ejemplo cuando paso un desarrollo inesperado. La gallina llamada Gertrude anunció que su nuevo nombre era Geraldo. Yo le cambié su nombre a la Cena de Pascua.

Mi desafío más reciente es mantener los pavos en el patio trasero y fuera de las verduras y especias plantadas en el patio delantero. Me doy cuenta de que la mayoría de la gente en Kentucky no planta sus jardines en el patio delantero (ni en febrero), pero como tenía mejor suelo y acceso al agua, hice unos planes creativos. Espeto que la gente verá que fácil que es complementar el presupuesto de alimentos aun con una pequeña parcela de tierra. Ahora, quisiera crecer los ingredientes que no puedo encontrar para hacer el gumbo, una sopa especial para la celebración personal de Mardi Gras (Carnaval). El mes próximo, voy



Muchachos llegando para entrenamiento del beisbol. Fotografía por Faye Lash



El comienzo de granja de pavos. Fotografía por Faye Lash

a plantar los ingredientes para la comida de Pascua.

Por último, quisiera agradecerles a Adveniat de Alemania, los Caballeros de Colón de Bowling Green, y a un sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro que desea ser anónimo por sus donaciones para comprar un vehículo nuevo para mi parroquia. Aquí, en lugar de que un sacerdote de posee un automóvil, la parroquia es propietario de un vehículo para el sacerdote. Como la mayoría de parroquias incluye una iglesia central y varias comunidades en las zonas rurales, casi cada parroquia proporciona una camioneta (aquí lo que se llama “guagua”). La guagua vieja que manejaba había visto su mejores días desde hace más de 20 años atrás, así que ya se había pasado el tiempo para una nueva. Llegó a la parroquia una Toyota Hilux diesel doble cabina a principios de febrero y no se ha sentado aún desde. Aunque el manual del propietario dice que lo asientos son para cinco adultos, la persona que escribió ese manual, evidentemente, nunca ha visto a un sacerdote en la República Dominicana en su camino a la Misa. La camioneta del sacerdote aquí también sirve como el autobús parroquial, que transporta a los feligreses desde y hacia la iglesia. Hasta ahora, he transportado más de 17, pero me han dicho que puede llevar en muchos más.

Angelus: El Papa Resalta El Valor Del Trabajo Agrícola

VATICAN CITY, 14 NOV 2010 (VIS) - In his remarks prior to praying the Angelus this Sunday, the Holy Father spoke of the importance that work, especially agricultural work, has for human life.

Addressing the thousands of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Pope recalled how this question is highlighted in today's reading from St. Paul, and that in Italy the second Sunday of November is dedicated to thanking God for the end of the harvest. "Although I know that in other areas the farming seasons are different, I would like to draw from St. Paul's words to reflect particularly on agricultural work", he said.

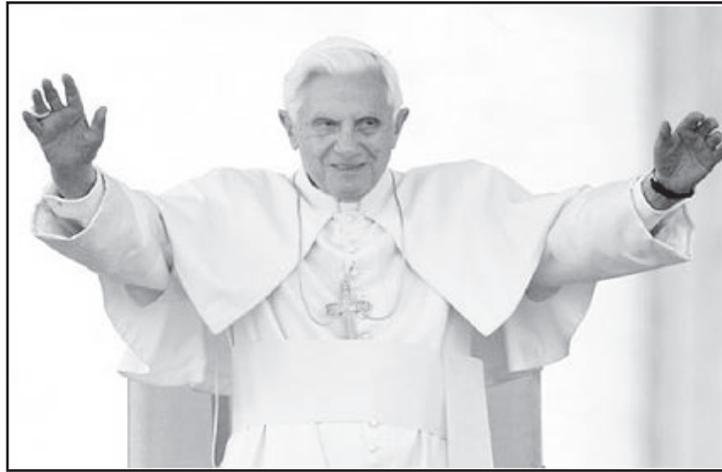
"The current economic crisis, which was also examined during the recent meeting of the G20, must be faced in all its seriousness. It has many causes, and sends out a strong call for a profound revision in the model of global economic development. It is an acute symptom which must

be added to other even more serious and already well-known symptoms such as the enduring imbalance between wealth and poverty, the scandal of hunger, the ecological emergency, and the now-widespread problem of unemployment. Faced with such a panorama, a strategic relaunch of agriculture is clearly vital. Indeed, the process of industrialization has sometimes overshadowed the agricultural sector which, though it too has drawn benefit from modern technology, has nonetheless lost importance, bringing significant consequences also at a cultural level. I believe it is the moment to call for a re-evaluation of agriculture, not in nostalgic terms but as a vital resource for the future.

"In the current economic situation", the Pope added, "the temptation for the most dynamic economies is to seek advantageous agreements. However, this can turn out to be harmful to poorer States, prolonging the situation of extreme poverty suffered by vast numbers of men and women and using up the natural resources of the earth, which was - as Genesis says - entrusted by God the Creator to man for him to cultivate and protect."

He went on: "For this reason it is vital to cultivate and spread a clear ethical awareness, one capable of meeting the most complex challenges of the present time, educating people in wiser and more responsible consumption patterns, promoting personal responsibility and the social dimension of rural activities founded on such perennial values as welcome, solidarity, and sharing the fatigue of work."

The Holy Father concluded: "Many young people have already chosen this path, and even a number of university graduates have chosen to dedicate themselves to agricultural business feeling that in this way they are responding, not only to a personal and family need, but also to a sign of the times, a concrete awareness of the common good".



Pope Benedict XVI delivers his blessing during his weekly general audience, in St. Peter's Square, at the Vatican, Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Photo Pier Palo Cito.

perduración del desequilibrio entre riqueza y pobreza, el escándalo del hambre, la emergencia ecológica y también el ya generalizado problema del desempleo. En este marco resulta decisivo un relanzamiento estratégico de la agricultura. Efectivamente, el proceso de industrialización a veces ha dejado de lado al sector agrícola, que aunque se beneficie de los conocimientos y las técnicas modernas, de todas formas ha perdido importancia, con notables repercusiones también en el plano cultural. Creo que ha llegado el momento de lanzar un llamamiento para revalorar la agricultura, no en sentido nostálgico, sino como recurso indispensable para el futuro".

En la situación económica actual, explicó el Papa, "la tentación para las economías más dinámicas es la de recurrir a alianzas ventajosas que, sin embargo, pueden resultar gravosas para los Estados más pobres, prolongando situaciones de pobreza extrema de masas de hombres y mujeres y agotando los recursos naturales de la Tierra, confiada por Dios

Creador al hombre -como dice el Génesis- para que la cultive y la custodie".

"No obstante la crisis, en los países de antigua industrialización se siguen incentivando estilos de vida marcados por un consumo insostenible, que resultan también dañinos para el ambiente y para los pobres. Por lo tanto, es necesario apostar, de forma verdaderamente concertada, por un nuevo equilibrio entre agricultura, industria y servicios, para que el desarrollo sea sostenible, no falte a nadie el pan y el trabajo, y el aire, el agua y los demás recursos primarios sean preservados como bienes universales".

Para ello es necesario "cultivar y difundir una clara conciencia ética a la altura de los desafíos más complejos del tiempo presente; educarnos todos a un consumo más sabio y responsable; promover la responsabilidad personal junto con la dimensión social de las actividades rurales, fundadas en valores perennes, como la acogida, la solidaridad, la división del cansancio en el trabajo".

"No pocos jóvenes han elegido ya este camino -concluyó el Papa-, también muchos licenciados vuelven a dedicarse a la empresa agrícola, sintiendo que así responden no solo a una necesidad personal y familiar, sino también a un signo de los tiempos, a una sensibilidad concreta por el bien común".



Bienvenidos A San Enrique

Por Rich Logsdon

AURORA, Ky. - El día 6 de febrero del 2011 se llevó a cabo una Cena para los recién llegados a la parroquia de San Esteban en Aurora, KY. Entre 75 y 80 parroquianos se juntaron en el salón parroquial para dar la bienvenida a 14 familias nuevas que se han inscrito en la parroquia en los últimos dos años. Se ofreció (y fue devorado) espagueti y albóndigas con muchas otras comidas y postres.

Tony y Maria Caruso, Ted y Kathleen Chomicz, Willa Debish, Marty y Wendy Keller, Joe Kuzel, Tom y Joyce Lyons, Rich y Sandy Michalek, Tom Paszko, Joe y Theresa Poremba, John Rittenhouse, Margaret Stelter, John y Patti Suver, Mary Rita Szczecinski y John y Sally Vollmer fueron los recipientes de la bienvenida cariñosa. Muchos comentaron que la parroquia se siente muy unida y amable.

Tiempo de Cuaresma

Estimado lector, para esta sección, he pensado mucho en invitarlo a leer esta pequeña columna, quizás sirva para darle sentido a nuestra vida y todo lo que hacemos hoy día en nuestro diario vivir.

Estamos iniciando el mes de Marzo, y precisamente el día 9 se inicia la Cuaresma con la imposición de las cenizas en memoria de nuestra materia que se caduca y vuelve al polvo. También se nos hace recordar avanzar en nuestra vida, haciendo obras buenas para nosotros mismos como también en nuestras familias, comunidades, y en todo el mundo.

Hablar de una disciplina personal, a veces suena muy duro, hasta ofensivo porque cada quien hace lo que quiere la mayor parte de su vida, especialmente cuando tenemos los medios para hacerlo. Mi punto es que el tiempo de la Cuaresma, sirva para tratar de establecer una conciencia humana, buscar la armonía con Dios, con toda la gente y con la naturaleza que somos parte de ella.

Se ha dicho que la penitencia se hace para seguir a Jesús, quien sufrió, murió pero que resucitó, ese Jesús que a pesar de todos sus sufrimientos nos sigue amando, porque su meta era salvar a la humanidad. Traemos a ese Jesús hoy día, y lo vemos en peores circunstancias que en su tiempo y El esta presente y sigue sufriendo con nosotros. En este tiempo no hay respuestas a muchas preguntas, cada día es mas fuerte el sufrimiento del ser humano. Podemos enumerar algunas situaciones de pecado que son gravísimos, así como ¿Por qué tantas injusticias? ¿Por qué tanta crueldad? ¿Por qué tanta división? ¿Por qué tanta violencia? ¿Por qué tanto egoísmo? ¿Por qué tanta hambre y sed en nuestra sociedad? ¿Por qué tanta persecución en el mundo? Dios todopoderoso creó todo y vio que todo era bueno y se lo dio al hombre, no para fraccionar la faz de la tierra sino para convivir los seres humanos. Ante todo esta situación de pecado, ¿cual otro sacrificio se puede pedir a las personas victimas de todos estos males en la tierra? El sacrificio que se nos pide no es solo limitarnos en comer y beber en exceso, también estamos llamados a renunciar nuestros prejuicios a las otras personas diferentes a nosotros. Para ser una persona sana, debe ser cuidadoso en su manera de proceder con las otras personas, por lo que pienso que debemos todos de empezar un proceso de purificación mental y emocional.

La Cuaresma en la Comunidad Hispana, se entiende hacer una limpieza interna, cultivar en nosotros los buenos hábitos como personas, el respeto a Dios, respeto

“En Nombre de Dios”

a las personas, y la oración. Encendemos nuestras candelas como signo de nuestra fe que está viva, evitar los excesos, en palabras pensamientos, comida, y dedicarnos a profundizar la razón de ser de nuestra vida, bajo la mirada de Dios.

Estoy haciendo reflexión solo sobre la Cuaresma, los 40 días de Jesús en el desierto, los 40 años de preparación de los judíos para entrar en la tierra prometida después de su liberación de la esclavitud en Egipto, entonces los 40 días para nosotros, en preparación a la Pasión, muerte y gran Resurrección de Jesús.

El propósito de esta columna es solo para invitarlo a la reflexión, no trato de cambiar su pensamiento, pero sí quiero darle un vistazo a su conciencia, quien quiera que seas. Gracias por leerlo.



The Time of Lent

Dear reader,

For this section I have thought hard about inviting you to read this small column maybe as a way to make sense out of our life and all that we do in our everyday life.

We are beginning the month of March and precisely the 9th of March Lent begins with the placing of ashes in memory of our matter which will expire and turn to dust. Also we remember to move forward in our lives, doing good deeds for ourselves and our families, communities and the entire world. To speak of a personal discipline sometimes sounds very difficult or even offensive because every person does what they want the majority of their life, especially when we have the means to do it. My point is that during the time of Lent it's worth trying to establish a human conscience, look for harmony with God, with everyone else and with nature of which we are all part.

It's been said that penitence is done in

La Semana de las Escuelas Católicas en Paducah

Los estudiantes hispanos durante la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas en Paducah. Las fotos fueron tomadas durante un juego de “Bingo” el viernes en la tarde. Fotos enviadas por Marie Wade



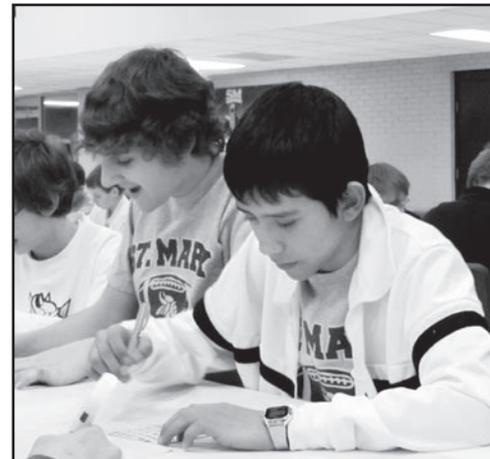
Jesus Espinoza and Ben Willett



Evelyn and Johanna Rodriguez



Noe Ramirez and Jack Elliott



Jesus Espinoza

order to follow Jesus, who suffered, died but who rose, that Jesus who despite his sufferings continues to love us, because his goal was to save humanity. We have this Jesus today and we see him in even worse circumstances than in his own time and He is present and continues to suffer with us. In our times there are no answers to many questions, each day the suffering of the human person seems to worsen. We could list some situations of sin that are very serious and ask: Why is there so much injustice? Why so much cruelty? Why so much division? Why so much violence? Why so much selfishness? Why so much hunger and thirst in our society? Why so much persecution in our world? God almighty made everything and he saw that it was good and he gave it to man, not to divide the face of the earth but to live together as human beings. Before all of this sin what more sacrifice could we ask of the victims of all of these evils of the earth? The sacrifice which we are asked to make is not just to limit eating or drinking in excess, but we are also called to renounce our prejudices about other people who are different than us. To be a healthy person one must be careful in one's way of treating other people, which is why I think we should all start a process of mental and emotional purification.

Lent in the Hispanic community is understood as an internal cleansing to cultivate in ourselves good habits, respect for God, respect for others, and prayer. We light our candles as a sign of our faith which is alive, avoid excess in our thoughts and food and dedicate ourselves to deepen our understanding of the reason for living, under the watchful eye of God. I am reflecting over Lent, the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, the 40 years of preparation the Jews waited to enter the promised land after being freed from their slavery in Egypt and then our own 40 days of preparation for the Passion, death and great Resurrection of Jesus.

The purpose of this column is only to invite you to reflect, I don't mean to try to change your way of thinking, but I do want to give an overview for your conscience, whoever you are.

Thanks for reading.

Estudio Bíblico Diocesano

Los cursos se darán cada 2do. Sábado del Mes. Por 8 Meses consecutivos. El lugar se avisará cada vez que se tiene el curso.



Los fieles Católicos de la Parroquia de Stos Jose y Pablo, Leonel y Herminia, están atentos a las exposiciones del Nuevo Curso de la Biblia impartido por la Comunidad de St. Thomas More de Paduca. Es interesante el interés en seguir los puntos que se están desarrollando. Foto por Luis Aju



Varios de los participantes del mismo curso, son ahora los que exponen, con previa supervisión de los Ministros Hispánicos, pero ahora existe más participación de parte de los líderes, así como la Sra. Miguelina, que con entusiasmo hizo su presentación. Foto por Luis Aju



En la foto de la izquierda, vemos la cantidad de personas que hemos participado en el curso bíblico, programado por la oficina del Ministerio Hispano conjuntamente con los Ministros Hispánicos que sirven en las varias comunidades de la Diócesis. Para el Primer curso de la Biblia de un año participamos alrededor de 30 personas, de las diferentes comunidades de la Diócesis, es muy importante ver el interés de aprender y formarse en asuntos de la Sagrada Escritura. Adelante hermanos y hermanas, para aprender el mensaje de amor de Dios, expresado en la Biblia, cuyo autor es el mismo Dios, que bajo la iluminación del Espíritu

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por estudiar,
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Dios.
Bendice a todos los que en el
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y amar el Libro Santo.

Oh Dios, tú que concediste
a San Jerónimo una estima,
tierna y viva por la sagrada
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haz que tu pueblo se alimente
de tu palabra con mayor
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Amén

Calendario De Eventos

- **Sábado, February 12**, todo el día, Inicio del Estudio Bíblico, que la Oficina y los Ministros Hispánicos ofrecen a las Parroquias con comunidades hispanas
- **Martes, February 22**, todo el día, Reunión de Consulta Diocesana con los Ministros Hispánicos, en Hopkinsville
- **Sábado, March 12**, 9:30am, habrá un Retiro Espiritual, para los Catequistas o líderes de cada Parroquia con Ministerio Hispano. El tema será: Ser Catequista. Llamado de Dios-vocación.
- **Jueves & Viernes, March 17-18**, habrá un retiro para los Ministros Hispánicos de la Diócesis. En el Convento de las Hermanas Pasionistas. Tema: Cristología.

2 Ruego a Dios que Nuestra Iglesia Pueda Transformar el Dolor en la Santidad

Estimados Amigos

El 3 de febrero del 2011 David Jarboe, Jr. murió. David, quien era hijo de Karen y David Jarboe de la Parroquia de la Santa Madre en Owensboro, tomó su propia vida. David era graduado de la Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro, donde es recordado como líder entre sus compañeros, un joven de fe, y un atleta estrella. En parte de sus años de Universidad, David fue seminarista discerniendo un llamado al sacerdocio. A David le sobreviven también tres hermanas, un sobrino y una gran familia extendida incluyendo su abuela, tías, tíos y primos.

La comunidad católica entera extiende nuestro más profundo apoyo y consuelo a su familia y amigos en esta triste y trágica pérdida. Cualquiera que conoció a David y estuviese en busca de respuestas de porqué un joven, tan aparentemente lleno de talento y promesa, se viese dirigido a la opción que él tomó. David sí dejó una nota de despedida y compartió algunas luchas que habían sido parte de su vida, batallas de las que incluso aquellos que lo conocieron nunca hubiesen sabido.

Entre las heridas que David cita en su mensaje esta el reconocimiento que pudiera quizás haber sido víctima de abuso sexual. Esta revelación profundiza el pesar que su muerte ha traído.

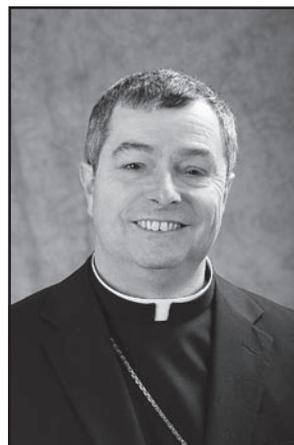
La Diócesis de Owensboro y la Iglesia Católica alrededor del mundo continúan en busca de sanar las hor-

ribles faltas que sabemos que han sucedido en el pasado, y que no siempre fueron propia y efectivamente resueltas cuando víctimas venían al frente.

La Diócesis de Owensboro y de acuerdo a nuestro reglamento, hemos petitionado a un investigador independiente para revisar la historia de David, y si podemos identificar a cualquiera que lo hubiese lastimado en la Iglesia, proveeremos esta información a las autoridades y actuaremos basados en esta información. La Conferencia Católica de Obispos de los Estados Unidos puso en efecto una póliza (reglamento) en el 2002 de que cualquier sacerdote creíblemente identificado de haber abusado de un niño sea inmediatamente removido del ministerio. El reciente Papa Juan Pablo II y el Papa Benedicto XVI han dicho que no hay lugar en el sacerdocio para alguien que haya abusado de un niño.

Nuestra Iglesia local y desde el 2002 ha buscado dar seguimiento y corregir la vergonzosa realidad de abuso dentro de la Iglesia. (ver descripción de acompañamiento del rol y membresía de la Junta directiva diocesana de revisión) La diócesis añora el ser instrumento de sanación y justicia de cualquiera persona que ha sido lastimado por abuso sexual dentro de la Iglesia.

Mientras escribo esto a las personas de la Diócesis, les recuerdo que



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el periódico Católico de Kentucky Occidental se publica solo una vez al mes y que con frecuencia noticias y eventos ya han cambiado al momento en que ustedes reciben el periódico en sus casas.

Días después de la muerte de David, una espontánea aglomeración de flores se encontró en la Parroquia de la Santa Madre. El Padre Juan Meredith, párroco de la Iglesia, ofreció consuelo a su familia y a la parroquia cuando decía: "No es como ser católicos el venir a un lugar de tragedia pero luego enseguida hacerlo santo"? Es mi más profunda oración que nuestra Iglesia pueda confrontar el crimen y dolor de abuso infantil e incluso transformar este dolor en santidad, así como en el monte calvario, donde Jesús murió, es hoy uno de los más sagrados santuarios en el mundo de los cristianos.

Suyos en Cristo,

+ William F. Medley

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Obispo de Owensboro

El Calendario del Monseñor Medley para el Marzo del 2011

• Marzo 1	9:00 a.m.	Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano
• Marzo 3	11:00 a.m.	Misa, Escuela de San Maximino Kolbe
• Marzo 5	5:00 p.m.	Confirmación, San Francisco de Sales, Paducah
• Marzo 6	9:30 a.m.	Confirmación, San Juan el Evangelista, Paducah
• Marzo 6	2:00 p.m.	Rito de Elección, San Jerónimo, Fancy Farm
• Marzo 10	9:00 a.m.	Misa Escolar, San José, Mayfield
• Marzo 13	11:00 a.m.	Misa, Youth 2000, Universidad de Brescia
	2:00 p.m.	Rito de Elección, Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro
	7:00 p.m.	Rito de Elección, Santo Nombre, Henderson
• Marzo 15		Taller, Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis
• Marzo 16	8:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité de Administración/Finanzas, Centro Pastoral Católico
• Marzo 16	6:30 p.m.	Confirmación, San Pablo, Princeton
• Marzo 17	10:00 a.m.	Marcha del Día de San Patricio, La Guardería de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Owensboro
• Marzo 17	6:00 p.m.	Cena de Vocaciones de los Caballeros de Colón, Bowling Green
• Marzo 19	5:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Sagrado Corazón, Hickman
• Marzo 20	8:00 a.m.	Confirmación, St. Sebastián, Calhoun
• Marzo 20	2:30 p.m.	Misa de los Scouts, San Pio X, Owensboro
• Marzo 21	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité del Personal Sacerdotal
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes
• Marzo 22	9:00 a.m.	Misa Escolar, Sistema Escolar de Santa María, Paducah
• Marzo 22	11 - 3	Horas en la Oficina de Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes
• Marzo 22	6:00 p.m.	Presentación Cuaresmal, Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción, Owensboro
• Marzo 23		Taller, Seminario de San Meinrad
• Marzo 25	8:00 a.m.	Misa Escolar, Santa Ana, Morganfield
• Marzo 26	12:30 p.m.	Evento de los Católicos Negros, Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
• Marzo 27	10:00 a.m.	Confirmación, Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro
• Marzo 27	5:00 p.m.	Confirmación, San Pio X, Owensboro
• Marzo 30	8:00 a.m.	Misa, Escolar, Cristo Rey, Madisonville
• Marzo 30	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Santa María del Bosque, Whitesville
• Marzo 31	8:00 a.m.	Misa Escolar, Escuela Secundaria de la Trinidad, Whitesville
	9:00 a.m.	Conversaciones con los Estudiantes del Último Año, Escuela Secundaria de la Trinidad, Whitesville

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



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

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

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

Grupo Diocesano viaja para protestar en Fráncfort, KY. contra SB6



Elided y Rosa de la Parroquia de San Miguel, Sebree, Tamara, Patricia y Cristóbal Gutiérrez, nótese que el bebe Gabriel de 1 año también enfrente del majestuoso edificio del Capitolio del Estado de Kentucky, listos para alzar su voz, juntamente con el resto de la Gran Manifestación, expresando nuestra oposición y sus consecuencias al SB6, diciendo No, porque esta en contra de la dignidad de toda personas humana que debe ser tratada con respeto por ser hijo de Dios. Foto por Luis Aju



Esta por demas mencionar, la presencia de numerosas personalidades, como lideres de varias entidades del Estado, se han hecho presentes para intensificar nuestro rechazo a la vil propuesta, hemos venido de varios lugares, para gritar la voz de los que no tienen voz, la cantidad de gente enfrente del edificio del capitolio de gobierno, para expresar en el lugar correcto y donde debe ser llevado el rechazo a la propuesta SB6. Foto por Luis Aju



La Hermana Panchita como es conocida, aun con su edad y en el inmenso frio siendo ella ciudadana de norteamerica, tambien une su voz para rechazar la propuesta de ley. Foto por Luis Aju



En otra toma, el grupo proveniente de la Diocesis de Owensboro, KY. se une a la gran protesta realizada el dia Martes 8 de Febrero 2011, aqui se ven las muchas fotografias, que a pesar del frio, con el hielo en los pies, nieve por todas partes, el aire con intenso frio, la comunidad inmigrante hace sacrificio, para lograr sus objetivos. Agradecemos mucho a varias personas de Origen Estounidense que nos apoyan, esa muestra de solidaridad para con los inmigrantes nos dice mucho, en cuanto que no todos nos rechazan. A todos ellos miles de gracias por su apoyo. Foto por Luis Aju.