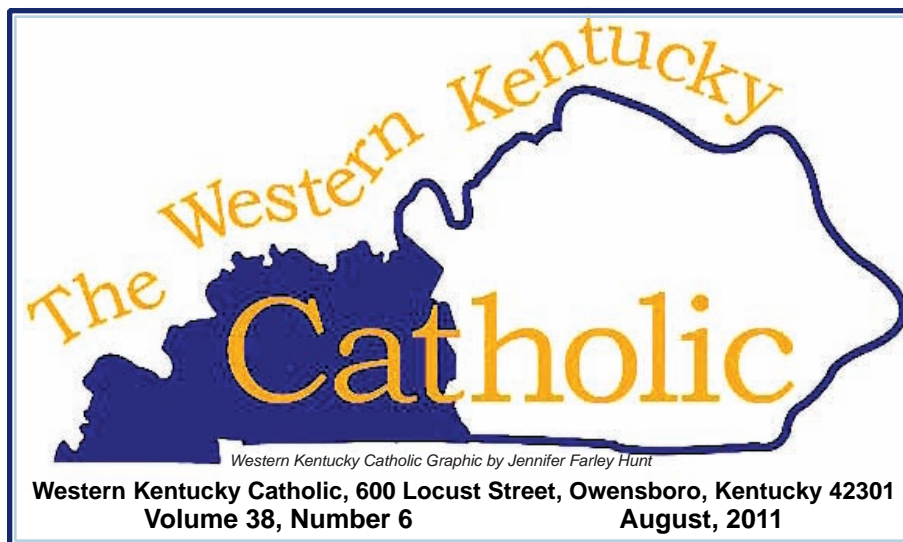


Attention Young Adults and High School Youth!

World Youth Day Local Event will be held August 20 from 10:00am to August 21 at 12:00pm at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green, KY. The goal will be to simulate an authentic WYD experience of hiking to the Vigil site, camping on the ground in front of a big stage, providing live music, inspirational skits, showing of recorded Vigil with our Holy Father; Pope Benedict XVI, catechesis, adoration, celebrating Mass with Bishop Medley and more. Cost is \$25. Young adults age 18-35 may register up until the event and the morning of August 20 until 10:00AM. Gates open at 9:00AM, parking at 8:00AM. For more information please see our Facebook page (Diocese of Owensboro Youth and Young Adult Ministry *Official Page*) or call Robin Tomes @ 270-683-1545.



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

Faithful Of The Diocese Of Owensboro Are Generous Stewards!

By Kevin Kauffeld

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The first annual diocesan appeal (Disciples Response Fund) began in September, 1993. Over these some eighteen years more than \$6,700,000 has been raised. This fall we will begin the 19th year of the campaign. Disciples Response Fund Sunday is the week-end of September 10th & 11th. On that Sunday, in all the parishes of the diocese, a reflection from Bishop Medley will be read concerning the effort, and everyone will be asked to contribute to this unified effort. Families will receive the materials in the mail prior to DRF Sunday. Many prayer requests are received through the return mail. These are placed in the chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center and are prayed for during daily Mass.

The money raised from this effort helps to support retired priests, seminarian education, outreach, religious education, aid to the poor and indigent, and parish endowments. Each year, 15% of the funds collected are given back to parishes, schools and institutions in the diocese in the form of Disciples Response Fund Grants. More than \$875,000 has been awarded over the past eighteen years. Grants are awarded in the spring and fall of each year. DRF grant applications are available online at www.rcdok.org/_documents/stewardship/Grant_app.pdf.

This appeal would not be successful without the encouragement and support

from the pastors of all 79 parishes. I would like to extend my thank you to them. I also thank you for your support both financially and prayerfully.

Following are parishes who responded by 25% or more with either a financial or prayer pledge (number of families taken from the diocesan directory).

Contained in this edition of The Western Kentucky Catholic are the names of those who have given financially to the Disciples Response Fund Annual Appeal. Without their generosity we would not be able to fund the numerous ministries in the Diocese of Owensboro. I also extend my sincere thanks to those who may not be able to give a financial gift but do support this effort with their prayers.

Under 100 Families

Saint Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers	41%
Saints Mary & James, Guthrie	34%
Saint Augustine, Grayson Springs	34%
Holy Cross, Providence	33%
Saint Charles, Livermore	33%
Saint Charles, Bardwell	32%
Sacred Heart, Hickman	32%
Saint Edward, Fulton	31%
Holy Trinity, Morgantown	29%
Rosary Chapel, Paducah	28%
Immaculate Conception, Earlington	28%
Saint Benedict, Wax	28%
Saint Francis Borgia, Sturgis	27%
Saint Mary of the Woods, McQuady	26%
Saint Elizabeth, Curdsville	25%

100 – 399 Families

Saint Joseph, Central City	35%
Saint Henry, Aurora	28%
Saint John the Evangelist, Paducah	28%
Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam	28%
Saint Stephen, Cadiz	27%
Saint Martin, Rome	26%
Sacred Heart, Waverly	25%

400+ Families

Saints Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville	33%
Saint Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro	33%
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Saint Agnes, Uniontown	26%
Saint Joseph, Mayfield	26%
Blessed Mother, Owensboro	25%

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2 “Do This In Remembrance Of Me”



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

My dear sisters and brothers,
“For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, the Lord Jesus, on the night before he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he also took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, relates the tradition of the Lord’s Supper. The story is told by the gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, though John’s accounting differs pointedly from the others. In our own Catholic tradition the Lord’s mandate to “Do this in remembrance of me,” became a tradition of commemorating this momentous supper daily in the ritual celebration of the Holy Eucharist. But virtually all churches of Christian tradition have continued this mandate of Jesus in some fashion.

To be human is to be hungry. Not to be hungry is to be dead. Yet our standard of living as prosperous Americans is so high that we know almost nothing of real physical hunger. We think of ourselves like machines. Mealtime comes and we refuel. Oh, perhaps we calculate the need for protein, for Vitamin C and refuel accordingly, often up against the task of shedding a few pounds. More frequently, eating is simply a matter of habit, of taste and preference.

Yet, millions of people are hungry today. Physically hungry. And we are too well off to know what that means. There is no way to adequately picture genuine physical hunger unless you have experienced it. We could publish or pass around pictures of hungry people, and these pictures would evoke discomfort, probably some guilt, maybe even a resolve to help, but they would never tell us what hunger really is. We might even fast for a day or two, or even forty, maybe even to the point of death. But it is not the same for us in western Kentucky and our United States of America...for our fast can end in feast at will. Food is available to us in abundance!

Jesus of Nazareth came like a magnet to troubled, hungry people, filling their every hunger. Five thousand uninvited people follow him to a deserted place, unmindful at least for a while that they had nothing to eat. For his kindness mesmerized them, made them feel loved and cherished. And the only worriers in the throng were the ministers in training. “Dismiss them so that they can go to the crossroads for something to eat,” they whined. “You give them something to eat,” Jesus replied.

The bread Jesus broke defied arithmetic, multiplying while it divided. And the fish he blessed spawned baskets of brothers. Jesus came spreading a tablecloth before every hunger and pouring wine down the throats of thirst. To Jesus every person was a guest, his voice the music of welcome in the ears of rejection. And somewhere amid the talk of sowers and seed, treasures in fields, and perfect pearls came a mercy as sustaining as bread, as intoxicating as wine. He even added, “I no longer call you servants, but friends.”

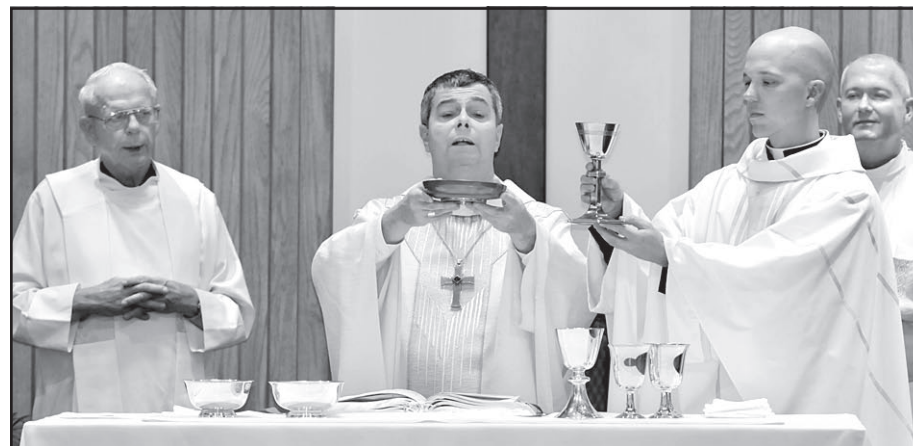
When Christians gather to remember the Lord’s Supper therefore, it is imperative that we not just remember those well-fed Americans who join us at table and altar. We must remember the six hundred million of the world’s

people, God’s people, who today will not have enough to eat. For when Jesus said, “Do this in remembrance of me,” he surely wasn’t speaking just to that action with bread and wine at table. He was speaking of feeding the hungry, healing the sick, visiting the imprisoned, comforting the sorrowful. For this is what it means to act in remembrance of Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

William F. Medley

Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro



Bishop William Medley elevated the Body of Christ as newly ordained Fr Ryan Harpole elevated the Blood of Christ May 21 in Blessed Mother Church. At left is Fr Jerry Calhoun; at right Fr. Andy Garner. Mel Howard Photo

Bishop Medley’s Calendar for August 2011:

August 1	11:00 a.m.	Priest Age Group 6 Gathering/Luncheon
August 2	11:00 a.m.	Jubilee Mass, Carmel Home, Owensboro
August 6	2:00 p.m.	Opening Prayer, Fancy Farm Picnic
August 7	10:00 a.m.	Mass, St. Susan Parish, Elkton
	5:30 p.m.	Rural Life Celebration, Sportcenter, Owensboro
August 8	11:00 a.m.	Priest Age Group 1 Gathering/Luncheon
August 10		CCK Executive Board Meeting, Louisville, KY Provincial Meeting, Louisville, KY
August 11		Provincial Meeting, Louisville, KY
August 14	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Michael Parish, Sebree
	12:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Michael Parish, Sebree (Spanish)
August 15	9:30 a.m.	Personnel Board Meeting, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Priests’ Council Meeting, CPC
August 16	11:00 a.m.	Priest Age Group 4 Gathering/Luncheon
August 17	8:30 a.m.	Finance Council Meeting, CPC
August 18	11:00 a.m.	Priest Age Group 2 Gathering/Luncheon
August 19	5:00 p.m.	Seminarian Picnic w/ Serra Club at St. Martin, Rome
August 20	5:00 p.m.	Mass/Installation of Fr. Julian Ibemere, St. Pius X, Owensboro
August 21	10:00 a.m.	Mass for World Youth Day, Gasper River Catholic Camp and Retreat Center
August 23	10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Paducah Office, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
August 24	6:00 p.m.	Mass/Installation of Fr. Greg Trawick, St. William, Marion
August 25	11:00 a.m.	Priest Age Group 5 Gathering/Luncheon
August 27	5:00 p.m.	Mass/Installation of Frs. Richard Meredith and Daniel Dillard, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
August 28	10:00 a.m.	Mass, St. Pius X Parish, Calvert City
August 29	11:00 a.m.	Diocesan Ecumenical Commission Meeting, Christ the King Parish, Madisonville

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www.pilgrimages.com/bishopmedley

Pilgrims of Hope Trip to Jamaica

Sept. 18-24, 2011



If you are interested in going to Jamaica with the Pilgrims of Hope, please contact Jim Scott at jpscott1938@bellsouth.net for more information.

Change of Meeting Site

In order to be accessible to more people throughout the diocese, Pilgrims of Hope is rotating its meeting site. We will meet in the Parish Hall at St. Ann's Parish in Morganfield.

If you are interested in discovering more about Pilgrims of Hope, please join us at one of our meetings. Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 21, from 1-3 pm. Come share your gifts in service to our Jamaican brothers and sisters.

Retreat For Catechists

The diocesan offices of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry are facilitating a retreat on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center beginning with registration at 9:30. The day will conclude with the Sunday Vigil Mass at 4:00. The cost for the day is \$10 and includes lunch. The focus for the day is based on the theme for Catechetical Sunday 2011: *Do This in Memory of Me*. To register or for more information call Donna Biggs at 683-1545 x 324 or e-mail at donna.biggs@pastoral.org. You can also register through the diocesan website: www.rcdok.org.

So for a relaxing day spent focusing on Jesus, please come join us.

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Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization

The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God.

"The word of God nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life" (National Directory for Catechesis [NDC] [Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005], no. 17).

Theme: This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2011, and will focus on the theme "Do This in Memory of Me." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.



Diocese Of Owensboro Priest Assignments For 2011

PARISH PASTOR

- Cash, Rev. Richard: Pastor of St. Denis Parish, Fancy Farm and St. Charles, Bardwell, Kentucky effective June 14, 2011.
- Ibemere, Rev. Julian: Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011.
- Kalombo, Rev. Jean Rene: Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam, Saint John the Baptist Parish, Fordsville and Holy Trinity Parish, Morgantown, Kentucky effective June 14, 2011.
- Kreutzer, Rev. Dan: Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Cloverport and Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011.
- McBride, Rev. Larry: Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011.
- Meredith, Rev. Richard: Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, as well as Priest Moderator of St. Susan, Elkton and Sts. Mary and James, Guthrie effective June 14, 2011.
- Reynolds, Rev. Pat: Pastor of St. Mary, LaCenter, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011 while continuing to serve as Pastor of St. Thomas More, Paducah.
- Riley, Rev. Eric: Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mayfield, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011.
- Riney, Rev. Maury: Parochial Administrator of St. Martin Parish, Rome, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011
- Roby, Rev. Brian: Pastor of Rosary Chapel, Paducah, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011 while continuing to serve as Pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Paducah.
- Suvakkin, HGN, Rev. Masilamani: Pastor of Sacred Heart, Russellville, effective June 23, 2011.
- Thomas, Rev. John: Pastor of Christ the King, Madisonville, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011.
- Trawick, Rev. Greg: Pastor of St. Ambrose Parish, Henshaw, Saint William of Vercelli Parish, Marion and Saint Francis Borgia Parish, Sturgis, effective June 14, 2011.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

- Dillard, Rev. Daniel: Parochial Vicar of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville, Kentucky effective June 14, 2011
- Enoh, Rev. Uwem: Parochial Vicar of St. Francis de Sales Parish, and Rosary Chapel Parish, Paducah, Kentucky effective June 14, 2011
- Harpole, Rev. Ryan: Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah Kentucky and St. Mary, LaCenter Kentucky effective June 14, 2011
- Jimenez, Rev. Carmelo Salinas: Parochial Vicar of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011

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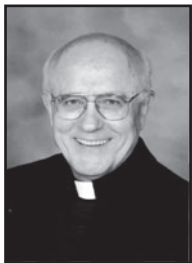
- Bradley, Rev. Ed: given permission to retire as pastor. Volunteer Chaplain at Owensboro Catholic High School 2011/2012 school year.
- Mikulcik, Rev. Ken: Study Canon Law at Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- Calhoun, Rev. Jerry: given permission to retire as pastor and Vicar General effective July 1, 2011.
- Reynolds, Rev. J. Patrick: appointed Vicar General, effective July 1, 2011.

Wanted - Parish Ecumenical Advocates:

Do you have an interest in promoting greater unity among Christians? You can help by serving as an ecumenical advocate for our parish.

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

If you or someone you know would be interested please contact Fr. Tony Bickett at ftonyb@yahoo.com or call 270/756-2356.



The Holy Land

11 days

hosted by Rev. Frank Ruff
September 20-30, 2011

Fr. Frank Ruff, a Glenmary priest serving in Todd County, KY is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land September 20-30, 2011. For information and a free brochure, contact him at 364 Watts Rd, Trenton, KY 42286, 270-466-5457, or fruff@glenmary.org Fr. Frank promises this will be a "Journey of a Lifetime." This will be his ninth trip, so he is well experienced.

España/Spain: Land of Mystics & Artists—Plus Lourdes, France.



Fr. Anthony Shonis will lead a trip April 30-May 11, 2012 to visit famous shrines, cathedrals, museums, castles, etc. in Madrid, Barcelona, Santiago de Compostela, Avila, Lourdes (France) and more. The basic cost is \$3595 (deposits needed by September of this year). For more information contact Fr. Shonis at (270) 826-2096 (ext. 304) or ashonis@holynameparish.net, or see the online brochure at www.holynameparish.net (under Special Events).

63rd Annual Raffle & Barbeque,

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Flea Market, Silent Auction & Raffle, Bingo, Games. Noon-4:00 PM - Serving BBQ Chicken, Pork, Hot Dogs & Burgers 5:00 Pm Celebration Of Mass (No Mass On Sunday, August 7.

Join us for a day of fun, fellowship and good home made barbeque and fixings. Call (270) 926-4741 for further information or for food orders.

Louisville native named new Bishop of Evansville Diocese

EVANSVILLE, In. - On April 26, 2011 Pope Benedict XVI named Father Charles C. Thompson, 50, vicar general of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky, and pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Louisville, to succeed Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger as Bishop of Diocese of Evansville.

The pope has accepted Bishop Gettelfinger's resignation from the pastoral governance of the diocese. The appointment and resignation acceptance were announced in Washington by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Fr. Thompson, 50, is a Louisville native. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Bellarmine College, a Master of Divinity degree from St. Meinrad School of Theology, and a Licentiate in Canon Law from St. Paul University in Ottawa. He was ordained a priest for the Louisville Archdiocese in 1987.



**Bishop Charles C. Thompson,
Diocese of Evansville, In.
His motto: "Christ The Cornerstone"**

Assignments after ordination included associate pastor, St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral, Bardstown, Kentucky, and chaplain of Bethlehem High School, Bardstown, 1987-1990; part-time associate pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Louisville, 1992-1993; metropolitan judicial vicar and director of tribunals,

1993-1998; administrator, St. Peter Claver Parish, Louisville, 1994-1996; chaplain, Presentation Academy, Louisville, 1995-1997; pastor, St. Augustine Parish, Lebanon, Kentucky, 1996-2002; defender of the bond and judge of the diocesan tribunal, 1998-2008; pastor, Holy Trinity Parish, 2002-present and vicar general, 2008-present.

The Evansville Diocese includes 5,010 square miles, with 496,793 people, of which 17 percent, or 85,079, of them are Catholic.

Bishop Charles Thompson was ordained the fifth bishop at Roberts Municipal Stadium in Evansville on Wednesday, June 29, 2011.

In his first letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Evansville, Bishop Thompson wrote, "... As bishop, one of my primary tasks is to proclaim the Word

of God. Pray that the Lord may indeed make good use of me, God's unworthy minister. While I am to serve as teacher, I must also be a good student. In addition to an ongoing commitment to prayer, study and reflection, I must be a good listener and collaborator. I need your help, your support and prayers, to be a good bishop. God's wisdom is provided in many ways, including those with whom and to whom we serve.

"Finally, never let us take for granted the wonderful dedication of those who have gone before us. We are certainly indebted to Bishop Gettelfinger for his twenty-two years of leadership as the fourth bishop of Evansville. There are countless numbers of priests, religious and laity that have sacrificed much for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please pray with me that God will bring to completion the good work begun in this new chapter of our diocesan story."

Editor's Note: While still a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Father Chuck Thompson reflected upon his life as a Catholic in Louisville and especially in "The Little Holy Land" of Kentucky:

Catholic Roots

I have always attributed a great part of my vocation as a priest to the deep Catholic roots of my family. My parents were born, raised and married in Marion County, which boasts the highest percentage of Catholics per population of any county in Kentucky (53%). Both of my parents are products of large Catholic families. Not surprisingly, given the fact that I have ninety first cousins, one of my cousins is also a priest in Louisville. I was born in Louisville, but spent the better part of my grade school years in Marion County, where I also made my First Communion at St. Joseph Church. We moved back to Louisville when I was approximately eleven years old.

As a child, I was always intrigued by the life of a priest. In middle school, I began to be more aware of social justice issues. As I got older, I began to ask myself how my life could make a difference in the lives of others. Since I had always

gone to Mass with my family, the notion of being a priest came to mind as one answer to my question. While I would consider the idea of priesthood from time to time, I played sports and dated in high school and college. After graduating high school in 1979, I attended Bellarmine College with a goal of obtaining a degree in Accounting and then going to law school. However, during college I began to give more thought to the priesthood. I graduated Bellarmine in May 1983 and entered Saint Meinrad School of Theology the following August.

Looking back, while I did not think about it during my years of high school and college, spirituality has always been a very important aspect of my life. The need for prayer and solitude has always been vital to any sense of happiness in my life. While growing up, my family attended Mass each Sunday and prayed the rosary each night. But I especially enjoyed being outdoors, particularly in the country, taking walks in the fields and just reflecting. My seminary experience at Saint Meinrad instilled in me an even deeper appreciation for prayer, both communally and personally.

I was ordained a priest in May 1987. After serving as Associate Pastor to St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown for three years, I was sent to St. Paul University, in Ottawa, for studies in Canon Law. I obtained my licentiate, a master's degree, in May 1992. I believe that my studies in canon law actually enhanced my own pastoral ministry and service as a priest. Since that time, I have served in various archdiocesan and parish capacities. I currently serve as Pastor to Holy Trinity Parish in Louisville while

teaching canon law at Saint Meinrad and providing other canonical services.

My spirituality continues to be nurtured by the celebration of the Eucharist, reflection on Scripture, daily prayer, regular spiritual direction and my monthly priest support group. I try to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation every six weeks. The Eucharist is clearly the center of my life, ministry and service. This is clearly the focus of my intimacy with Jesus Christ, which gives purpose and meaning to all I am about as a priest and a Catholic Christian person. As such, I have found great satisfaction in practically every facet of ministry as a priest.

Source: <http://www.archlou.org/archlou/article27783.htm>

2011 Parish Picnic Schedule

Date	Serving Time	Parish
Aug. 2	5:00 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
Aug. 6	10:00 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Aug. 6	Noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Aug. 13	4:00 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Aug. 20	3:00 p.m. (EST)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Aug. 27	4:30 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
Aug. 28	1:00 p.m.	St. Thomas More, Paducah, parish family picnic
Sept. 10	4:30 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
Sept. 10	11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 11	11:30 a.m.	Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Sept. 17	11:00 am	St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Sept. 17	4:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Sept. 17	4:00 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
Sept. 18	11:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence/St. William Parishes Picnic
Sept. 18		St. Leo, Murray
Sept. 23-24		Holy Name Fall Festival, Henderson, Ky.
Sept. 24	3:00 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
Oct. 1	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

6 Vacation Bible School in Far West Kentucky

The Tri-Parishes of Sacred Heart, St. Edward and St. Jude had our VBS June 13-17, 2011. Our Theme was PANDAMANIA— God is Wild About You

We had a great week of fun, songs, Bible stories, crafts, games and yummy treats, with Pandas everywhere. Each day was a different way of God caring for us— showing how He loves us, listens to us, watches over us and gives us good gifts. It was attended by 42 children ranging from preschool thru high school and 8 adult leaders.

One of the two photos are when we were singing (Far Right)— we began and ended each day in song and prayers to God, and in the other photo (At Near Right) is one our groups listening to 'Peter' in Bible Stories.

We are Paws-itively on God's path!!

*Submitted by Sandi Allen,
CCD and VBS Coordinator*



Contemporary Woman Program Announces Programs for Fall 2011

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

- Women Doctors of the Church, exploring the life and writings of the three women doctors of the Catholic Church: Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, and Therese of Lisieux, is presented on five Wednesday afternoons, beginning on September 28 from 1:30-2:30.
- The Canticle Group, exploring materials that develop issues of spirituality, peace, and justice, meets on Friday mornings from 10 till noon, beginning on September 9. This semester the group will be studying and discussing the book, *The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See* by Richard Rohr.
- The Partnership Group, in its 22nd year, meets on the second Wednesday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m., beginning September 14 and continuing through May. The book around which the group dialogues will be announced later.
- Soul Gardening with Dorothy Day, a special opportunity for four Tuesday afternoons in November from 1:30-2:30, consists of guided reflections on the life and writings of Dorothy Day.
- Learning to See as the Mystics See, a program based on a book written by Richard Rohr, is offered on three Saturday mornings from 10:30-11:30 on October 8, November 12, and December 10
- Tolerant Oppression, a program of three Wednesday evening sessions which begins on October 19 from 6:30-7:30, is based on the insights of Dr. Scott Hampton, author of the book "Tolerant Oppression."
- The Several-Storyed Merton, exploring the life and writings of Thomas Merton, is presented from 1:30-2:30 on four Tuesday afternoons beginning on October 4.

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

Nicholas Henderson Wins SLIM Award

HAWESVILLE, Ky. - Father Crispen presenting Nicholas Henderson a 2011 SLIM award.

Nick is a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Hawesville, and is an active leader in his youth group, participates in the Liturgy as Eucharistic Minister and cross bearer and has devoted part of last summer and most of this summer to working at Gasper River Catholic Retreat Center summer camps as a volunteer and a Staff in training. He attends many retreats offered by our diocese such as TEC, ODYC, NCYC and Youth 2000. His leadership and encouragement to his peers has influenced many of them to attend camp and retreats. Nick will be senior this year at Hancock County High School.

Submitted by Marcella Henderson



Father Crispen presenting Nicholas Henderson a 2011 SLIM award.



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September 17, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Saint Anthony Parish of Evansville, IN has experienced spiritual renewal and member growth. Ms. Lattner shares practical suggestions on how to begin to focus for gifts-based ministry.



Speaker: Paula Lattner, Director of Ministry Development, Saint Anthony Church, Evansville, In.

Ms. Lattner has served in the Evansville Catholic Diocese for more than twenty years. She has been the guest speaker at various events including The Indiana Non-Public Education Convention, Red Ribbon Ceremonies, the Miss Ambassador Community Service Pageant, and Kiwanis Club.

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Sisters of Charity Picnic on August 27

You are invited to the Nazareth Picnic at the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Motherhouse Campus on Saturday, August 27, from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. Come be a part of the fun and entertainment with game booths, silent auctions, cakes, candy, children's activities, and a petting zoo with live entertainment held throughout the day!

Capital prizes include cash prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500 and a handmade quilt. Winners to be drawn at 8 p.m. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

Fried chicken dinners will be served for \$8, adults, \$5, children under 12. Dinners include mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, homemade yeast rolls, pie, iced tea and lemonade.

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“Planted and Built Up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith” - Saint Paul

8 Chicago Spring Break 2011 Mission Trip....Helping Hands, Healing Hearts

By Haley Kathryn Eck

The warm ocean breeze on my face... the soft sand oozing through my toes... running down the beach with a soccer ball between my feet... friends and family near....These are the things I wanted to

experience this spring break, but God had different plans for me.

I am a freshman at St. Mary High school and a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Paducah, KY. My family and I have been members at

Progress in Ecumenism

By Fr. Tony Bickett, Ecumenical Officer

On many fronts I hear that the ecumenical movement has slowed. Some say the movement is experiencing a winter in which little progress is being made. For many ecumenists the hopes and enthusiasm that occurred after the Second Vatican Council has all but disappeared. But the movement towards the restoration of unity among all Christians can never end.

In the history of Christianity the search for unity in the Body of Christ has been a constant effort. Ever since Jesus prayed at the Last Supper, "Father, I pray that they may all be one" (John 17:21) the Church has tried to produce and maintain this unity.

In our own time we have all grown up in and have inherited a divided Church. In our country there are over twice as many different denominations (40,000) than there are Catholics parishes (19,000). We take this reality for granted as if this is the way it was meant to be. But as a divided Church we endanger the Church's mission to proclaim the Good News to the entire world. Our search for Christian unity is not an end in itself. We strive for Christian unity for the sake of the Gospel. We proclaim that Jesus came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father but our message does not follow our actions.

But progress is being made none the least. One important way occurred in June when the three largest Christians bodies in the world published an historic document entitled, "Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World: Recommendations for Conduct". This document is the result of five years of dialogue between the World Council of Churches (WCC), the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue (PCID) of the Roman Catholic Church and the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA). These three bodies which include Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, Protestant, Evangelical, Pentecostal and independent churches have a combined membership of some two billion people representing nearly 90 percent of the world's Christians.

Not since the first World Missionary Conference held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1910 have Christians reached such broad consensus on appropriate missionary conduct. This agreement spells out a list of recommendations regarding respectful behavior on the part of missionaries, evangelists and other witnesses when sharing the Christian faith. The document, released during a public presentation held at the Ecumenical Center in Geneva, Switzerland, outlines the conduct of mission "according to gospel principles".

The document begins, "Mission belongs to the very being of the church." The recommendations that follow suggest practical ways of engaging in mission while showing sincere respect for neighbors of other faiths. The Church has a duty to proclaim the faith and we do it better whenever we can do it together. Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, president of the PCID, cited a principle of Catholic teaching, "Reject nothing that is true and holy in each religion", cautioning that Christians must overcome religious conflicts if they are to "present the truth of God in a credible way." We are called to be one so that the world may believe in the Son of God.

This joint document reminds us that ecumenism is not dead. Movement towards greater visible unity among all Christians is happening in spite of the fact that some Christians continue to choose to separate themselves for the main body of the Church. Much is happening especially in the hearts and minds of ordinary Christians in an effort to build new bridges. The release of the text is a historic moment in the quest for Christian unity. The joint document on Christian witness calls for careful study of the issues of mission and inter-religious dialogue, the building of trust and cooperation among people of all religions and the promotion of religious freedom everywhere. Christians are encouraged to pray for the well-being of all, to strengthen their own religious identity and to avoid misrepresenting the beliefs of others.

St. Francis de Sales for 2 ½ years. I had been very involved with the youth group from our previous parish, however I didn't know all of the kids in the new youth group that I joined at St. Francis. I suddenly found myself surrounded by unfamiliar faces and was a bit apprehensive about doing any activities for a while.

Our youth minister, Zach Ault, kept encouraging me along with my parents to be a part of the spring break Chicago Mission team. I knew it would be a great chance to help others, so I decided to go. It didn't take very long into our trip for the foreign faces in my



Fr. Brian Roby and Haley Eck

youth group to become familiar faces and my friends. The mission team is now like a family to me after our week of working to help the homeless and needy in Chicago.

Let me tell you about what an unforgettable experience we all had on our mission to help the less fortunate. We started each day bright and early working together as a team making breakfast and then attending Mass at the beautiful chapel at St. Columbanus with Fr. Matt Eyerman presiding. Here we met some of the people who were members of St. Columbanus that we were going to be working with. They were very welcoming and thankful that we were there to help them. We worked in the

basement of the rectory and split into two teams. One team would unload the packages of food and send it down the conveyor belt. The other team would take the fast moving packages and sort the boxes into groups. After we unloaded and sorted four truckloads, we started to put the food into bags for the homeless and needy families. At the end of the day, we were all very exhausted and could only think of the volunteers that gave up their time weekly to do this work. I admire their commitment and desire to help those in need.

The day we were to distribute the food, we were up early and unloaded the meat truck. The boys helped set up for the food distribution and the girls helped bag the food that came from the meat truck. When it came time to distribute the food to the families, we were each set up at a distribution station. Before we started handing out the food, Fr. Matt warned us that some of the people would probably be unkind because of how bad their lives were and that we needed to keep that in mind and to try to be understanding. As people started filing in, I did not expect to see children coming in with their parents! This really put my life into perspective to see the number of families and children in great need. Out of the 500 families that came to my station, I could count on one hand the number of people who were unkind. Almost all of them were so very thankful to us for our hard work and generosity. I have always been thankful for my life, but I am now more appreciative of how truly blessed I am. It gave me a better understanding of what people go through in their everyday lives.

In addition to working at the food pantry, we also toured St. Dorothy's School, an inner city Catholic elementary school. We went to Mass with the students and then split up into some of their classes to meet and talk with the students. We learned about their everyday lives, and we shared with them ours. I was very surprised to learn how much different their everyday lives were compared to ours even though they also attend a Catholic school.

We ended our trip having an awesome dinner experiencing Chicago-style pizza and Michigan Avenue. We were also surprised with tickets to see a Cubs game at Wrigley Field by Fr. Brian, Zach, and the Mission team!

Bitter cold wind pierced my face...slept in an unfamiliar bed in the rectory...worked to exhaustion to make food bags to feed the homeless and needy...saw Christ in all the people...formed special bonds with the mission team...gained a clear understanding of the true meaning of compassion and love for all people.... These are the experiences I had on my spring break. A learning experience of a lifetime is what I received. God's plan was a gift to me and our mission team.

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2011

- 5 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
 6 **Yarn Spinners Day**
 7-12 St. Francis DeSales - Youth
 Choir Retreat
 13 Catechist Retreat Day
 19-21 Retrouvaille
 26-28 Yoga & Meditation Retreat
 27-28 St. Angela/Associate Retreat

September 2011

- 2 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
 11 **Mount St. Joseph PICNIC**
 12-16 Glenmary Retreat Week
 16-17 Leadership McLean County
 17 First Baptist Church Choir
 20-23 Runaway Quilters
 28 Greening Western Ky.
 30-1 First United Methodist
 Women's Retreat

October 2011

- 3-7 **Spiritual Direction (Week 5)**
 7 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
 7-9 **Marian Retreat**
 15-16 Catholic Engaged Encounter
 17-18 Owensboro Christian
 Church/Staff
 21-23 Mount Hope Weekend
 24-28 Diocesan Priest Retreat
 28-29 Owensboro Christian Elders

November 2011

- 2 **All Souls Day Prayers**
 4 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
 5-6 Academy for Young Leaders
 11-13 **Thomas Merton Retreat**
 12 **Yarn Spinners Day**

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Multinational Novena For Unborn Babies Begins September 29

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE - The multinational PRO-LIFE NOVENA FOR UNBORN BABIES is scheduled to happen September 29 through October 7. During these nine days, it is hoped many Masses will be offered and many Rosaries will be prayed for the protection of unborn babies. A person may be a part of this pro-life novena by doing one or both of the following:

- 1) Have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered at least once on any of the following days: September 29 to October 7.
- 2) Pray one Rosary on each one of the following days: Sept. 29 to October 7.

The intention for all Masses and Rosaries is: For the protection of unborn human persons. The website www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org has registration information, a bulletin insert/poster, a bulletin announcement, etc. Persons who do not have access to a computer may request information by writing to: Saint Michael the Archangel Organization; P. O. Box 41257; Memphis, Tennessee 38174; U.S.A. (Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you live in the U.S.A.)

Join Us at the 9th Annual Rural Life Celebration A Heritage of Service To A Hungry World

The Diocesan Rural Life Committee will be hosting the 9th Annual Rural Life Celebration and would like to invite all to experience this unique event. The Rural Life Celebration will take place on August 7, 2011 from 5:00 PM till 7:00 PM at the air conditioned Owensboro Sportscenter. This event celebrates the vital link between the land and its people, and the folks that grow our food & fiber and those that benefit from it. All of us have a stake in God's providence that provides the food that sustains us.

All those who attend will get to enjoy a free barbecued chicken dinner served with fresh homegrown fruits and vegetables, topped off with a delicious dessert. The program will follow featuring speakers on wide range of topics of interest to all. Finally the Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Billy Joe Miles.

Please come and bring a friend to the Celebration. You will leave after eating delicious food, having much fun, learning a lot and enjoying some wonderful fellowship. No reservation is necessary to attend.

For further information, please call Richard Murphy at 270/683-1545, or email him at richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

Take a look at Natural Family Planning



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Saint Angela Retreat Aug. 27-28

"Angela: A Woman for All Times" will take place the weekend of Aug. 27-28 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. It will include prayer, sharing, and quiet reflection. The Saint Angela Merici-themed retreat will be led by Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU. Retreat begins at 9 a.m. Saturday and ends after lunch on Sunday. Cost is \$80 (includes retreat, meals, one overnight stay) or \$37 for commuters. Please register by Aug. 15 with Kathy McCarty: 270-229-4103 ext. 802 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org. A flyer can be found at www.msjscenter.org.

Check Into the Survivor of Suicide Walk Sept. 10 in Owensboro

The Owensboro Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition is hosting the annual Survivor of Suicide Walk this coming September 10 at 9:00 A.M. at the OMHS HealthPark.

130 participants made this walk last year from the OMHS Healthpark at 1006 Ford Avenue, Owensboro. Organizers are hoping to double the number of participants and especially invite Western Kentucky Catholics to participate in this wonderful effort!

For more information, contact Amy W. kysos09@gmail.com, Fran (270) 302 0717 or Amy S. (270) 689-6639. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Owensboro-Regional-Suicide-Prevention-Coalition-Inc/168783363167>.

10 To Live In An Eternity Beyond Time With God

By Brett Mills

I had the humbling joy of coordinating the Men's 67th Cursillo for the Diocese of Owensboro, so now I have the humbling joy of sharing the meaning of the experience. Speaking of joys, the most meaningful joy I can extend from our weekend to the Diocese of Owensboro and to the whole Church is that there are five men who have freshly encountered the fullness Christ in their Catholic Faith. Their renewed friendship

with Christ is a pattern for saintliness that can attract the world to salvation in Christ. Our weekend together was a pattern to transform the world into a community of saints.

Two broader meanings from the weekend continue to resonate with me. First, I was coordinating – but the Holy Spirit was in charge. Any one person's role on the weekend is like riding on top of a big spiritual wave. You don't always know the impact and can't control the impact but you can always trust the impact when you let the Holy Spirit lead

in the context of the Church. What was true on the weekend will be true in my life. Secondly, the Scripture theme for our weekend was Ephesians 1:10. I used text for the verse from the Liturgy of the Hours. The verse text includes the phrase "... the fullness of time". On our weekend we took the fullness of the time we could to appreciate our relationship with God. Beyond the weekend, I have the fullness of my lifetime to love Christ and others in Catholic Faith. One day, I hope all people can live in an eternity beyond time with God in a community of love.



Men's Cursillo # 67 March 10-13, 2011 (Left to Right, Front to Back), Row 1: Brett Mills, Fr. Chrispin Oneko, Tyler Powers, Kelly Christian, Paul Bachi, Jeff Rhinerson; Row 2: Troy Christian, Rev. Mr. Nick Nichols, Darrell Howard, Charles Krampe, Kevin Conder, Ronnie Goldsberry; Row 3: Tim Farley, Frank Wheatley, Gervase Ebert, Bob Davis, Ronnie Cecil, Bob Payne. Not pictured: Bob Cinnamon, Tom Carrico. Submitted Photo



Women's Cursillo # 68: Row 1: Teresa Krampe, Darlene Crabtree, Charyl Farley, Sharon Brumlow, Donna Nichols, Sr Margaret Alokani, OSF, Nancy Wolfe, Fr Fid Levri, Mary Hagan, Barbara Hertel; Row 2: Fr Terry Devine, Felicia Elliott, JoEtta Mayfield, Susan Myrick, Margaret Kenjesky, Margaret Powers, Marian Davis, Katie Goldsberry, Julie Crawford, Teresa Westerfield, Ruth Christian; Row 3: Doris Hardesty, Millie Carrico, Jane Irwin, Rossella Cincotti, Mary Lee, Martha Wheatley, Elaine Reisz, and Cecelia Hamilton. Submitted Photo

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In the new Catholic Answers Chastity Tract, **Cohabitation: Should We Live Together?** you will learn what the Church teaches on this problem that is all too prevalent in today's society. Source: Catholic Answers at www.catholic.com

Students Visit Sisters

Second, third and fourth grade students from Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville took a field trip at the end of the school year to visit the sisters at Mount Saint Joseph. The students learned about conservation while touring the farm then sang several songs for the retired sisters. The students pictured from left to right are: Madison Benford, Emma Sunderhaus, Natalie Linares, Lauren Langhi, Anna King and Adriana Romano. They are shown here with Sr. Mary, a member of the Ursuline community. Photo taken by Sarah Kranz.





Terry Larbes

By Terry Larbes
 August, 2011. Tick - Tock. The clock incessantly marks the time. Tick - Tock. The Diaconate Formation process has moved along like the hands on a clock. Tick - Tock. Each tick marks a monthly meet-

ing in Hopkinsville. Each tock marks another assignment completed. We have been involved in the process of formation for more than 54 months. Tick - Tock. Ordination has been set for September 2012; that means there are 12 more ticks and tocks. This time when we gathered for the monthly formation meeting the atmosphere had changed. This time we knew that this would be the "last August" of the formation process. Tick - Tock.

It has been 40 years since I have sensed feelings similar to what now has awakened in me. 40 years ago I started my senior year at the University of Kentucky. Senior year was fundamentally different from the previous 3 years because the focus became "What happens after graduation." The classes became something to get through, something to endure and if necessary to gather some last bit of knowledge that may or may not be of use in my future post graduation life. Senior year became a time to enjoy the moment because I knew that I'd be leaving the cocoon of academic life. While I often had railed against the academic life there was protection and comfort in that life style. A part of me yearned to stay and a part of me yearned to leave. During Senior year the clock went "tick - tock" until it fell silent on graduation day.

A few months ago I was in the group of men that was instituted in the Ministry of Acolyte as a part of our formation in becoming permanent deacons. The initial reaction of friends and parishioners is that being an acolyte meant that we were adult sized servers. Bishop Medley's instruction and counsel to us provides a deeper understanding of being instituted in the Ministry of Acolyte. In the institution liturgy he told us, "The core meaning of acolyte is light and an Acolyte is a person who carries the light." Taking the metaphor to a higher level, then we as Acolytes are to be light

to those whom we serve. Christ is "The Light". We are to bring Christ's light as we serve. My first memory of the Christ is the Light metaphor is 50 years old when I was being prepared for confirmation by the Franciscan sisters. Since then I have heard the metaphor used frequently. So what does the Christ is Light mean in the context of the being instituted as Acolyte? There is a visible and public manifestation of the ministry of acolyte: the duty to serve at the altar and to distribute Holy Communion to the faithful and the sick. Then there is the interior realization of the ministry of acolyte: the promise to live the Eucharistic life in a spirit of oblation and sacrifice and the commitment to grow daily in faith and charity. The difference in living out the Christ is Light metaphor as an acolyte is in the depth and level of commitment. All of this in the context of preparing to be ordained as a permanent deacon in which the depth and level of commitment becomes permanent. It has taken a while for this change to realize itself in me and, actually, I'm still very much in the process of maturing into this. That is why there are 12 more ticks and tocks on the formation clock until it falls silent at Ordination.

Being instituted as an Acolyte was a watershed experience for me. I know that I have crossed a boundary of demarcation; I'm in a country whose watershed is different and this watershed flows in a different direction. It is not a point of no return. I could return. There is no one stopping me for turning around and returning to the former watershed. In some ways it would be more comfortable and bring more certainty to my future. It is not a point of no return. It is a point in my life in which this new watershed represents new country. It is to this new country that God through the power of the Holy Spirit brings me. Believe me, there is no other power that could have brought about so many voluntary changes in me as the Holy Spirit has. I need to restate the word, "voluntary." I have asked the Holy Spirit to change me, I volunteered to change. The greatest gift that God gave us during creation was and is our free will. Our free will is part of what sets us apart from the rest of creation. God never violates the gifts that God gives. I have tried changing myself in the absence of God but the result goes further astray. I need help. Since God gave me free will it is always incumbent upon me to ask God to help me change. There is a lot of

work and personal reflection that goes into this change. During the past four years of formation we have essentially taken our garden and completely tilled the earth erasing the former garden. Under new direction with new understanding a changed garden has been planted. The efforts flowing from a changed relationship between the Spirit and me has accomplished this. The change progresses in proportion to the development of the partnership between the Spirit and me. I did not create me - God created me. God not only created me but God created a relationship between the two of us. The relationship is important to God, the relationship has always been important to God, it is me who is late in coming to this realization. Tick - Tock.

Daughters of Isabella Host Community May Procession and Celebration

By Sheri Babbs

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Daughters of Isabella Circle 258 celebrated the month of mothers with a May Procession at St. John the Evangelist Church with a community-wide May Procession and service honoring Mary our Mother. The service was presided over by Fr. Tom Buckman, the DofI Circle 258 chaplain. Recent First Communicants, Shannon Wilkins, Lillian Brown, and Isaac Brown were special guests who led the procession in their First Communion attire. Participants each had flowers for the procession that were presented at the Marian statue. The statue was crowned by Daughters of Isabella Regent, Sherri Speis. The crown for the statue of Mary was donated by Kitty Anderson of Happy Hour Flowers. The readings were read by Theresa Wilkins. The Glorious Mystery of the Rosary was led by Sisters of Service, Big Sister Chancellor, Olivia Romero. Fr. Buckman led the congregation in Adoration and Benediction. Traditional songs honoring Mary such as Sing of Mary, Immaculate Mary, and Hail Holy Queen were cantored by Sisters of Service, Big Sister Regent, Grace Babbs with accompanist, Paula Englert. A cake and punch reception followed the celebration presented by Daughters of Isabella and assisted by Sisters of Service. The annual Daughters of Isabella Community May Procession was coordinated by Theresa Wilkins, of Daughters of Isabella. Please consider joining our celebration next May.



Sherri Speis placed a crown on Mary's statue; she was assisted by Theresa Wilkins and Monica Osterhaus. Submitted by Sheri Babbs

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12 St. Francis de Sales Mission Team Returns to Mandeville, Jamaica

By Edie Keeney

Early Tuesday morning May 3rd a group of 9 met in the St. Francis parking lot to embark on the 2nd mission trip to Mandeville, Jamaica. Four of the group would be making their second trip and the others would be experiencing the experience for the first time. One of the new group was my son, Charles. It was a blessing to be sharing the trip with him. We were driven to the Nashville airport and flew from there to Montego Bay where we were met by Ronni, our driver and guide, and Meeckus our host at the guest house at Dunsinane. We enjoyed a welcome dinner catered by the St. John Bosco Boys Home.

The next morning we met with Deacon Hendriks who spoke to us about Mandeville, the history of Jamaica and its culture. There is very little government involvement in addressing social issues in the country. He told us that the majority of the assistance the people receive is provided by the Catholic Church even though the Catholic population is only a little more than 3%. The orphanage, a home for abandoned elderly, the St. Bosco Boys Home, several schools and a distribution center are part of the network that provides assistance to the people of Mandeville. During the week that we spent there we were part of that network. Our St. Francis parishioners sent us with many large suitcases filled with clothing, shoes, school supplies, over-the-counter medications, personal hygiene items, toys and books for the children, adult diapers and Ensure. We were very concerned that our luggage would be searched but we passed through customs without any problems at all. God answered our prayers; how could we have explained suitcases full of vitamins, soap, shampoo, dozens of shoes, etc.

Early in the week we went to the distribution center and worked on building prefab walls that would later be used to build a one room home for an 82-year-old lady, Frances Grace. Two of the prefab wall are put up opposite of each other and are connected by 2 walls built at the site to form the house. The concrete floor was poured ahead of time. This method of building 2 walls at the center enables a small house to be built in one or two days. The site of the house we built was located on a steep hill. It was difficult to carry the prefab walls and all of the supplies that were needed up that steep hill climbing



From left, back row: Charles Keeney, Dan Kelley, Frances Grace, Janice Reeder, Sr. Martha Keller, Karen Kelley and Frances Grace's son; front row: Leslie Nash, Jeff Nash, Edie Keeney, Jeff Warren. Submitted Photo

up a very narrow rocky path. I had to wonder how Frances Grace walked up and down that hill using the stick that was her cane. She was so happy as she watched her new home taking shape. Some of us were taking pictures and she wanted us to take a picture of her with all of us in front of the finished house. We had one framed

and gave it to her. Later our group went to visit Marian, the woman whose house we built last year. She was so excited to see us and invited us to come inside and see her home. She had made many improvements and especially wanted us to see the picture of our group that she had hung over her bed.

We also visited Miss Ivy, a blind bed ridden lady that we had visited with last year. She recently had cataract surgery and can see but everything is very blurred. She hopes to get glasses soon. Miss Ivy is one of the most faith filled people I have ever met. She has a beautiful voice and when she sang for us praising God her face was full of joy. Rosie is a 29-year-old woman that was severely injured as a young child and is in a wheelchair and requires constant care. The Ensure and diapers we brought were for her. She cannot speak but she has the most beautiful and expressive eyes. Seeing these two women and the love and devotion of their families made me feel very inspired just to be in their presence.

The needs of the people are very great. Father Roland the French priest who has been working at Our Lady of Hope Children's Home spoke of his concern for the orphaned children there. The Home gets very little help from the government; most of the help comes from donations from individuals in Jamaica and friends in France. They have a large garden, chickens and pigs but those do not provide all the food that is needed. He has to buy more food and he told me his biggest concern is being able to buy enough food to feed the children. His love and concern for the children and their love for him was so very obvious. I want to help; I will find a way. The trip was a blessing for me. I hope that in the future others will be able to experience a Mandeville mission trip.

Sts. Peter and Paul Graduates Fifteen

By Dawn C. Ligibel

On May 19, 2011, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School graduated fifteen eighth grade students who will disperse and attend each of the four high schools in Hopkinsville. Although somewhat of a typical graduation ceremony for the school, one notable difference was the absence of the pastor most of these students had known since the first grade. Fr. John Thomas, pastor of the parish and school for the past eight years departed on sabbatical on April 27, prior to being transferred to Christ the King parish in Madisonville.

Presiding at the graduation ceremony, however, was Associate Pastor Fr. Uwem Enoh along

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Graduates from Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville gathered for a group shot during a reception held in the parish hall after their graduation Mass on Thursday, May 19, 2011. Pictured from left to right are: Dillon Folz, Allison Watson, Mary Kranz, Kolleen Degenhardt, Bridget Intessimone, Harley France, Lydia Buzzard, Daniel Sweet, Abby Craft, Sarah Foltz, Rachel Holmes, Eleonora Cincotti, Gloria Crawford, Sean Burkhart and Jamie Price. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Father Willett: Reflecting Christ's Love To Our Servicemen and Women, The Ministry Continues

By Kamille Stich

HENDERSON, Ky. - Mother Teresa said, "Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do, but how much love we put into it."

For most of us, God puts us into our families, our communities, and our places of employment. Our vocation becomes to reflect Christ's love through our commitment to our family members, friends, and acquaintances among whom we live and work.

And then there's Father William David Willett. Father Willett's vocation in the United States Army, beginning in 1967, took him around the world, first as an infantryman in Vietnam, and then to every major war zone as a Chaplain and Colonel. Father Willett reflected Christ's love to our servicemen and women under circumstances that most of us would find overwhelming and impossible to tolerate. He did this with great commitment and love.

Father Willett is a priest from the Diocese of Owensboro. He was born and raised on a farm near the small town of Fancy Farm, Kentucky (in Graves County near Mayfield). He graduated from high school in 1964 and from Murray State University with a BS in Agriculture and Business. He then graduated from St. Meinrad School of Divinity with a Masters of Divinity in 1979. He has served in the Army as a Chaplain for over 20 years both in the United States and overseas. His assignments took him to Egypt, Germany, the Persian Gulf countries, Bosnia, Italy, Afghanistan, and stateside to Fort Bragg in North Carolina, Fort Eustis in Virginia, Fort Campbell in Kentucky, Fort McPherson in Georgia, Fort Hood in Texas, and Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. He was awarded the Purple Heart (among countless other honors throughout the years) for being wounded in Vietnam on May 1, 1968. He completed eight tours of duty.

With approximately 23% of the Army service personnel being Catholic, Father Willett's services as chaplain were always in high demand. Of over 1,800 chaplains in the Army, only about 100 are Catholic priests. Such shortages brought camaraderie between all Army Chaplains and a spirit of ecumenism prevailed. Father Willett described a multi-colored chart he regularly received reporting which locations had gone the longest amount of time without the services of a Chaplain. He was transported by helicopter or by armored



Father David Willett greeted each student as they left the all-School Mass. The school also celebrated a day with Fr. Willett in his honor on May 4, 2011. Photo by Kamille Stich

convoy to those locations as soon as movement was possible. Chaplains carry no weapons, but are guarded by armed soldiers. Father Willett's duties included celebrating Mass, teaching suicide prevention classes, and providing "lots of counseling." The stresses of war – heavy fighting, lack of sleep, loneliness, anxiety, family issues – made Father Willett's hearing ear an in-demand service to these men and women. He experienced tremendous frustration due to his inability to reach out more regularly to everyone who needed help and expressed his hope that more priests would accept the challenge of becoming military chaplains.

Five years ago, Holy Name School students, under the direction of religion teacher, Phyllis Brown, began adopting service members as a ministry. Service personnel were sent packages, pictures, and handwritten letters even to the most remote locations. Extra care was given to keep up with address changes as they were relocated so that contact was not broken. The entire School family began praying daily for service personnel by name on the School's closed-circuit news broadcast. Those broadcasts were then posted on YouTube and could be viewed around the world by the adopted military men and women.

In 2009, Father Tony Shonis, Associate Pastor at Holy Name Church, approached Mrs. Brown with Father Willett's name. Father Shonis and Father Willett had been assigned together in 2005 to St. Francis de Sales Parish in Paducah and their strong bond of friendship continues to this day. Father Willett was soon receiving packages, cards, and letters in Afghanistan from the Holy Name School children.

On May 4, 2011, Holy Name Church and School honored Father Willett's return from Afghanistan with an all-School Mass. Father Willett concelebrated the Mass with Father Shonis, Father Ed Bradley, and Father John



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We here at Bishop Soenneker Home have survived through the installment of new tile on both wings, offices and lobby areas. It has given our Home a much needed "face lift". Now with new donations, as it comes in, we are putting new paint on the walls. That also is greatly needed. Our devoted staff are pitching in whenever and wherever their talents are useful. God bless them all. Also, we would like to say "Thanks and God Bless" to all whom have graciously given to our Renovation Fund. We are still in need of more donations. Our future endeavors will take us into the dietary department where the kitchen cabinets need staining, a coat of varnish and new hardware for the doors.

We know that times are tough but all donations are tax deductible, for we are a non-profit organization. Please know all donations small or large will be greatly appreciated. Our motto- "If we take one small step at a time we can accomplish great things" God Bless!

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Vaughan. The entrance procession was made up of students carrying representations of each branch of the Armed Forces while a medley of their theme songs played resoundingly in the Church. Father Willett received several gifts from Holy Name School Principal Sandy Fleming to celebrate his service, and was able to shake the hand or give a "high five" to each child when Mass had ended.

Father Willett then spent the next morning speaking to Grades 5 through 8 about his military experiences and offering sound advice to these students. Students were mesmerized as Father Willett in his Army fatigues spoke warmly to the groups. He said his father told him that "can't never did anything" and that their "potential in life was far greater than they could imagine. He encouraged the female students by relating that, in recent raids on Libya, a female aviator was head of the Air Force unit that flew in first. He asked each student to find their calling and to rise to that challenge. He advised HNS students that the happiest people are those who are doing what they like. He said that he had been to places where "you can't believe how people live" and described that in many ways, our students were already in Heaven. "You have good teachers, a good school, and a good Parish community." He exhorted, "Do not hold yourself back!" And finally he asked them, "Who will take my place?"

In June of 2011, Father Willett officially retired from active duty

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14 Holy Name School Wins 2nd Junior National Academic Championship Title

By Kamille Stich

HENDERSON, Ky. - Holy Name School took first place at the Junior National Academic Championships which were held June 11th, 12th, and 13th in Chicago, Illinois. This is the second year in a row that Holy Name has won this prestigious academic competition, after first making the finals in 2009. Holy Name played teams from Arkansas, Ohio, Minnesota, Colorado, Tennessee, and even cross state rival Danville Bate Middle school. Competition spanned over two days of preliminary matches on Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th, with Holy Name taking the title on Monday the 13th.

Hencye Sights, the team's Captain, was named the National Academic Championship MVP out of all teams competing in Chicago, New Orleans, and Washington DC. This was the first time this honor has been bestowed on any contestant in the four year history of the Junior National

Academic Championships hosted by Questions Unlimited, even though Tara Prasad, the team Captain from the Holy Name 2010 Championship team was awarded the MVP for Chicago last year.

This tournament tested the stamina of The Holy Name team as well as all competing teams. The competition was especially tough in the preliminary rounds on Saturday and Sunday which did not conclude until after 8:00 PM each night. Holy Name then won the three final matches on Monday defeating long time rival Danville Bate before claiming the Championship title with a victory over a strong team from Arkansas.

This year's Holy Name Quiz Bowl team is composed of team captain Hencye Sights,,Jack Hardy,,Joey Vettiankal,,Erik Davis,,Justin Darr,,and returning as the alumni member, Tara Prasad. The Holy Name Academic Team is coached by Mr. Tom Tweddell, and many devoted academic parents and alumni.



Team members from L to R are Joey Vettiankal, Tara Prasad, Erik Davis, Hencye Sights, Justin Darr, and Jack Hardy. Photo by Kamille Stich

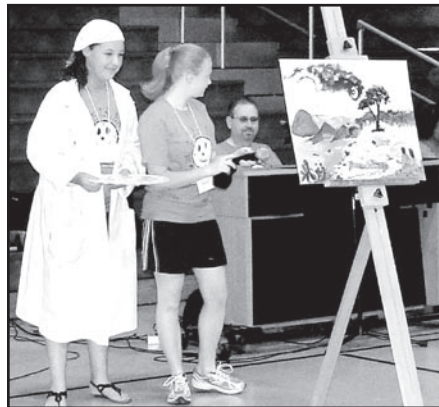
Sisters of Service Summer Activities

By Sheri Babbs

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Sisters of Service have been busy this summer! In May, the SOS helped out at St. Mary Elementary Library. Cleaning shelves, sorting donated books, and recording Accelerated Reader numbers was a big help to librarian, Theresa Wilkins.

The SOS have been helping the Council 1055 Knights of Columbus at their holiday barbecues by carrying out food for customers and acting as greeters on Memorial Day and Fourth of July. The SOS will be there to help the Knights at the Labor Day barbecue and hope to see you there.

In June, many of the SOS members were assistants at the Catholic Community Vacation Bible School. Each of the SOS girls wore pink and black hair ribbons designed and made by Karina Romero, Little Sister Regent, and Faith Barber. In addition to classroom assistants, Monica Osterhaus directed a skit series that was presented each day of VBS that was designed to support the week's lessons of Rock Around The Clock With God. Characters of Lena da Vinci, Leonardo da Vinci's not so famous sister, was played by Karina Romero (SOS-Little Sister Regent) and her Beautiful Assistant, played by Grace Babbs (SOS-Big Sister Regent).



Karina Romero and Grace Babbs as Lenada Vinci and the Beautiful Assistant with one of their masterpieces.

Lena and her assistant created amazing works of art with the help of the SOS girls who presented paints and explanations of the day's important lessons. At the end of the week there was an art exhibition presented by Lena and her Beautiful Assistant reviewing the Creation Story, Ten Commandments, God is My Rock and Fortress, and Love Thy Neighbor. The students of Vacation Bible School enjoyed the entertaining program.

Even though the SOS is hard workers, they enjoy having fun. They celebrated the end of Vacation Bible School with a Backyard Camp Out at the home of Alexandra Goreing, Big Sister Social Chair.



The SOS crew from one day of the skits. The girls include include: front row: Hannah Speis, Sara Neihoff, Ashley Mast, Amanda Steiner, Kayla Speis; back row: Katy Crouch, Olivia Romero, Faith Barber, Karina Romero, Grace Babbs, Emily Osterhaus, and Olivia Petter. Submitted Photos

The SOS girls were assisted in putting up their tents by generous Boy Scouts from Troop 7. Fifteen SOS girls enjoyed badminton, hammock relaxing, s'mores, prayer, and fellowship. SOS woke up to a thunderstorm the next morning and had to abandon their tents for breakfast on the Goreing's back porch.

As an auxiliary of the Daughters of Isabella, The Sisters of Service have enjoyed the summer DoF Socials including the Ice Cream Social with homemade ice cream at

the home of Martha Floyd and the Summer Family Cookout at Keiler Park.

The next meeting of the Sisters of Service will be at the Council 1055 Knights of Columbus Hall on Sunday, Aug 14 at 2pm to plan upcoming projects. Any girls between the age of 10 and 15 are welcome to participate with the Sisters of Service. Call Sheri Babbs at 270-832-0958 or sbabbs@comcast.net with any questions or inquiries.

Priests Offer Heartfelt Farewells

By Dawn C. Ligibel

Fr. John Thomas, former pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, led into his "farewell" homily with a story on Monday, April 25, 2011, which was also translated into Spanish for the bi-lingual Mass. "There's a story about a parishioner who each day at Mass, when asked for prayer intentions would simply respond with 'a private intention.' The last day the pastor was presiding after announcing he was being transferred after 18 years, this same parishioner responded with 'thank you for answered prayers,'" Fr. Thomas concluded eliciting laughter from the congregation.

After the typically busy week preceding his farewell Mass, which was Holy Week, Fr. Thomas finally had to face reality before leaving for a sabbatical prior to his transfer to Christ the King in Madisonville. "There's no denying the truth tonight," he said getting choked up. "Some words are hard to speak," he admitted. "Here's the hard part. A priest does many things: some enjoyable and joyful; some painful and frankly a bore. When a priest is most a priest that he can be, is when the priest stands here," he said as he walked to and stood behind the altar.

"Every Mass I said here at Sts. Peter and Paul and in your homes began and ended the same way, but it is the most sacred thing to do. Almost every day for eight years, I have kissed your altar at the beginning of Mass and at the end of Mass. This is the center of everything," he emphasized.

"They say that each priest just has one homily and he preaches it a thousand ways," Fr. Thomas said. "I pray that of all the words I've said over the years, you remember this one homily. No matter who you are. No matter where you are," he said, choking back tears. "No matter how young, old, rich, poor; at this altar you are welcome. At this altar, you are fed. At this altar, you know God's mercy. If you heard nothing else, hear that. Know that. Believe that."



Fr. John Thomas and Fr. Carmelo Jimenez concelebrated Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on Monday, April 25. The Mass was celebrated as a "farewell Mass" for Fr. Thomas who was leaving on sabbatical on April 27 prior to being transferred to Christ the King in Madisonville. Fr. Thomas had been pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul since 2003. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



Fr. Uwem Enoch, previous associate pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, clutched a letter written by a parishioner while giving a homily during a "farewell Mass" celebrated on June 6, 2011, for Fr. Enoch and Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, both of whom were transferred on June 14. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Concluding the homily, Fr. Thomas simply stated, "Remember to pray for your pastor." The congregation showed their appreciation with an extended standing ovation. The Mass was followed by a dinner in the parish hall where Fr. Thomas spent the evening mingling with his parishioners.

Earlier that morning, Fr. Thomas also

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and returned to his home. He expressed concern about civilian life. "It's hard to come back and set up routines," he said. "You have to find your way of doing things." The change from military life will not be easy. Father Willett's vocation took him from Fancy Farm, Kentucky, around the world several times, and finally back home.

The Diocese of Owensboro is richly blessed to have Father Willett with us once again. He brings unique skills to the priesthood and offers a rare perspective on life. With great love for his fellow man, he fulfilled his responsibilities no matter where he found himself just as Mother Teresa affirmed. Thank you, Father Willett, for your service to our country! We welcome you back to your home and pray that God's peace be with you in your retirement from the Army.

Katie Stewart Recognized As A Good Communicator

PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Mary High School, Paducah student, Katie Stewart won first place at the 4H State Communications Day Speech Competition held on July 9 at the University of Kentucky. Katie represented students in District Seven and won the state championship title in the 15 year old division. She competed with other students from across the entire state of Kentucky. Katie is the daughter of Greg and Debbie Stewart. She is a member of St. Thomas More Church in Paducah, Ky. Submitted by Ann Morrow



said farewell to the school children during an all-school Mass. "I won't be here Friday, so I worked it out with Miss Kranz (Principal Sarah Kranz) to be with you all together one more time," he explained the unusual timing for the all-school Mass. "I wanted to be with all of you before I leave. I wanted you to know how proud I am of you. I wanted you to know how holy you are." As was becoming his habit during his final months at Sts. Peter and Paul, Fr. Thomas asked the children for prayer. "Pray for Fr. Carmelo while he serves as acting pastor. Pray for Fr. Richard Meredith, your new pastor who arrives in June. And pray for me," he concluded.

As a tribute to the eighth grade students, Fr. Thomas asked the class to gather around the altar and kneel on the steps during the Eucharistic prayer. "I won't be here for their graduation," Fr. Thomas explained on that day. "Last year, one of our eighth grader's dad died. At the funeral and at the graduation I had them kneel at the altar to show their classmate support. I thought this would be a good way to show them my support even though I won't be here for their graduation."

At the end of the all-school Mass, Kranz presented Fr. Thomas with gifts from the school, noting that for many of the students in the school, Fr. Thomas is

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Grief Can Affect Your Mind & Body

By Betty Medley

Grief is about more than your feelings-it will also show up in how you think. You may disbelieve this person actually died. You may have episodes of thinking like this even long after they died. Your mind may be confused, your thinking muddled. You may find it difficult to concentrate on just about everything. Or you may be able to focus your attention but all you can focus on is the one who died, or how they died, or your life together before they died.

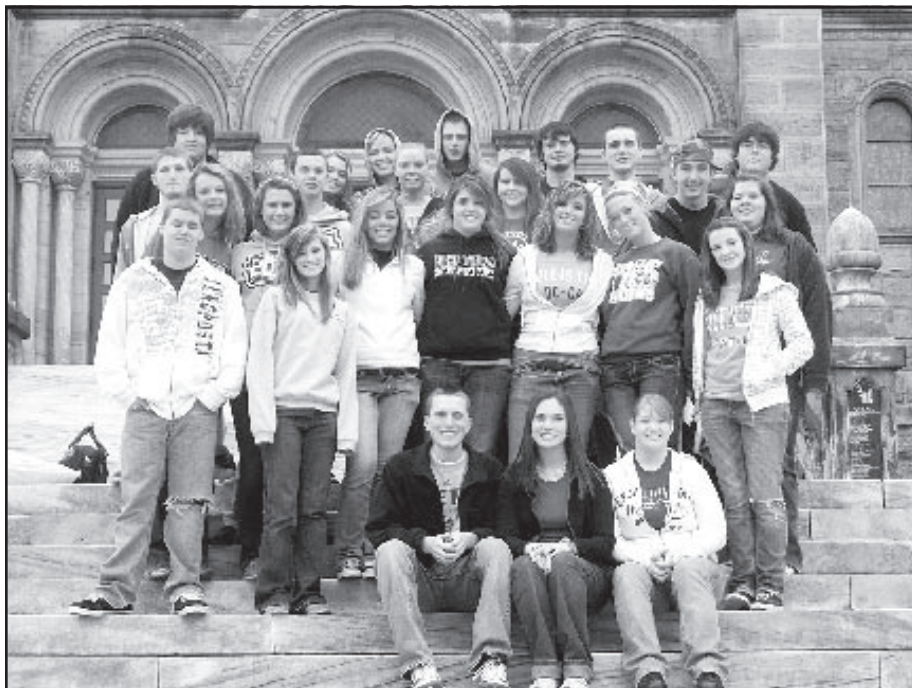
Physical responses are also to be expected. You may experience tightness in your throat, heaviness across your chest, or pain around your heart. Your stomach may be upset, along with other intestinal disturbances. You may have headaches, hot flashes, or cold chills. You may be dizzy at times, or tremble more than usual, or find yourself easily startled. Some people find it hard to get their breath.

You may undergo changes in your behavior. You may sleep less than you use to and wake up at odd hours. Or you may sleep more than normal. You may have odd dreams or frightening nightmares. You may become unusually restless. You may move from one activity to another, sometimes not finishing one thing before moving on to the next. Or you may sit and do nothing for long periods. Some people engage in what's called "searching behavior"- you look for your loved one's face among a crowd of people, for instance, even though you know they've died. You may become attached to things you associate with your loved one, like wearing an article or their clothing or carrying a keepsake that belonged to them. Or you may wish to avoid all such reminders.

Despite your individual uniqueness, you'll probably discover an overall pattern to your grief as it progresses. It often begins with a time of shock or numbness, especially if the death was sudden. Everything seems unreal. This is usually followed by a time when pain sets in. Sadness, loneliness, helplessness, and fear may come over you in powerful waves. Anger and guilt may do the same, and continue for awhile. In time there comes a slowly growing acceptance of what has happened, but it's not necessarily a happy acceptance. It's common to feel listless and lifeless, discouraged and sometimes depressed. Other strong emotions can still pop up. This is the winter of your grief-a long, slow, dormant period. In actuality, something is beginning to grow, but it's hidden deep underground.

A time of gradual reawakening eventually occurs, though you can't always predict when. Energy begins to return. So does hope. Finally there comes a time of renewed life. You're not the same person you were before-you'll be different, having been changed by this experience, having grown.

This entire process is very fluid. It may not feel very orderly. These time periods will flow into one another almost imperceptibly. But when you look back, you'll recognize what's happened: by going all the way through your grief, you've taken the path toward your healing.



25 THS juniors participated in an overnight retreat to St. Meinrad on March 24 & 25: Kelly Wathen, Alesha Corley, Abbie Hagan, Garret Ling, Jesse Rhinerson, Tyler Isbill, Joe Hester, Luke Merritt, Jamie Sloan, Sara Boehmann, Shana Haynes, Nathan Mitchell, Kasey Gilmore, Kalie Winkler, Cadie Williams, Hannah Payne, Sophie Henderson, Brandi Roberts, Katie Scott, Jill Graham, Cody Morris, Beth Millay, Seth Bland, Elizabeth Rhodes, & Kathy Bickwermert. Kelly Wathen said, "It was emotional and good for the soul." Tyler



Isbill commented, "It was spiritually fulfilling." In the small group picture with THS chaperone Cindy Mattingly, at top right, : Kathy Bickwermert, Abbie Hagan, Cody Morris, Tyler Isbill & Jill Graham. THS Photos



A Trinity High School Morning With Bishop William Medley



On March 31, Bishop William Medley celebrated Mass with Trinity students (Photo at top right) . He encouraged the students to remember always that if we're not as close to God as we once were, that it wasn't God who moved. If we want to feel that close to God again, all we need to do is turn around and go toward Him. After Mass, the bishop met with members of the senior class for a question and answer session. (Photos above and at left) Bishop Medley told the students that visits to the school are one of the most enjoyable perks of his job. Photos submitted by Christina Rhodes

18 Priests Offer Heartfelt Farewells

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Paul finally arrived on Wednesday, April 27. During his last homily as pastor of the parish, Fr. Thomas addressed the faithful who attend daily Mass. "I'll be brief, unlike the past eight years," he said with a laugh. "Sometimes we don't see Christ at all times. Bidden or not, Christ is present. Whether we receive him or not, Christ is present. No time is more important than here at the altar where Christ is present," he preached.

"Right before I was ordained there were two things that scared me to death," Fr. Thomas confessed. "One was preaching. What would I say? Well, that has not been a problem," he said with a chuckle. "The other thing was daily Mass. It scared me," he admitted. Choking back tears, Fr. Thomas continued. "But to see you every day, is the foundation of the Church."

At this point, Fr. Thomas implored his faithful parishioners to continue attending daily Mass and to continue praying daily. "I will be saying Mass daily, so I am bringing three months of intentions with me," he said fighting back tears again. "Pray for me. Pray for Fr. Carmelo. Pray for Fr. Uwem. Pray for Fr. Richard. Pray for Fr. Daniel. You're a good bunch. Pray, pray, pray," he concluded.

Not long after the sting of losing their pastor did the people of Sts. Peter and Paul go through another farewell Mass and dinner. On Monday, June 6, Fr. Carmelo

Jimenez, interim pastor of the parish, and Fr. Uwem Enoch, associate pastor, said farewell to the parish that had held them close for five years and one year respectively.

At the beginning of the Mass, Fr. Jimenez addressed the congregation in English. "When I came to the United States five years ago, I couldn't understand a word of English and I didn't know you, but I loved you. Now five years later, I can say that I love you because I know you."

During his homily, Fr. Enoch began by asking "Why do we do what we do? It goes back to what we celebrated a few days ago, the Ascension of Christ. Jesus said to his disciples, go out to the whole world and baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each time it's time to say good-bye, I know why I'm doing what I'm doing," Fr. Enoch explained.

"When I ever wonder why I do what I do, I read this letter," Fr. Enoch said before reading a letter he had received from a parishioner. "Thank you for visiting me in the hospital," the parishioner wrote. "I don't think I would have survived without receiving the sacraments. You truly may have saved my life," the writer concluded. "That's why I do what I do," Fr. Enoch emphasized.

"Thank you for challenging me, for pushing me," Fr. Enoch said referring to his first year as an ordained priest. "Speaking for Fr. Carmelo and myself, we are eter-

nally grateful for this parish. We are one in Christ," he concluded.

Using a translator, Fr. Carmelo too shared a homily. "We celebrated many Masses in homes last year," he explained referring to the way the priests of Sts. Peter and Paul celebrated "The Year of the Priest." "We said as many homilies as the number of priests present in the home. Tonight it is just Fr. Uwem and I, so only two homilies," he said with a laugh.

"I want to express my gratitude to you. Thank you for putting up with me even though I don't speak very good English. I would like to ask you something from the bottom of my heart. A future not too long from now, I will have to return to Mexico.

All I want to take with me is the grace of doing what I was supposed to do," he said humbly.

"If God wants me in another place, I will be there," he continued. "I love you very much, but I have dedicated my life to God and must go where he wants me to go. Gracias, gracias, gracias," he concluded.

As was true during the first farewell Mass on April 25, many tears were shed and shared during this Mass as well. Adjusting to having all three of their priests transferred, the people of Sts. Peter and Paul look to the future under the guidance of their new pastor, Fr. Richard Meredith and their associate pastor, Fr. Daniel Dillard.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug. 19-21 call (270)683-1545 ext. 346 or email: sherryvincent@insightbb.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org Find us on Facebook: search Retrouvaille of Owensboro.

Catholic Committee on Scouting Schedules Fall Retreat Campout at Gasper River Retreat Center

By Jeff Hedges

The Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Committee on Scouting has scheduled its Fall Retreat Campout the weekend of October 28-30, 2011. The event will be held at the Gasper River Retreat Center near Bowling Green and is open to Boy Scouts and Webelos Scouts. We will be tent camping for the weekend. Visit the diocesan website for additional information at www.rcdok.org/ministries/scouting or call Jeff Hedges at 270-925-7254

Eighth graders for a mission

By Miriam Kavanaugh, Sisters of the Lamb of God

While most students are preparing for summer vacation, the eighth graders at Owensboro Catholic Middle School helped the Sisters of the Lamb of God prepare for their August yard sale to benefit their mission in Juarez, Mexico on May 25th. Julie Renshaw's 75 students far exceeded all hopes when they brought in toys, books, clothes, and many other wonderful items that spilled out of several boxes. "It looked like Christmas when I went in the classroom, I wasn't expecting so much," beamed Sister Audrey Mary. "It was a joyous experience."

The Sisters of the Lamb of God have done missionary work in Juarez for over a decade thanks to the generosity of people abroad and right here at home. The Sisters provide care for children and youth with physical and mental disabilities, fulfilling their spiritual, social, educational, and therapeutic needs.

For more information, contact Sister Lisa Marie or Sister Audrey Mary at (270) 926-8656.

Sts. Peter and Paul Honors High School Graduates

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville honored 12 high school graduates during the 10:30

a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 29. Representing all four high schools in Hopkinsville, the graduates wore their caps and gowns during the Mass and each received a bible and a St. Michael key chain from the parish at the conclusion of the Mass. Pictured

from left to right in the front row are: Celeste Schmidt, Ace Crawford and Katie Larwa. In the second row: Jessica Hanks,

Jennifer Hanks, Sarah Covington and Jennifer Roeder. In the back row: Mitchell Reeves, Dean France, Jordan Shouse, Elizabeth Garnett and Michael Ligibel. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



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The SMHS Cheer Team Bring Home Some Great Awards



The St. Mary Varsity cheerleaders, Paducah, KY attended the UCA Cheer Camp at Western Kentucky University on July 10-13. The SMHS Cheer Team came home with some great awards! The cheer team received all blue ribbon Superior evaluations for sidelines, cheer, dance, fight song, and game traditions. The SMHS cheerleaders competed in the Camp Champs Cheer Competition on the closing day placing second in Cheer and third in Dance. SMHS cheerleaders also received a Superior trophy for the camp, the Traditions Award, and a Spirit Stick award. Senior Alexa Brandon was also selected as an All-American Cheerleader.

The SMHS cheer team is most proud of winning the Banana Award for spirit! Members of the SMHS Varsity Cheerleaders are: Captains and Seniors: Diane Kwon, Nicole Milliano, and Alexa Brandon; Senior: Audrey Walker; Juniors: Katie Stewart, Aubree Nettles, and Maddie West; Sophomores: Kelly Word, Mckenzie Huskey, and Madeline Hollowell; Freshmen: Caroline Curtsinger and Addison Griffin. Coach: Michelle Dunlap. Submitted by Ann Morrow

Registration Begins for Lourdes Foundation Charity Golf Open

Paducah, Ky. – Registration is open for Lourdes Foundation's 12th annual Charity Golf Open, featuring Marquette Transportation as presenting sponsor. The outing will be hosted at the Country Club of Paducah on Monday, August 29, with two tee times offered at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Golfers will have a chance to win \$50,000 cash at the Ray Black & Son Hole-In-One Challenge. Prizes will be awarded for longest putt, longest drive, closest to the pin, as well as first, second and third place teams in each flight. A live auction of exclusive items will also take place at 12:30 p.m. Register by August 8 by calling (270) 444-2205 or visit www.eLourdes.com.



Lourdes Foundation's Charity Golf Open has raised nearly \$500,000 in 11 years.

Donations to Lourdes Foundation improve the health of our community by providing support to purchase advanced technology, equipment and facility upgrades which enhance patient care.

Settle: God sometimes closes doors but opens windows

By Gates Settle, OCHS Principal

As I prepare to begin a new journey with my professional career as the principal at Owensboro Catholic High School, I can't help but think of some events in the past year and a half that have led me to this point. Beginning in the spring of 2010, there were many conversations with several people before I decided to seek this position. After applying, going through the interview process, and finally being offered the job from OCS, it just didn't seem like I was going to be able to accept it due to several obstacles. During that period, frustration started to set in and my emotions ran the gamut from an extreme level of excitement to disappointment within a few weeks. I felt like it was time to quit thinking about OCHS because there just didn't seem to be any way for all the circumstances to fall into place for it to happen. I was very flattered to be considered and it was a very exciting opportunity, but I knew I had to let it go so I would quit thinking about what "could have been."

Throughout my adult life, I have always tried to remind myself of what my grandparents taught me at a very early age about dealing with disappointment which was, "When God closes a door, he opens a window," and then using that thought when situations have not worked out for me. After finally coming to terms with



**Gates Settle,
OCHS Principal, 2011**

what I believed to be a "door closing" with OCS and putting those thoughts on the back burner, I received a phone call from Mr. Ken Rasp with an unusual proposal he wanted me to consider. I wasn't prepared for what he told me and I really couldn't believe what I was hearing, but I began to feel that window starting to open up a little bit! What was even more ironic is that I had just told my wife a few weeks earlier that there was no way that OCS would be willing to wait a year in order to

allow me to finish up with DCPS. I also knew that if they were willing to wait and if things were to work out, then the decision would be an easy one for my family and I! Needless to say, it did work out and I am still somewhat in shock a year and a half later about the turn of events that allowed me to be writing my first newsletter for OCHS!

To this day, I am still not sure what transpired and how it all came to be, but I am glad that everyone involved in the process was able to recognize the window that God constantly affirms to me his promise in Romans 8:28, "We are well aware that God works with those who love him, those who have been called in accordance with his purpose, and turns everything to their good." I am very grateful and excited and am looking forward to working with everyone at Owensboro Catholic High School and the Owensboro Catholic School System. After having over a year to reflect on my tenure with DCPS and anticipate what is to be at OCHS,

I feel very blessed to have had such positive educational experiences and look forward to so many more with our young people in the Catholic Community. I ask for your prayers, support and patience as I adjust to a new position. I am very proud, yet also humbled by those who have gone before me in this position and hope to draw from their faith, wisdom, experience and leadership to help continue moving OCHS forward and to build on the outstanding tradition. *Source: OCHS Parentlines, June 30, 2011.*

Summer feeding program

As part of the Summer Feeding Outreach Program being implemented this year, the Diocese of Owensboro School Food Service has provided a link posted on the Diocese web site with the 30 feeding site names and addresses where children under 18 can go to and receive free meals this summer.

This link includes a toll free hotline phone number. The Web site will also list additional places in the area that are also participating in the Summer Food Service Program. [www.rcdok.org/summer food](http://www.rcdok.org/summer%20food).

Jacqueline Gesser Wins Poster Contest

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Jacqueline Gesser, a 5th grader at the Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus won the first place award for a poster contest offered by the Saturday Musicale Club, a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs. Jacqueline's poster had to depict her interpretation of the theme for National Music Week of May 1-8, 2011. The theme was Music.....An Instrument of Universal Expression.

In the picture, from left, Sharon Weber, coordinator of the poster contest for the Saturday Musicale Club, Jacqueline Gesser and Virginia Blandford, OCES 4-6 music teacher and Music Club member. OCS Photo



A Message from Mr. Jim Mattingly, Superintendent of Diocesan Catholic Schools

Dear Western Kentucky Catholics,

The new school year will see some changes in leadership in our Catholic Schools in Western Kentucky. Here is a summary of administrative personnel changes.

Mary Carrico Catholic School, Knottsville: Mike Clark, principal, is retiring. The new principal is Ray Montgomery. Ray is a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Fordsville.

Owensboro Catholic High School: During the 2010-2011 school year, Kurt Osborne served as interim principal following Harold Staples' retirement. The new principal is Gates Settle. Gates is a member of Immaculate Parish in Owensboro.

St. Ann Interparochial School: Gail Ciekorka, principal, has decided to return to the classroom. She will teach 3rd grade at St. Ann next year. Beth Hendrickson will return as principal. Beth is a member of St. Ann Parish.

St. Mary School System: During the 2010-2011 school year, Sr. Vivian Bowles served as interim director following Pat Cairney's resignation. The new director is Dr. Angela Farmer. St. Mary Elementary School principal, Tony Riegling, has accepted a position at St. Margaret of York Catholic School in Loveland, Ohio. The new principal is Nancy Mornar. Angela Farmer and Nancy Mornar are members of St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah. Tony Burkeen, principal at St. Mary High School, has accepted the position of guidance counselor/athletics director at SMHS. The principal position at SMHS is open. If the position is not filled this summer, Dr. Farmer will make arrangements to carry out the principal's administrative duties with current and/or new personnel.

St. Paul Catholic School: Gina Sims, principal, has resigned. Sr. Anne Michelle Mudd will return as the principal for 2010-2011. Sr. Anne Michelle will handle administrative duties and teach Religion.

Trinity High School: Bill Hagan, principal, has accepted a teaching position at Owensboro Catholic High School. Ms. Connie Morgan from West Louisville, Ky. has been selected as the principal at Trinity High School, according to THS Priest-Pastor Father Dave Johnson.

I speak for all the Principals and Administrators of our diocesan Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools (PACESS) members in saying that I am deeply grateful for the service of our administrators who are retiring, resigning, or moving to a new position, and I am confident that the new and returning administrators will continue to advance the mission of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Group Honors Jubilarian, Sr. Rose Marita, O'S.U.

By Marianna Robinson

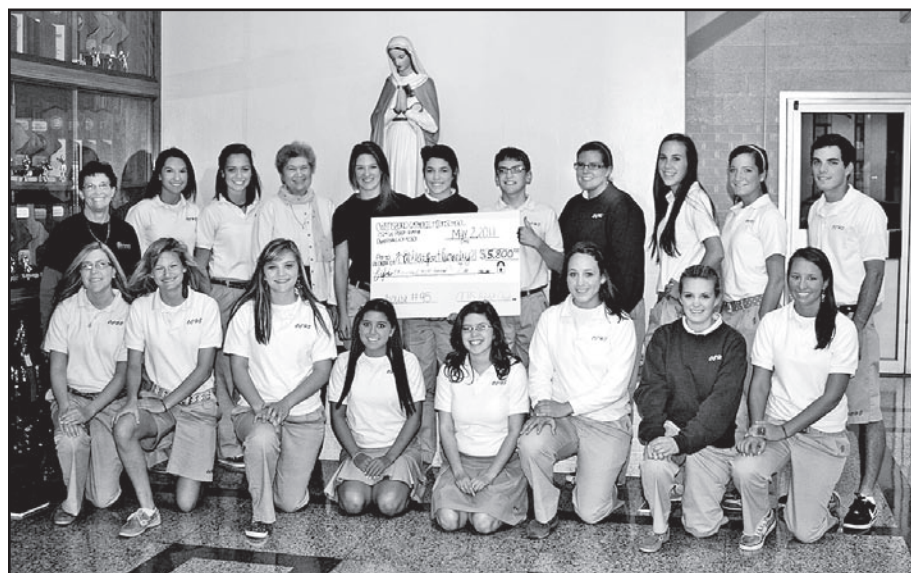
A surprise lunch complete with fragrant country roses, blessing prayers, friendly chatter, cards, and gifts were part of a golden jubilee celebration for Sr. Rose Marita this summer. Participants in Sister's Contemporary Woman class at Brescia University were hosts. After graduating from Mount St. Joseph Academy fifty years ago, Sister Rose Marita entered the novitiate there at Maple Mount. Her various ministries over the years include that of a classroom teacher, pastoral associate, director of religious education, and several leadership roles within the Ursuline Community. She was the Congregational Leader of the Mount St. Joseph Ursulines for eight years.

Seven years ago, Sr. Rose Marita accepted the position as director of the Contemporary Woman Dept. at Brescia University, following the retirement of Ursuline Sister Marita Greenwell. In the early 1960's, it was Sister Francesca Hazel who designed and initiated the Contemporary Woman program with the assistance of Dr. Philip Law, a Chicago psychiatrist and surgeon. Today, Sister Rose Marita offers six or seven non-credit classes; her students are men and women with diverse backgrounds. They enroll because the atmosphere of relaxed group learning. Several have commented that going to class is a treat and that they enjoy the lively book discussions that ensue. One of Sister's more memorable students was a retired public school teacher and self-professed lover of lifelong learning. Marjorie enrolled in Contemporary Woman classes until she was 101 years old.

Most of the Contemporary Woman classes are held during the spring and fall semesters; these groups meet once a week for six weeks. Other groups meet monthly. Some classes are held in the evening, others during daytime hours. There are also shorter summer sessions. A recent summer class with about 17 registered participants explored the concept of "Tolerant Oppression" based on the book by Dr. Scott Hampton. Other programs deal with environmental, cultural, or spiritual issues. Some books the groups have examined include those written by renowned authors such as John O'Donohue, Joan Chittister, Eckhart Tolle, John Dear, and Brian Swimme. Sister has also created programs around the life and writings of three women doctors of the Catholic Church, the life and writings of Thomas Merton, and a "Soul Gardening" series which features reflections, journaling, and periods of silence and meditation.

Class participants agree that Sr. Rose Marita is a born teacher. One of her students likened Sister's interest in educating adults to that of the Ursuline founder Saint Angela Merici. In the 16th century, Saint Angela organized groups of women who met regularly to pray, to teach by example, and to minister to the spiritual and corporal needs of the community of Brescia, Italy.

An Owensboro native, Sister Rose Marita grew up in Blessed Mother parish. She is the daughter of Elizabeth Therese Oberst O'Bryan and the late Marion Albin O'Bryan. Her brother siblings include Marion, Joe, and David.



Helping Provide Affordable, Safe Housing For Habitat Applicants

The Habitat for Humanity Chapter at Owensboro Catholic High School has met weekly this past school year and have been working with Brescia University's Habitat Chapter to build a HFH house #95 in Owensboro. This picture was taken on May 2 before an OCHS Chapter meeting to hand over a check for \$5,800 to Virginia Braswell, Director of the Owensboro Habitat for Humanity office, and to coordinate work and fund raiser plans. All of the 30+ members were not in this picture, but shown here are from left, front row: Back row: HFH Adviser Bev Howard, Photo by Mel Howard

The \$5,800 given to HFH on May 2 came from a variety of sources. \$1,000 was given to the OCHS Habitat for Humanity chapter by the school's National Honor Society which has fund raisers to support a worthy cause each school year; this year they chose the OCHS Habitat group. \$4,300 of the amount came from the Diocese of Owensboro's Disciples Response Fund. OCHS Habitat for Humanity Chapter adviser Bev Howard, an OCHS counselor, applied for the grant and the app was accepted. The balance of the \$5,800 came from members dues, and the members own fund raisers: bake sales, yard work, and house cleaning. The HFH Chapter planned to participate in Daviess County's Cash For Trash to make \$500 by picking up trash along 10 miles of highway in May, 2011. Mrs. Howard said that the OCHS students have been working on the house since March 19. She said, "The first day of work we had 13 OCHS students working on House #95. On an average work day since then, we have 6 to 7 OCHS students working on House #95."

In The Spotlight

In the picture at left, is Jacob Fischer, left, who received the SLIM Award Certificate of Recognition for Faithful Service and Commitment at my Parish May 29, 2011, with Father Pete Hughes. Submitted Photo



St. Mary High School Choir Students Continue Study of Vocal Music

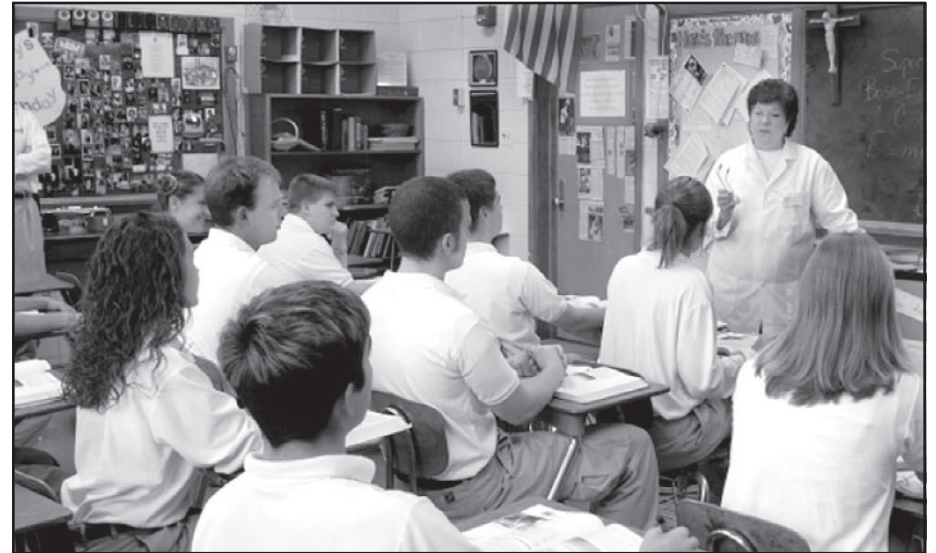


PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Mary High School Senior Isabelle LaBarge recently auditioned for the Department of Music at Western Kentucky University. She has been accepted to the university and the department where she will major in Music Education. Isabelle is the daughter of Felicia and Matt LaBarge.

Sophomore Andrew Durham was recently accepted by audition to attend the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts in the area of vocal music. Over 1,600 students audition for this three week intensive program in areas such as instrumental music, vocal music, art, dance, and musical theatre. Only 225 students are accepted into the program each year. Andrew is

the son of Elizabeth and Jeff Durham.

The St. Mary Choral Music Program is under the direction of Mr. Brant Veal.



Thanks For Everything, Joan!

OCHS Sciences teacher Joan Perry teaching one of her classes in recent years. Ms. Perry, after sponsoring seven classes and teaching innumerable classes and students, is retiring -- 42 years after coming to Catholic high. Former student Chris Reid said of Ms. Perry: Her lessons " ... Were great lessons for me --believe in everyone's potential; inspire them to be great; work hard to follow the Christian path; weed your life when needed and share time and talents with others. You will reap what you sow in life." OCHS Photo



Last Supper Commemoration

On Holy Thursday thirteen senior boys at Owensboro Catholic High School presented a commemoration of the events of the first Holy Thursday. As they entered one by one and joined the center figure, Fr. Brad Whistle and OCHS faculty member Jeff Fritz narrated each individual story. Pictured here from left to right are Luke Richardson, Nolan Miller, Josh Hayden, Jonathan Higdon, Chase Kauffield, Seth Todd, Alex Dotsey, Zach Brett, Matthew Jacobs, Andy Johnson, Ben Franey, Sam Thompson and Alex Vaughan. Submitted by Mary Hilda McFarland



Twice Blessed

Father John Okoro baptized two week old twins, Reese and Jackson Abney, children of Greg and Sherry Abney members of St Sebastian Parish May 22 at Calhoun Ky. Jerry Abney Photo

OCHS's Mr. Resilient Joins Statewide Honors Team

Do you remember that scene in the movie "Rudy" when the unlikely hero was carried off the field? Owensboro Catholic Football Aces' running back Eric May lived out that moment in OC's state championship football season in the Fall of 2010. Eric, a special needs student, has been a model performer during his four seasons with the Aces. His dream was to score a touchdown and in week two, in a win over Warren East, Eric ran the ball into the end zone to see that dream come true. And after the game, Eric's teammates carried him off the field.

On May 6, 2011, OCHS announced that Eric May had been named to Tom



OCHS senior Eric May posed with OCHS football Coach John Edge, right, and Tom Leach. Submitted Photo

Leach All-Resilient Team. Tom Leach, the UK Network play-by-play radio announcer now known as "The Voice of The Wildcats," also writes The Leach Report, a popular column and blog among the Big Blue Nation. Read more about the All Resilient Team at http://www.tomleachky.com/All_Resilient_Team.html.

Congratulations to Eric May on being named to the Tom Leach All-Resilient Team.

32 Henderson Natives Ordained to the Priesthood

Diocese of Owensboro ordains one; Dominicans ordain one

By Larena Lawson, Serra Communications

Two new, young priests were ordained to the priesthood in May, both hailing from Henderson, Kentucky. One called to the diocesan priesthood for the Diocese of Owensboro, the other to the Dominican Order of Friars Preachers in the Province of St. Joseph. Father Ryan Harpole calls St. Michael in Sebree his home parish, but has also attended Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Waverly with his grandparents. Father Austin Dominic Litke, O.P. is a native of Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Keith and Sandy Harpole and Fred and Nancy Litke of Henderson rejoiced, along with many others, from here in Kentucky to Washington, D.C., at the celebrations of their sons' ordinations to the holy priesthood.



Father Ryan Harpole received a round of applause after his ordination on May 21 at Blessed Mother Church in Owensboro.

At right, Father Austin Dominic Litke, O.P., ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, JCD, May 27th at St. Dominic Church in Washington, D.C., conferred his priestly blessing to his parents, Dr. Fred and Nancy Litke. Submitted Photos



The Freedom of Man

By Ronnie Santana,



Owensboro seminarian

By nature, man has always been free and as a result, freedom is an integral and necessary part of our humanity; we would be different creatures altogether without freedom. We would lack the ability to be ourselves and additionally, we would be unable to find commonalities among others, or to even associate with our fellow brethren. Freedom provides the means for us as individuals to define ourselves. It should also be noted that freedom derives its ultimate value from the simple fact that God himself has never violated the freedom of a single rational soul. If God who is all good respects the freedom of an individual to do as he wills, then man, who was created in God's image and called to follow in his example, must too respect the freedom of his brethren.

According to paragraph 1731 of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed

toward God, our beatitude."

Our freedom is found within our ability to reason. This innate human trait is found among all people. Society functions on the very basic principle that people choose to do what they do and are thus held responsible for their actions. As its keystone, civil law presupposes this truth. Generally, in a society with civil law, someone has acted unjustly when they have violated the law of the society. Therefore if caught and ample evidence is presented, that individual must pay a penalty for his actions. The individual in this case has no choice but to bear the responsibility of his actions because he has committed the crime. If he was a good citizen, he would have known what constitutes a crime in his society and should have avoided committing it. It can then be concluded that, in the eyes of the city, the ideal or perfect citizen is he who obeys the law; for if the law is broken an injustice has been made and the injustice must be punished. The same is true in the realm of faith. Our actions are bound to us because we will them into being and so we bear the responsibility for the consequences, both good and bad. The responsibility of our actions is intimately united with the freedom that an individual has to choose between what is good and what is evil. This means that freedom does not grant an individual the right to do as he pleases. Living in freedom has more to do with the responsibility to do what is right than it does doing whatever you want.

The end of freedom is to unite us to God, which is our perfection. This makes freedom a very important and vital tool

in the process of fulfilling our ultimate vocation. A vital concept to realize is that, intrinsically united with the pursuit of fulfilling our ultimate vocation, is the pursuit for our own sanctification. Our innate desire to be happy can be associated with our desire to be sanctified and the desire for our own sanctification is a desire shared by the Father himself. This belief lays the foundation for what Saint Augustine defines as "predisposing grace." Predisposing grace is grace that God gives to us without merit or necessity but out of sheer love. He lovingly wills that we be reunited with him and so out of that love he provides us with the means of inner sanctification. Yet he does not impose his will upon us, force our hand, or manipulate us into doing what he wishes us to do. The predisposing grace that he gives us enlightens our intellect which increases our awareness toward the essential conditions for determining the morality of a particular act.

The moral dilemma that man finds himself in when he has to choose between a good or a bad act paradigmatically illustrates how important freedom is. When we choose to do what is good through our freedom we begin to cooperate with God. Through this cooperation, the Holy Spirit begins to bestow graces upon the soul and that grace begins an inner metamorphosis. Through the freedom of man, the Holy Spirit is able to initiate a change in our inner being and through that same freedom we are able to participate fully in our own creation. Unlike a sculptor who works on materials that cannot shape themselves,

the sculptor of life, the Holy Spirit, has the ability to sculpt with materials that can assist the sculptor in becoming the masterpiece that he has in mind. We can radically and significantly participate fully in our own creation by choosing what is good. Thus it can also be said that when we choose against what is good, we reject the Holy Spirit along with all the good that He offers. Consequently, we become primarily responsible for the destruction of our own humanity. To choose to sin is to assist the force of destruction, and to choose the good is to assist the force of creation.

The Church desperately urges its faithful to see that the end of freedom is attaining truth and goodness which is begotten from God the Father. When the Holy Spirit begins to work in the soul He has one goal in mind, which is to transform that soul into Jesus. By becoming Jesus we take on all that the second person of the Trinity is which is truth and goodness. By becoming Jesus we, in turn, are also in tune with the will of the Father, which is the source of all truth and goodness. The transformation that takes place as a result of simply choosing the good ultimately leads us to intimate union with the Father. It should be noted that union with the Father is the ultimate vocation of man. Man was made to be in intimate union with God, yet in order to be in intimate union with God, human freedom had to exist so we could freely enter into that unity. Human freedom, when in cooperation with the good, is a force that allows growth and maturity to take place

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The Freedom of Man

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end of the growth and maturity undergone is to attain truth and goodness which stems from the bosom of the Father.

Human freedom becomes perfect as we, by choosing to cooperate with God by choosing what is good, become more perfect through God's grace. It is our destiny, our beatitude, to be united with God and his divine nature. Faith is a journey towards attaining what was once rightfully ours but was lost because of a choice made by Adam and Eve. Before the Fall, Adam and Eve walked with God and they lived in intimate union with God. Adam and Eve were living the beatific life, which was a supernatural life full of love, purity,

In Your Kindness, Please Pray for the Soul of Sr. Margaret Mary Mattingly, C.P.



WHITESVILLE, Ky. - Sister Margaret Mary Mattingly, C.P., 80, born Mary Delphine Mattingly, on April 9, 1931, in Knottsville, died May 10, 2011. Her parents were the late Marion Ligouri Mattingly and Mary

Lillie Aud Mattingly. Baptized in St. William Church in Knottsville on April 19, 1931, she attended St. William Grade and High School in Knottsville and Mount St. Joseph Ursuline Junior College in Maple Mount. She entered the Passionist Nuns Monastery in Owensboro on Aug. 14, 1949, making her first vows on Aug. 22, 1951, and her perpetual vows on Aug. 22, 1954. Sister was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Joseph Ligouri "J.L." Mattingly, James Robert Mattingly and Thomas Earl Mattingly; and a sister, Clara Ann Mattingly Aull.

Survivors include three brothers, Charles V. "Binky" Mattingly (Thelma), John William "Bill" Mattingly (Wilda) and Richard Eugene "Gene" Mattingly (Donna); a sister, Doris Marie Mattingly Fulkerson (Stanley); and numerous nieces, nephews, and great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass and burial was at the monastery.

joy, and goodness. That beatific life that was lived then with God, was lost by our first parents, but can be given back once more by God. In fact, God deeply desires to give us this gift. His love for us is so intense, so passionate, and so pure, that in spite of our failures he continues to give us the opportunity to choose to return to Him. His desire is to be intimately united with us and as a result when we choose to do a good over an evil he bestows upon us grace that moves us closer to Him, closer to perfection, closer to our beatitude.

The freedom that man possesses inherently has the power to define the possessor. It is through freedom that man can be held responsible for everything that he does. Freedom gives us the means to fully participate in our own creation or destruction. We are who we are, we do what we do, and we can become what we are meant to become simply because God has given us and has respected our free will. God has

never violated our freedom because to violate the freedom of man is to strip him of all that he is, and God who is all love, who is all good, and all purity, would never allow that which he loves most to lose what makes it so precious, our ability to choose to love him freely.

In my life it has become increasingly evident that the desire to be happy is intrinsically united with the desire to be sanctified. It was very difficult for me to come upon this truth simply because my desire for happiness for a long time was being satisfied by the lesser joys of the world. It wasn't until I began to develop a true deep relationship with God that my capacity for being happy and bringing happiness to others began to grow. As this intimate relationship delved deeper I realized that God was helping me become freer, and looking back on how this began it seems to me to be fitting and just that this liberation should have taken place. God freed me so that in my newfound freedom I could love him more than I loved him ever before. In fact, the very act of God freeing me is an act of sanctification.

I have learned to value freedom simply because I, a former slave, have been liberated and given the means to attain the happiness that I have always innately desired. From experience I can say that the freer you become the more your ability to love and to be loved, to be happy and to bring happiness to others, and to choose what is good over what is evil becomes effortless. Although the process is never completed in

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In Your Charity, Please Pray For the Repose of The Soul of Sister Mary Evelyn Duvall, OSU

MAPLE MOUNT — Sister Mary Evelyn Duvall, 88, an Ursuline Sister of Mount St. Joseph, died April 26, 2011, at Mount St. Joseph, in her 70th year of religious life. She was a native of Sunfish. Sister Mary Evelyn loved to travel, and was an excellent cook, seamstress and craft maker. She was a teacher for 44 years, beginning at St. Lawrence School (1949-51), St. Anthony School in Browns Valley (1951-57), St. William School in Knottsville (1960-62) and St. Pius School, Owensboro (1970). She also ministered in



the diet kitchen at Maple Mount (1944-46). She served elsewhere in the Diocese of Owensboro, the Archdiocese of Louisville, in Missouri, and for 34 years in New Mexico until retiring in 2007.

Survivors include four sisters, Catherine Duvall and Martha Durbin, both of Sunfish, Mary Davis, Leitchfield, and Frances Heath, Mountain Home, Idaho; two brothers, Lawrence Duvall of Louisville and William Pius Duvall, Brownsville; nieces and nephews; and the members of her religious community.

The funeral Mass was April 29 at Mount St. Joseph. Gifts in memory of Sister Mary Evelyn may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

this life, I have begun to understand that in this life we have the capacity to radically increase these abilities. Freedom, through God, really does empower the individual through the right use of his faculties to become the individual that God has in mind for you to be, and so I will always know that if I cooperate with God, uphold his commandments, trust in his mercy, and pursue him with all my being that one day I will be able to be with him intimately in the beatific life.

In Your Charity, Please Pray for the Soul of Sister Marita Greenwell, O.S.U.



MAPLEMOUNT, Ky. - Sister Marita Greenwell, 85, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died June 21, at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 65th year of religious life. She was a native of Rhodelia in Meade County.

Sister Marita was an inspiration to so many people, first

as an encouraging music teacher, and then as the leader of the Contemporary Woman Program at Brescia College/University, a revolutionary self-esteem building program for women which she directed for 32 years (1973-2005).

She was a teacher at St. Martin School, Rome (1948-52), Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Maple Mount (1960-68), Blessed Mother School (1954), Immaculate School (1970-71), and Brescia College (1971-73) in Owensboro, St. Thomas More School, Paducah (1954-55), as well as in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in Missouri. She was co-director of the Ursuline Associate program from 1996-2002.

Survivors include her sister, Dorothy Hughes of Elizabethtown, nieces and nephews and the members of her religious community.

The funeral Mass was June 24 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery. Glenn Funeral Home and Crematorium, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements.

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



Problems Solved Here

Strolling, Trophy in Hand: (l to r) the members who attended the conference were Tyler Farmer, Megan Alvey, Kelsey Conkright, Michael Crowe, Allen Rakotoniaina, Ann-Claude Rakotoniaina, Marty Crowe and Alex Riccio. Coaches Lorraine Riccio and Susie Alvey and OCS Director, Ken Rasp, also attended the conference. OCS Photo

Owensboro, KY. - The OCHS Community Problem Solving Team competed at the 2011 FPSPI International Conference on June 9-12, in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Their project *Recycle OK?*, was submitted in April after the team won the state championship.

The team was judged on their teamwork skills and creativity as they constructed a display about the project. They were interviewed about the project and participated in several gathering events to showcase both their project and state. The team came in 4th at the competition.

Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon

Sheila Blandford
St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Joseph, Kentucky

On a recent visit to Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center at Maple Mount, Kentucky, I talked with Sheila Blandford, who has been employed by the Mount in one way or another for 25 years.

"I worked in the kitchen for a couple of years until my babies were born then I came back and worked in the infirmary as an Aide. I am now the program Coordinator over Hospitality. When we have programs here at the Center we want everyone to feel at home. We do everything we can to make sure the program, retreat or whatever is being presented is taken care of professionally as well as in a friendly caring atmosphere. We host many different churches and organizations for programs that last over night or just one day or part



Following Mary, Mother of the Church and Model of All Christians



Above, Father Ben Luther, Shrine Director, left, speaking with Teresa Garrett, speaker for the May 9 Observance (her topic: "Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary"), and Sister Andrea Niehaus at Carmel Home, Owensboro.



At left, Teresa Garrett, a certified teacher, home school educator, mother of fourteen children, and a catechist for St. Mary parish, Franklin, Ky., spoke on devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the May 9 17th annual Marian observance at Carmel Home, Owensboro. The Marian Observance is a program sponsored by the Diocesan Marian Shrine Committee. The shrine is located at St. Joseph Church, Bowling Green, and carries the title of "Mary, Mother of the Church and Model of All Christians." Photos by Joann Bradford

of a day. Hosted programs are when someone calls us for the facility. A sponsored program is when we get the speakers and put it on. We

have a wide variety of programs that are presented here each year. We also have opportunities for an individual to come and have a retreat with a spiritual director as well as a group. The women's retreat lead by Sister Cheryl Clemons is very popular."

Sheila told me that she was drawn to the Mount because she is a people person. "I love people and I get to meet people from all over the world here. The grounds

Sheila Blandford, left, with Sr Ann McGrew, O.S.U. G K-S Photo

and the atmosphere are so soothing and calming; it's a pleasure to be here each day. We have a wonderful staff, and I love working with them. Sister Ann McGrew is the Director of Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center, and she is the boss! She is a very fair and open-minded person and she lets each person know what is expected of them. At our weekly meetings we are able to speak our mind and not feel intimidated. She is interested in you as an individual not just an employee."

Sheila met her husband of 40 years, Bruce, at a Youth Club dance at St. Alphonsus. We have three daughters and five grand-children and feel very blessed that they all live close by.

"I feel like I'm right where God wants me to be doing what He wants me to do. I see so many people come here and love it and go away with a renewed spirit. I know What we do here is important."

Sheila says her greatest blessing is the day she married Bruce, the birth of her children and now being able to see her grandchildren grow up.

Maybe I'll make some time for myself to go and linger in some of the inviting swings and stroll the shaded paths.

Title: Holy Cow and Ed, Too!

Author: Ginny Knight-Simon

Published: 4/19/2011 9:30:28 PM; Pages: 92; Keywords: dogs, Ed and Ginny Simon, funny, God, Holy Cow, love, married couple, middle aged, Muffy, travels; Audience Level: Everyone

Author Ginny Knight-Simon was born in the 1950s, which means, she's had the chance to watch the world change in leaps and bounds. She went through the peace-loving sixties, the tumultuous seventies, the technological advancements (and cultural snafus) of the eighties and nineties, and finally, into a new millennium. What has she learned? Well, most importantly, that life requires a sense of humor.

Holy Cow and Ed, Too! is a collection of true short stories, presented through the lighthearted and loving eyes of a woman who's been there and seen that. In "On the Road to Mayberry," Ginny and her husband, Ed, take a road trip to Mount Airy, North Carolina—where Andy Griffith dreamt up his famous TV show. In "Consideration for Others," Ginny attacks the modern monsters known as "text messaging" and "Facebook."

Take Ginny's word: life is filled with absurdities, small defeats, and tiny miracles. Her stories are no different. In each of them, God watches from the sidelines. He exists in even the tiniest everyday detail of our lives. It's never too late to turn to Him; it's also never too late to follow a dream or try something new! Holy Cow and Ed Too! is filled with stories that will make you laugh and cry; come take a trip down the road of life.

Diocesan Wisdom Coordinator Influenced To Write by People She Knows On The Job

By Mel Howard

When The Western Kentucky Catholic heard about Holy Cow, And Ed, Too! being published by Ginny Knight-Simon, we thought that it's about time that our diocesan staff's own personification of Erma Bombeck's humor and insights into human nature got her stories together in a book. We decided to ask Ginny about all this.

We contacted Ginny by email and sent her a bunch of questions for starters. In her work for the diocese, she's usually the one asking questions for her Wisdom columns about the wisdom which senior Catholics have about faith and life. Ginny was not sure what to say; she was at the mercy, so to speak, of the journalist. We just said, "Ginny, be yourself." So here goes:



Ginny Knight-Simon

WKC: Ginny, What kind of work did you do before coming to work for the diocese? When and how did you learn about the idea of working for the diocese?

GK-S: "Well, I am like a lot of Americans whom I have interviewed; they work hard for a living, do their best, complete what they're asked to do, earn their money. But the day came for me when I had to face being laid off because of the company downsizing the work force. I had several jobs before coming to the Catholic PC. I was a waitress, a clown delivery; I sold insurance and had a cleaning business, but the last thing I did was in sales...selling auto glass to body shops in a 33-county area. I did

promotional events for the company along with the sales. So, the decision to come to work here was a cinch; the diocese has only 32 counties!"

WKC: Who hired you for what job here and did that first job change into other jobs here at CPC?

GK-S: "When the auto glass company down sized, I was left with out a job. A friend of mine told me Fr. Tony Ziegler was looking for a secretary, so I talked with him and he hired me here in Office of Worship at the Pastoral Center. It was hard getting used to staying behind a desk everyday after being on the road, but I liked Fr. Ziegler and was glad to work for him. When Fr. Ziegler left the office and got a parish, I began work-



ing in the Stewardship and Development Office. My first job was inputting information in the diocesan data base. After that, I was secretary to Tom Lilly in the diocesan development office."

WKC: How did the Wisdom idea begin? Who helped you create the office and the ministry?

GK-S: While inputting the information in the data base and doing some statistical studies, Tom Lilly and Bishop McRaith realized that there was a great population of people over 55 in our Diocese. I was asked to write some articles in the WKC about seniors citizens. I would go to their home or place of business and visit them and write a column. The WKC readers responded to my writing favorably, and so a committee to talk about senior Catholics was formed. Those early columns and the committee's work was the beginning of the Office of Wisdom. In one of those committee meetings about finding ways to better recognize the contributions of senior Catholics in our local church, Father Joe Mills commented about my columns and how they reflected the wisdom of senior Catholics, and that the Greek word for wisdom is "Sophia." And so we created an award, the Sophia Award, for our outstanding senior Catholics in every parish. I'd like to say that the office was created by Bishop McRaith and Tom Lilly to put focus on the importance of seniors, and when I was asked about taking the position, I was a little skiddish wondering if the job would last. That was over 15 years ago. I am still interviewing people and doing stories on them as well as hosting events for the seniors of the diocese as well as motivation talks and retreats in the parishes. I really like interaction with people."

WKC: Who and what have influenced you to write your stories down?

GK-S: "I've always liked writing. In school I would always opt for writing a paper or story rather than anything else. One piece that I wrote for a school assignment in ninth grade was thought good enough for the whole school to hear. So, they asked me to read it aloud over the school's PA. That was really neat, and the reactions that people had to it showed me a little about how to write for people."

WKC: What relationships with people and animals inspired your writing?

GK-S: "I think life has been my inspiration to write. Life is just spectacular

when you really think of it. People living their natural, normal lives are so interesting. How people live - you just can't script that. All a writer can do is to show how people are. I love humor and I see a little humor in most situations. I love dogs, and our family has always had one. I just think they are grand little gifts from God. They show their people unconditional love."

WKC: Why a book, Ginny? Why write a book about Ed and Wisdom?

GK-S: "I have been writing a quarterly Wisdom Newsletter for 15 years and everyone would say, "Well, you should just write a book," So I did! Holy Cow and Ed, Too!"

WKC: You observe people and write about them a lot. What are the things about people that make you notice them the most?

GK-S: "I notice people, if they are nice, kind, considerate and funny."

WKC: What's Ed got to do with it?

GK-S: "Ed was just one of those changes in my life that I'd been praying for a while. I was 48 when we got married...not what you'd call a spring bride! Ed can do some funny things, and so I just started writing funny stories about the things Ed did and the things we did/do together and people like these stories."

WKC: Any new stories in your writing portfolio? Can you tell us a little about a few?

GK-S: "I enjoy getting to know people. Everyone has a story and I like to hear about them. People are always happy to tell you something that has happened to them in their life. I try to be a good listener. Listening to others gives them importance. I think that people want to be quoted at some time in their lives, to have their thoughts remembered, their experiences pondered about; people want to matter!"

WKC: What is next in your life? What do you see coming in your future?

GK-S: "Well, I hope it's not downsizing! There are new stories on the horizon. Any event no matter how small could lead to a story, or a talk!"

WKC: Is there life after Holy Cow?

GK-S: "I'm not sure if I have another story book in mind or not. I still enjoy being the Holy Cow (Coordinator Of Wisdom) for the diocese, and being happily married to Ed, too!"

Boulware Mission Wins Grant From Ky Bar Foundation

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Boulware Mission was awarded a 2010-2011 KY Bar Foundation Grant in the amount of \$25,000 at the Fellows and Partners For Justice Society Luncheon on Thursday, June 16, 2011. Funds from the grant will be used in support of Boulware's Intensive Outpatient Drug and Alcohol Addiction Treatment program. This program benefits many court referred clients within the Western Kentucky area.

Jane Adams Venters (far left) and John Stevenson (far right) present grant award to Donna Mason (CEO), Leigha Taylor (Development Director), and Alan Englehart (Board President) of Boulware Mission. www.facebook.com/boulwaremission; www.boulwaremission.org

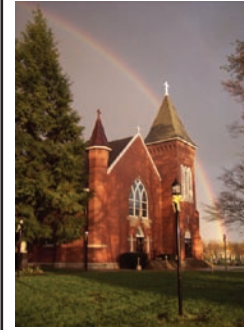


St. Joseph - Mayfield's First Communion, May 1, 2011

A First Communion group picture was taken after First Communion Mass May 1. Top Row: Nancy Wilson, catechist, Melissa Armstrong C.R.E., Brenda Willett, catechist; Middle Row: Fr. Edward Colohan, Maleah Thompson, Grace Dobrose, Macy Rodgers, lileyah Braxton, Amanda Greenwell, Fr. Kenneth Mikulcik; Bottom Row: Brock Glisson, Devan Sanderson, Caleb Crosslin. Fr. Colohan, at left, is Grace Dobrose's great uncle who was visiting from the Diocese of Bridgeport Connecticut. This will be our last First Communion Mass with Fr. Ken as he has been assigned to study canon law in Canada. Submitted by Melissa Armstrong.

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St. Mary School System Names New Director

PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Mary School System has named Dr. Angela Farmer as the new System Director. Dr. Farmer will assume her position on July 1, 2011. The SMSS Director's responsibilities are very similar in scope to those of a public school superintendent, with the added emphasis on spirituality and Catholicity. "I am very excited about the spiritual and academic leadership that Dr. Farmer will bring to St. Mary," stated Mr. Jim Mattingly, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Owensboro. Dr. Farmer has worked in educational administration for 10 years, with experiences ranging from her most recent position as assistant superintendent of Massac CUSD #1 to former positions with Pope CUSD as high school principal and superintendent.

"We are excited to have someone with the experience and background of Dr. Farmer. She received recognition at the state level for her work on improving academics at Massac, particularly in the area of AP Courses. St. Mary has had tremendous success academically and we are confident she will continue this trend going forward" said Keith Dickens, St. Mary Education Committee Vice Chair and Chairman of the Search Committee. "Additionally, we are fortunate to hire a local person who knows the community well."

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to lead such an excellent school system," stated Dr. Farmer. Prior to working in administration, Dr. Farmer's teaching career began as a high school chemistry and physics teacher where she applied the skills developed working as a scientist for Martin Marietta Energy Systems and Science Applications International Corporation.

She holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in biochemistry from Murray State University. She also holds a specialist degree in educational administration from Murray State University. Her doctorate degree in educational administration and leadership is from Oakland City University where her research focused on the impact of Advanced Placement courses on ACT performance.

Having completed Mind, Brain & Education training at Harvard University and a summer fellowship at Vanderbilt University, Dr. Farmer's expertise is directed toward maximizing student potential for post-secondary success.



Rev. Pat Reynolds, Priest-pastor Of St. Mary School System welcomes Dr. Angela Farmer as new Director Of St. Mary Schools

An adjunct faculty member for McKendree University, she also teaches courses in educational administration. She is a gifted education Trainer of Trainers and worked collaboratively with the Illinois Association of Gifted Children to develop and refine the Response to Intervention module for the Illinois State Board of Education.

Dr. Farmer and her husband, Scott are parishioners of St. Thomas More Catholic Church. They have three children, Max, Grant and Claire.

"We feel extremely blessed at St. Mary" said Mike Meredith, St. Mary Education Committee Chair, "We have Dr. Farmer becoming our new Director, bringing her valuable experience and capabilities to enhance our already excellent school. And, we've had Sister Vivian Bowles as our interim director this past year, blessing us with her equally extensive and valuable experience and capabilities. I am very grateful for the leadership, wisdom, and energy Sister has poured into our school this past year. St. Mary is a markedly better school because of her efforts. With Dr. Farmer, we will continue live our motto: "The Pursuit of Excellence Through Christ."

Daughters of Isabella Confer Degrees on Thirteen Members



Submitted by Sheri Babbs, Vice Regent, Circle 258
PADUCAH, Ky. - On April 17, the Daughters of Isabella, St. Francis de Sales Circle 258, hosted the Conferral of Degrees for thirteen delegates from Circle 258 and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Circle 241 from Owensboro, KY. Over thirty Daughters of Isabella members participated in the ceremonies, followed by a luncheon at the Pasta House. Fr. Tom Buckman, chaplain of Circle 258, and the Sisters of Service were guests at the luncheon.

The Order of the Daughters of Isabella is an international charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principle of its motto: Unity, Friendship and Charity. The Daughters of Isabella come together as a sisterhood to uphold the teachings

of the Catholic Church, bringing spiritual benefits to their members and contributing to the common good of humanity.

The state of Kentucky currently has two established Circles in Paducah and Owensboro that work individually within their communities and participate in the International Circle to strive for the development of all that is best and truest in womanhood. If interested in more information concerning one of the Kentucky's established Daughters of Isabella Circles or in developing a Circle within your community or parish, contact Sherri Speis (speisfamily@bedllsouth.net), Regent Circle 258 or Sheila Thomson (sheilaThomson@att.net), Regent Circle 241.

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38 Marie Rose Winner of the John J McRaith Catechetical Award

By Elaine Robertson

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On May 9, 2011, Marie Rose from St. Romuald Parish in Hardinsburg was awarded the John J. McRaith Catechetical Award. This award is presented annually to a lay ecclesial minister in the field of catechetics. Recipients are professional ministers working for a minimum of 5 years in the Diocese of Owensboro in the field of catechetics such as a director of Religious Education, coordinator of Religious Education, Pastoral Associate, Youth Minister, etc. Awardees are role models as outstanding human beings who are committed to diocesan, parish and community service. They show a deep sense of spirituality, are knowledgeable, and are committed to continuing their intellectual, spiritual and collaborative growth. Past award winners have been Sr. Maggie Cooper, SCN, Carol York, Sr. Ann McGrew, OSU, Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, OSU, Rosemary Payne, Sr. Julia Head, OSU, Sr. Marie Michael Hayden, OSU, Franki Durbin, Denise Long, Sr. Rosanne Spalding, OSU, Danny May, and Mary Helen Rhodes.

Marie was nominated for this award by her pastor, Fr. Tony Bickett. In his proposing Marie for this honor, Fr. Tony said "She is an extremely faithful and dedicated servant of the Church and will be greatly missed by so many staff members and parishioners." Marie retired at the end of May.

Marie has been involved in the Church's catechetical ministry for over 35 years and has spent the past nine years at St. Romuald Parish where her primary

Walking Group Gets Moving

In Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green, there is a group of 10-12 parishioners that meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 30 minutes of walking around "Spirit Hall." Amy Winger said, "During our warm up, we exchange prayer requests and give thanks to God. Our goal is to stay physically healthy so that we can better serve others. Our participants enjoy the socialization and some have seen improvements in their blood pressure and blood sugar levels. Some have commented on their increased balance. Our hope is that other parishes offer similar programs as it costs nothing

ministry was with the RCIA process. Again Fr. Tony reports, "She has mentored many parishioners in leadership ministry by forming team members and by training adult leaders for small group faith sharing groups. She has shown by her example the importance of continuing formation and education in parish ministry."

Fr. Tony and the staff at St. Romuald know Marie to be a true team minister who works well collaboratively who gets along well with the staff from both the parish and the school. "Marie is easily approachable and many parishioners feel free to call upon her for assistance in many aspects of life," Fr. Tony adds

Finally, Marie is a dedicated and faithful disciple of Jesus who loves her Catholic faith and the Church. She is a woman of deep faith who has a great pastoral sense. She has played a pivotal role in forming catechumens and candidates as well as renewing the faith of many life-time Catholics.

Marie will be missed as a parish staff member, but this writer is sure that God will continue to use her to continue to bring



Marie Rose from St. Romuald Parish in Hardinsburg was awarded the John J. McRaith Catechetical Award May 9. Here she posed with Bishop-emeritus John McRaith and Bishop William Medley after the award ceremony in the Catholic Pastoral Center. Photo submitted by Elaine Robertson.

about the kingdom. Congratulations to Marie and God bless you!



and builds community!" Back row (Left to right): Claudia Hatfield, Veronica Shankar, Mary Jane Scarbeau, Don Scarbeau, Fr. Steve Hohman, Allen Freeland, Amy Winger; Front row (Left to right): Ed Parker, Barbara Parker, Wynne Bloom, Joan Neighbors, Jean Thompson, Judy Freeland. Submitted by Amy Winger

Paducah Girl Scouts' Year Study of Mary Deepens Their Prayer, Devotion

Submitted by Sheri Babbs

PADUCAH, Ky. - Seven Girl Scouts from Troop 809 were awarded the Marian Religious Award by Bishop William Medley and Regional Girl Scout Director, Kathy Doup at St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro, on March 20. To earn the award, scouts from Troop 809 spent a year studying Mary, the First Disciple. Grace Babbs, Makenzie Garland, Alexandra Goreing, Olivia Romero, Beth Sisk, Alexis Wagner, and Kelly Word completed the requirements for the award.

The study included an in-depth scrutiny of Mary as a girl, mother, and a woman. The scouts, who are freshmen and a sophomore at St. Mary High School, came to a better understanding that Mary was approximately their age when Jesus was born. The girls analyzed the many lessons that Mary teaches concerning chastity, devotion, service, love, prayer, and faithfulness. The scouts researched the way that



Photos: At the Shrine, above left, - Front Row-Grace Babbs, Alexis Wagner, Kelly Word, Allie Nackley; Back Row - Makenzie Garland, Olivia Romero

After The Ceremony with our Bishop at right, - Front Row-Grace Babbs, Beth Sisk, Kathy Doup, Olivia Romero; Back Row -Alexandra Goreing, Bishop William Medley, Makenzie Garland

The International Rosary, below, - Front Row-Olivia Romero, Emily Teitloff, Kelly Word, Grace Babbs; Back Row - Makinzie Garland, Alexandra Goreing, Alexis Wagner



other cultures revered and honored Mary. They also delved into the intricate points of the Rosary and each of the Mysteries.

Along their journey, several community members assisted the scouts in their search for understanding of Mary. Caitlin Cummins, a sophomore at St. Mary College, led a discussion about chastity. Rose Marie Weitlauf from the Daughters of Isabella and Cathy Ray, teacher from St. Mary Elementary, presented how Mary had influenced their lives. Father Daniel Dillard, from St. Thomas More Church, provided their spiritual guidance and led them in Mary's Stations of the Cross. Each of the mentors presented attributes of Mary that established a well-rounded understanding of Mary to the girls.

As a service project, Troop 809 organized an international Rosary that was presented to the St. Mary Middle School. The first half of the prayers would be led in Spanish, French, Korean, Czech, and English with the response completed in English. Monica Kim, a native of Korea, and Thomas Zaninovich, a native of Czechoslovakia, assisted the scouts in the prayer service by leading the prayers in their native languages.

On the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Troop made a pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Snows and the St. Louis Basilica. At Our Lady of the Snows, they prayed the evening Rosary at the Lourdes Grotto. They prayed the Stations of the Cross and listened to the bells in the Prayer Garden in the evening. They visited the gift shop that offered a wide range of Religious merchandise. Relaxing on the Creation Playground was one of the highlights of the day. On their pilgrimage they toured and attended mass at the St. Louis Basilica.

When asked what about the study had the most permanent influence on you some of the girls answers were:

- Beth Sisk- "We learned to cooperate and focus our attention on the prayers as a group."
- Alexandra Goreing- "I finally learned to pray the Rosary!"
- Olivia Romero- "I pray to Mary more and look up to her and look up to her as a good model for us as teenage girls in our faith."
- Grace Babbs- "It made Mary a lot more realistic and it made us increase our devotion to her as girls."

"Prayer in Thomas Merton and the Coming Season of Advent" Weekend Retreat Nov. 11-13, 2011

Retreat Director: Father James Conner

Father James Conner is a monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani. He entered Gethsemani in 1949. He was a student under Thomas Merton from 1951-55 during his years as master of students. After ordination to the priesthood in 1957, he served as undermaster of novices under Merton from 1958-61. He attended the Gregorian University in Rome and received a Licentiate of Sacred Theology. His past ministries include Chaplain at Osage Monastery in Sand Springs, Okla., and Superior and Abbot of Assumption Abbey in Ava, Mo.

Father serves at Gethsemani as chaplain to the Abbey Retreat House.



**Retreat begins 6:30 p.m. Friday. First meal is Saturday breakfast.
Retreat ends after breakfast on Sunday.**

To register, contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-4103 ext. 802
kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org
A flyer can be found at www.mscenter.org



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Fee is \$175 for residents or \$120 for commuters.

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Retreat. DANCE.

Study. LAUGH.

Retreat. PRAY.

St. Joseph Parish in Central City, Ky., brought 23 high school students to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on March 11-13 for a retreat. The students enjoyed their stay. MSJ Photos

Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon

Connie Arnett, St. Joseph Parish Central City, Kentucky

I recently visited with Connie Arnett and her husband, John, at their home in Graham, Kentucky. I had never been to Graham before and the drive back to the Arnett home place was simply lovely. John told me that his family, of Irish and English descent first settled there in 1792.

"John and I have been married for 29 years," said Connie "We met when we lived in Berwyn, Illinois in the '70's. He was Vice President of the clerical Workers Union for western Electric and was active in politics in Cicero, Illinois. I was serving an elected term as Berwyn's City clerk at that time."

Connie's past employment history is very interesting. She also served as founder and president of Roatomic, a Berwyn based aerosol product testing firm which provided employment for hundreds of local residents. She served as a police officer, worked for the Illinois Attorney General's



John And Connie Arnett. G K-S Photo

Office, and spent several years as a home-based care giver to the elderly.

"I love living here," said Connie. "I like the slower pace of rural life. When I moved here I was asked to run for an elected city position and I could not say no fast enough! I wanted to slow down!"

"John is Baptist and attends the Corley

Chapel Baptist Church and I go to St. Joseph's parish in Central City. We don't think being a mixed faith marriage has caused us

any problems over the years. I think it has helped in understanding each other's philosophy. We attend functions at each church and we have friends from each church community," Connie explained.

Regarding marriage: "It's a two way-street," said John. "We both have different viewpoints and we try to understand them."

"John is a very kind and caring person," said Connie. Eight years ago, I had an accident and broke both feet and an ankle. I wasn't able to do a thing for what seemed like an eternity. John cared for me very kindly the whole time. Living in a small community, people know what's going on and everyone helped us. I don't think John had to cook a meal for over three months!

Greatest blessing so far in life for Connie is her Faith and John.

Small Church - Big Message!

By Lavida Mischel

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Fr. Brandon Williams celebrated his first Easter Vigil at Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Sycamore Street here. Though small in numbers of parishioners, the celebration was enormous in spirit, joy and song. Fr. Brandon left members in awe as he explained once again the glorious meaning of the Triduum and all that it holds for each of us.



Father Brandon Williams celebrating Mass during the Vigil of Easter, 2011, at Blessed Sacrament Church, Owensboro. Photos by Lavida Mischel



Upon closing, it was obvious to visitors, that the Blessed Sacrament Parish Family had grown to love this new, young 6'4" priest, who delivers a 6'4" message!



Mom's Love

*Mom's love was strong and deep.
It's a great masterpiece
I'll always want to keep.
It helps me get through the day.
When others seem so far away,
I treasure the moments
I feel her love.
It's a soothing as a sail
Of a snow-white dove.
Mom is in Heaven
This very day
But her love isn't that far away.*

By: Daughter, Caroline Howard Goetz

John's is knowing the Lord and Connie.

Before I left for home, John, Connie and I all held hands and John prayed and blessed me. On my drive home, I thought about how very fortunate I am to know good people like Connie and John.

Easter Brings New Members to St. Thomas More Parish

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By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds, JCL welcomed new members to the St. Thomas More parish during the Easter Vigil. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The parish R.C.I.A. Director, Pat Cairney facilitated specific steps that move individuals toward union with the Church including:

- Pre-Catechumenate – a time to ask questions when called
- Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming – seek and gain acceptance of the Church; marks beginning of Catechumenate
- Catechumenate – extended period of pastoral formation and guidance with thorough instruction in Catholic theology, morality, liturgy, and prayer
- Rite of Election – sent by the parish to be received by the Bishop and connected to the larger Church; elected to receive the Easter sacraments
- Purification & Enlightenment – coincides with Lent; call to conversion and repentance; time to reflect and “scrutinize” our lives; time for fasting, almsgiving, and prayer; Candidates will make their first confession
- Easter Vigil – sacraments of initiation – Baptism with water, Confirmation with oil, Communion with the body and blood of Jesus, and sending forth to love and serve our Lord
- Mystagogy – instruction until Pentecost, in light of reception of the Easter Sacraments, about living the Catholic Faith; time of deepening spiritual growth and incorporation into the life of the parish; Neophyte year culminating in Anniversary of Initiation

The RCIA process will start again at St. Thomas More on Thursday July 28, 2011. For more information please contact Pat at pcairney@stmore.org or call the church office (270) 534-9000. All are welcome.



From left, Row One: Dixie Childers, Julia Childers, Cathryn Wolfe, Cindy Wurth, Lockie Herrold, Rodney Herrold, Kevin Wurth; Row Two: Becky Glasby, Grace Ebelhar, William Yeisley, Adam Yeisley, Sarah Hoffman, Timothy Fossett, Michael Fossett; Row Three: Ernie Mitchell, Chad Rudolph, Dolores Webber, Fr. Patrick Reynolds, Sherece Boyd, Fr. Daniel Dillard, Aimee Vaughan, Michael Hoffman. Not Pictured: Chris and Traci Jay. Photo by Missy Eckenberg

New Pastoral Council Members Called to Serve at St. Thomas More Church

PADUCAH, Ky. - On Monday, May 16, 2011 four new Pastoral Council members and one alternate were called to serve at St. Thomas More Parish. Through the discernment process, those who had been nominated spiritually considered the strengths and wisdom they possessed that would benefit the parish, and whether they were being called at this time. After two weeks of discernment, including informational sessions and prayer, members who felt called to serve, drew lots to see who would be chosen to lead the parish for the next three years.



In the photo, from left to right - Dr Jim Shumaker, Dolores Webber, Sharon Brumlow, Don Page, and alternate David Althouse



St. Thomas More Parish Celebrates the Sacrament of First Communion

PADUCAH, Ky. - Over 30 children celebrated the sacrament of First Communion at St. Thomas More on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass with Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds and Fr. Daniel Dillard. The children receiving communion for the first time were Danielle Argotte, Maggie Aydt, Brooklynn Belford, McKenna Brownfield, Grace Burgess, Sydney Carter, Claire Farmer, Hailey Froehlich, Will Gaines, Bryce Haas, Savannah Henderson, Madison Hodge, Colin Hrdlicka, Reed Kemp, Josh King, Megan LaClair, Max LaFont, Graclyn Largent, Megan Lorch, Michael Lurtz, Parker MacCauley, Celia Rose Mahan, Abby Nelson, Dylan Nevels, Nikolay Roof, Emma Schaaf, Rachel Straub, Leah Tyrrell, Emily Veatch, Hannah Waltmon, Zachary Ybarzabal. Submitted by Missy Eckenberg

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with their Interim Pastor Fr. Carmelo Jimenez. "One thing I know for sure is at this moment Fr. John is praying for you," Fr. Enoh said during his homily. "I am standing here as a proud parent. I'm not physically, but on behalf of your parents and the parish."

"One thing I want to say to you is what my mom said to me when I left home.

"Know where you came from," he recalled. "When I can't remember anything else, I remember that. That's what Jesus told the disciples. Go! Get out! Tell the nations and baptize in my name. I say the same thing to you today. Get out!" he said with his familiar smile. "Go out and spread Jesus' word. But know that these doors are always open. This is your home," he concluded.

Fifteen eighth grade students gathered around the altar as Fr. Uwem Enoh prayed the Eucharistic prayer during their graduation Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on May 19, 2011. Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, Interim Pastor, concelebrated the Mass. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



13 Sisters of Providence celebrate 50th anniversary

Thirteen Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. They are Sisters Susan Dinnin, Mary Catherine Guiler, Betty Hopf, Lawrence Ann Liston, Margaret Lynch, Diane Mason, Laura Ann McLaughlin, Mary Morley, Margaret Nau, Camille Neubauer, Regina Norris, Maria Saracco and Mary Jeanine Schubert.

One who formerly ministered in the Diocese of Owensboro is Sister Margaret Nau, a native of Hammond, Ind. She currently ministers as chaplain for Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Ill.

Sister Margaret, the former Sister Jude Ann, entered the Congregation Sept. 18, 1961, from St. Joseph Parish in Hammond. She professed perpetual vows Nov. 15, 1969.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She received a master's degree in communication arts from the University of Notre Dame, and a bachelor's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University.

Kentucky ministries: Owensboro: pastoral associate, Precious Blood Parish (1988-1992). Paducah: chaplain, Lourdes Hospital (1994-2001). Louisville: pastoral associate, Christ the Healer Parish, Edmonton (1987).

Sister Margaret also ministered in North Dakota, Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota.

The Sisters of Providence, a Congregation of nearly 400 women religious, have their motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, located northwest of Terre Haute, Ind. Saint Mother Theodore Guerin founded the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 19 states, the District of Columbia, Taiwan and China. For more information about any of the ministries of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, visit the Congregation's Web site at www.SistersofProvidence.org.



Sister Peggy Nau

Truth Seekers Retreat With English Mystic

Ursuline Sister Cheryl Clemons shared the spirituality of Caryll Houselander with more than 20 women on March 25-27 during her annual Women's Retreat at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Titled "We Are the Body of Christ," the retreat focused on the 20th-century English mystic who developed an appealing spirituality accessible to all seekers of Truth. The models Houselander offers are Mary, who gave Jesus to the world, and Jesus, who shows us how to be human transformed by grace.

In photo at right, Sister Cheryl leads the talk in words and pictures. She does a different women's retreat each spring. More than 20 women participated in the retreat.



"En Nombre de Dios"

Hospitality

Dear reader, this column failed to appear two months ago, because *The Western Kentucky Catholic* is not printed in June or July. But this August, I offer these lines to memory of our past when we lived in our home countries, in relation to our concept of hospitality as Latinos.

A few days ago, I reflected with others about our behavior in relation to our way of welcoming others, these may be relatives, friends and members of our own community. Each reflected in their words and gestures that they try to receive or greet people of all ages, color and language. A feature of Latinos is to be respectful and greet others and is a part of our culture, that we take into account the other or the other. When we travel to our countries, we realize we are very attentive to the other since childhood taught us to welcome others. Our concept of hospitality is not exclusively for education; we have learned to be inclusive. When someone in another country comes to our "third world" country, we receive them with great care and respect. We do not care of their nationality, language, religion, or color. What counts is the person. When an American comes into our country, he or she is welcome; even the authorities are hospitable, and help people feel good and safe. The hospitality of the Latinos in the U.S. is well marked even if we do not speak the language nor are of the same color or share the same story. We continue with our values, respecting others.

On the other side of the coin, in the United States we are not all made welcome, and many are taken out of the country, put aboard a flight back to where they came. I must be clear that not all people of this country have the same feelings. There are also thousands who appreciate what Latinos bring and welcome the many forms of multiculturalism in this country. Perhaps this paper will continue with the next part of this idea, but I invite you to think. Thank you.



A Historical Moment

By Tami Schneider

MADISONVILLE, Ky. - It isn't everyday that you get to take part in a historic event. Nor is it every month or every year. But every once in a while, you catch a glimpse of what it means to change the world one baby step at a time. This is what it meant for me to be a part of the first-ever Pre-Cana in Spanish in the Diocese of Owensboro. For some, it might have been just another marriage preparation retreat with "Spanish" tacked onto it, but it implied so much more.

During English Masses, it is not uncommon to see different people approach the altar as lector or Eucharistic Minister. Many volunteer, so they take turns. However, those attending Spanish liturgy may observe something very different. The same people may serve time and time again. Is it because others are not willing to help? Are they embarrassed to be in front of the congregation? Are their hearts hardened? The answer to this multiple choice question is "none of the above."

The Church asks that those who minister be in good standing, i.e., in the state of grace. Many are not able to serve because, for various reasons and circumstances, they live as a family without the Sacrament of Matrimony. Some have found love and wish to marry in their home countries but are unable to return. Others find themselves in tough economic times and cannot afford a wedding.



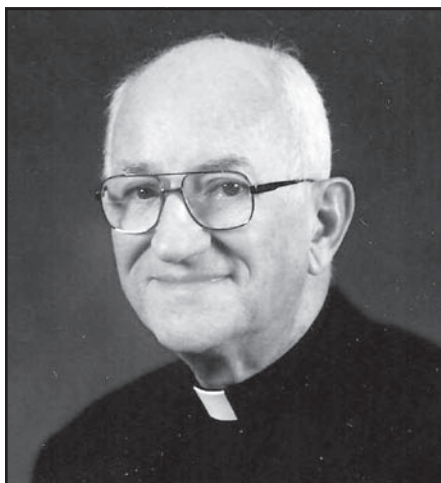
In this the group picture are : Ashley & Norberto, Hermila y Jesús, José & Elpidia, Sandra & José, Vanessa & Laurencio, Cecilia & Felipe, Angelita & Alejandro, Maria & Anacleto, Patricia & Salvador, Maria & Hector, Audelia & Ruben, Irvin & Johana. Submitted Photo

In Your Charity, Please Pray For The Repose of the Soul of Fr. John Joseph Molloy C.P.M.

From the Fathers of Mercy

Fr. John Joseph Molloy C.P.M., passed away Friday July 15, 2011 in Owensboro, Ky. Fr. Molloy was born in Manhattan on June 7, 1918. He was the son of the late Frank Molloy and the late Catherine Hughes Molloy. Fr. Molloy was the oldest of eight children. He was baptized on June 30, 1918 at St. Aloysius church in New York, NY. He attended St. Francis Seminary in Staten Island, NY from Sept. 1938 to June 1939 and St Mary's College in St. Mary, KY from Sept. 1939 to June 1940. Fr. Molloy entered the Fathers of Mercy at Washington, DC on Sept. 23, 1940 and attended the Catholic University of America in Washington DC from Sept. to May 1943. He professed his first vows on Oct. 15, 1942 and professed perpetual vows on Oct. 5, 1945. Fr. John J. Molloy was ordained a Priest on June 20, 1946 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Brooklyn, New York.

He was stationed at Notre Dame in Manhattan, New York as Assistant Pastor, then was stationed at New Westminster, British Columbia Canada at Our Lady of Mercy church which also had the mission church of The Holy Ghost attached to it



Fr. John Joseph Molloy C.P.M., b. June 7, 1918; d. July 15, 2011.

at Queensborough, British Columbia. Both parishes are located in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. In addition to his parish work, he was appointed chaplain at Oakalla Prison Farm, Burnaby, British Columbia on Sept. 23, 1954 attending to the spiritual needs of prisoners who were on death row awaiting execution. On Sept 25, 1954, Fr. Molloy was assigned to our Lady of Lourdes in Brooklyn, New York as Assistant Pastor. In 1960, Fr. Molloy served

as Rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary in Bethesda, Maryland, and in August of 1963, he was named Pastor of St. Helen Church in Glasgow, KY and served there until 1992.

Fr. Molloy became an officer of Fathers of Mercy in 1979 and served in various leadership positions until 1997. He was assigned to be Pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Jackson, Louisiana from July 1982 until July 1985. From 1985 until 1997, Fr. Molloy was Mission Director of the Fathers of Mercy, in charge of the missionary activities of the community. In 2002, when Fr. Molloy's health became worse, he was transferred back to South Union and assisted at St. Helen church in Glasgow, Ky. Fr. Molloy was moved to Carmel Home in Owensboro, Ky. in 2006.

Fr. John Joseph Molloy is survived by two sisters; Eileen Murphy of Panama City, FL and Alice Walker of Watervleit, NY, and 38 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers and 3 sisters.

A Funeral Mass for Fr. John Joseph Molloy was conducted Tuesday July 19, 2011 in the Fathers of Mercy, Chapel of Divine Mercy at South Union, Ky. Burial followed in the Fathers of Mercy Cemetery at South Union.

And still others do not take married life seriously and maturely or simply do not understand the importance of the grace of the Sacrament. Grace builds upon grace, and this day in age, without a doubt, we need more of it!

So, on April 16th, twelve Hispanic couples from all over the diocese participated in a Pre-Cana retreat at Christ the King Parish in Madisonville. Some already had a wedding date set and others came to learn more about what it would mean to get married in the Church. Some had already been living together for many years and had children. Others were just starting out. Fr. Carmelo Jiménez explained to them the meaning of the Sacrament of Matrimony, the gravity of cohabitation and what a holy life as a married couple would look like. He congratulated them for taking this step to consider matrimony and encouraged them to move forward.

Chris and Patti Gutiérrez also gave presentations about Blessed Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body and about Natural Family Planning. Karla and Julio Levisohn spoke about finances and budgeting and Luis and Victorina Ajú discussed the importance of good communication. All in all, participation was excellent and these couples went on to discuss the experience among family and friends. It is our desire to hold similar retreats at least once a year, and hopefully it will be necessary to hold many more!

Ministros Hispanos Reunidos

Imágenes de los ministros hispanos reunidos en San Susan Parish, Elkton KY 09 de mayo 2011.

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... a sus órdenes

Reflexión ...



Decidir la acción ...

Quinceañera Celebrada En Mayo De 2011, Scottsville, Ky.



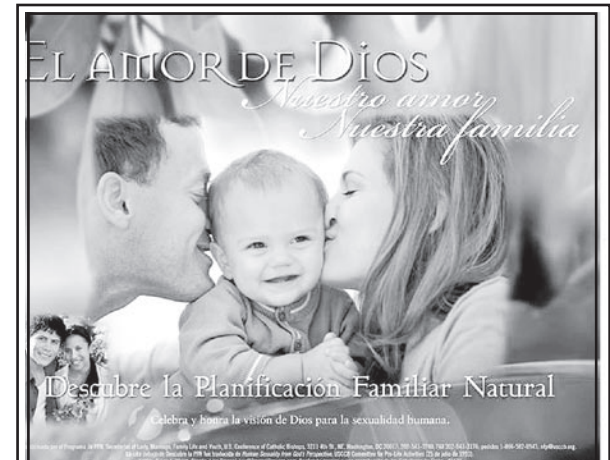
Durante una fiesta Mexicana a cabo en la Iglesia de Cristo Rey en Scottsville el 7 de mayo de 2011, los niños de la parroquia de disfrutar de la "Pinita y los adultos disfrutar de la comida. Foto presentada por Catalina Uvas.



Quinceañera Rebecca Moser, celebrada en mayo de 2011, Scottsville primera celebración de Cristo Rey de la Parroquia de esta tradición, fue una celebración de su decimoquinto cumpleaños. En partes de América Latina y otras regiones en las comunidades de inmigrantes de América Latina, este cumpleaños se celebra de manera diferente de cualquier otro cumpleaños, ya que marca la transición de niña a mujer joven. Foto presentada por Catalina Uvas.

¡Atención Adultos Jóvenes y Adolescentes!

El Evento Local de la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud se llevará a cabo desde el 20 de agosto a las 10:00 am hasta el 21 de agosto a las 12:00pm en el Centro Católico de Campamento Juvenil y Retiros de Gasper River en Bowling Green, KY. El objetivo será simular una auténtica experiencia de la JMJ, de ir caminando al sitio de la vigilia, acampar en el suelo delante de un gran escenario, ofreciendo música en vivo, obras de teatro de inspiración, mostrando la Vigilia grabado con nuestro Santo Padre, Papa Benedicto XVI, la catequesis, la adoración, la celebración de la Misa con el Obispo Medley y mucho más. El costo es de \$ 25. Los jóvenes adultos de 18 a 35 años pueden inscribirse hasta el mero día del evento en la mañana del 20 de agosto hasta las 10:00 AM. Las puertas abren a las 9:00 am, estacionamiento a las 8:00 AM. Para más información consulte nuestra página de Facebook ("Diocese of Owensboro Youth and Young Adult Ministry *Official Page*") o llame a Robin Tomes a 270-683-1545.



¿Conoces los Métodos Modernos de la Planificación Familiar Natural?

¿Sabes tú que los métodos modernos de la Planificación Familiar Natural (PFN) son sumamente efectivos para evitar o lograr un embarazo? Son basados en años de investigaciones científicas, son fáciles de aprender y sencillos para usar. Ya son mucho más avanzados que solamente contar días o usar el calendario. Son 100% seguros, no usan químicos, no tienen efectos dañinos y fortalecen la relación entre la pareja. También pueden ayudar a las parejas que luchan con la infertilidad o los abortos espontáneos en una forma cooperativa con sus cuerpos. Para aprender más se puede contactar a Patti Gutiérrez a (270) 302-2782 o Patti13@gmail.com.

Retiro para catequistas

Las oficinas diocesanas de Formación en la Fe y el Ministerio de la Juventud están facilitando un retiro en Sábado, 13 de agosto 2011 en el Monte de San José Centro de Retiro de inicio con el registro a las 9:30. La jornada concluirá con la Misa de Vigilia domingo a las 4:00. El coste para el día es de \$ 10 e incluye almuerzo. El enfoque para el día se basa en el tema para el Domingo Catequético 2011: ¿Es esta memoria en de mí. Para registrarse o para más información, llame a Donna Biggs 683-1545 x 324 o e-mail a donna.biggs @ pastoral.org. También puede registrarse a través de la página web diocesana: www.rcdok.org. Así que para un día de descanso pasado se centra en Jesús, por favor únase a nosotros.

4 Un Momento Histórico

Por Tami Schneider

MADISONVILLE, Ky. - No son todos los días que alguien pueda participar en un evento histórico, ni son todos los meses, ni todos los años. Pero cada de vez en cuando, alguien pueda ver lo que significa cambiar al mundo un pequeño paso a la vez. Así es como me sentí ser parte del primer retiro Pre-Caná de la Diócesis de Owensboro. Para algunos quizá pareciera tan solo otro retiro de preparación matrimonial con la palabra "Español" agregado al título, pero en realidad implicaba mucho más.

Durante las misas en inglés, no es fuera de lo común ver a varias personas distintas acercarse al altar como lectores o ministros de la Eucaristía. Tantos se ofrecen que tienen que tomar turnos. Sin embargo, los que asistan a las Misas en español puedan observar algo muy distinto. Las mismas personas sirven uno y otra vez. ¿Es porque otros no están dispuestos a ayudar? ¿Les da vergüenza pararse en frente de la congregación? ¿Sus corazones están endurecidos? La respuesta no es ninguno de los tres.

La Iglesia pide que los ministros estén en buen lugar, quiere decir, en el estado de gracia. Muchos no pueden servir a causa de que, por varias razones y circunstancias, viven como familia sin recibir el sacramento del matrimonio. Algunos se enamoraron y quieren casarse en sus países de origen pero no han podido regresar. Otros se encuentran en tiempos difíciles económicamente y no tienen el dinero necesario para la boda. Y otros no vean la vida matrimonial con seriedad y madurez o simplemente no entienden la importancia de la gracia del sacramento porque no se les ha enseñado. La gracia se construye sobre la gracia y en este mundo, no cabe dudar que necesitamos mucho más!

Por eso, el 16 de abril, doce parejas hispanas de toda la diócesis participaron en el retiro Pre-Caná en español en la parroquia de



Ashley & Norberto, Hermila y Jesús, José & Elpidia, Sandra & José, Vanessa & Laurencio, Cecilia & Felipe, Angelita & Alejandro, María & Anacleto, Patricia & Salvador, María & Hector, Audelia & Ruben, Irvin & Johana. Submitted Photo

Cristo Rey en Madisonville. Algunas ya tenían programadas la cita de su boda y otras vinieron tan solo para aprender más sobre lo que significa casarse en la Iglesia. Otros ya habían estado viviendo juntos por varios años y tenían hijos. Otros, a penas empezaban su relación. El Padre Carmelo Jiménez les explicó el significado profundo del Sacramento del Matrimonio, les habló de la gravedad de la cohabitación y lo que es una vida santa como pareja casada. Les felicitó por haber tomado ese paso para considerar el matrimonio y les animó a seguir adelante.

También Chris y Patti Gutiérrez dieron presentaciones sobre la Teología del Cuerpo del Bendito Juan Pablo II y sobre la Planificación Natural de la Familia. Karla y Julio Levisohn hablaron de las finanzas y los presupuestos, Luis y Victorina Ajú discutieron la importancia de la buena comunicación entre las parejas. Al final, la participación era excelente y al regresar a sus casas, las parejas empezaron a hablar de la experiencia con sus familiares y amigos. Es nuestro deseo llevar acabo un retiro de ese tipo por lo menos una vez al año y ¡ojala haya muchos más!

Nombramientos de los Sacerdotes en la Diócesis de Owensboro Para el 2011

SEÑOR CURA



- Cash, Pbro. Richard: Párroco de la Parroquia de San Denis, Fancy Farm y San Carlos, Bardwell, KY efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011.
- Ibemere, Pbro. Julian: Párroco de la Parroquia de San Pío X, Owensboro, KY efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011.
- Kalombo, Pbro. Jean Rene: Párroco de la Parroquia Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam, la Parroquia de San Juan el Bautista, Fordsville, y la Parroquia la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown, KY efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011.
- Kreutzer, Pbro. Dan: Párroco de la Parroquia de Santa Rosa de Lima, Cloverport, y los Santos Ángeles Guardianes, Irvington, KY, efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011.
- McBride, Pbro. Larry: Párroco de la Parroquia de Santo

Nombre de Jesús, Henderson, KY, efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011.

- Meredith, Pbro. Richard: Párroco de la Parroquia de San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville, KY, y también Moderador Sacerdotal en Santa Susana, Elkton y Santa María y San Santiago, Guthrie, KY efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011.
- Reynolds, Pbro. Pat: Párroco de la Parroquia Santa María, LaCenter, KY, efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011 mientras continúa sirviendo como párroco de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah.
- Riley, Pbro. Eric: Párroco de la Parroquia de San José, Mayfield, KY, efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011.
- Riney, Pbro. Maury: Administrador Parroquial de la Parroquia de San Martín, Rome, KY, efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011.

- Roby, Pbro. Brian: Párroco de la Capilla del Rosario, Paducah, KY, efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011 mientras sigue sirviendo como párroco de San Francisco de Sales, Paducah.
- Suvakkin, HGN, Pbro. Masilamani: Párroco de la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón, Russellville, efectivo el 23 de Junio del 2011.
- Thomas, Pbro. John: Párroco de la Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville, KY, efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011.
- Trawick, Pbro. Greg: Párroco de la Parroquia de San Ambrosio, Henshaw, la Parroquia de San Guillermo de Vercelli, Marion y la Parroquia de San Francisco Borgia, Sturgis, KY, efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011.

VICARIO PARROQUIAL

- Dillard, Pbro. Daniel: Vicario Parroquial de la Parroquia de San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville, KY, efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011
- Enoch, Pbro. Uwem: Vicario Parroquial de la Parroquia de San Francisco de Sales, Paducah y de la Capilla del Rosario, Paducah, KY, efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011
- Harpole, Pbro. Ryan: Vicario Parroquial de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah y de la Parroquia Santa María, LaCenter, KY, efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011.
- Jimenez, Pbro. Carmelo: Vicario Parroquial de Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro, KY, efectivo el 14 de Junio del 2011.

OTRO

- Bradley, Pbro. Ed: tiene permiso de jubilarse como párroco. Capellán voluntario de la Escuela Secundaria Católica de Owensboro el año escolar 2011/2012.
- Mikulcik, Pbro. Ken: Estudiar la Ley Canónica en la Universidad de San Pablo, Ottawa, Ontario, Canadá.
- Calhoun, Pbro. Jerry: tiene permiso de jubilarse como párroco y Vicario General efectivo el 1 de Julio del 2011.
- Reynolds, Pbro. J. Patrick: nombrado Vicario General, efectivo el 1 de Julio del 2011.

Vía Crucis en vivo en la Comunidad Hispana, Diócesis de Owensboro 2011

El paso de Jesús, ayer, hoy, y siempre hasta la Resurrección, junto a su pueblo

Que sufre de mil formas en todas las sociedades del mundo.

Esta presentación fue desarrollada por la comunidad hispana de la parroquia de Santos José y Pablo. Bajo la dirección de Cristóbal Gutiérrez Ministro Hispano, P. Carl, Párroco y P. Juan R. Vicario Parroquial. Gracias por los esfuerzos al equipo presentador como los que apoyaron esta actividad.

“En Nombre de Dios”

La hospitalidad



Querido lector, esta columna dejó de leerse hace dos meses, porque el ritmo de su publicación del mismo periódico diocesano no circula en ese lapso de tiempo. Pero en este mes de agosto, quiero ofrecerle estas líneas para hacer memoria de nuestro pasado, cuando vivíamos en nuestros países de origen, con relación a nuestro concepto de hospitalidad como Latinos.

Hace pocos días hice una reflexión con otros acerca de nuestro comportamiento con relación a nuestra manera de recibir a los otros, estos pueden ser los familiares, amigos y miembros de nuestra misma comunidad, cada uno refleja en sus palabras y gestos el gusto de recibir o saludar a las personas, de todas las edades, color y lengua, una característica del Latinoamericano es ser respetuoso y saludar a los otros, es parte de nuestra cultura que tomamos en cuenta al otro o a la otra. Cuando viajamos a nuestros países, nos damos cuenta de que somos muy atentos a los otros, desde niño nos enseñaron a recibir a los otros, en nuestro concepto de hospitalidad no existe el exclusivismo por educación hemos aprendido a ser inclusivos. Cuando alguna persona de otro país llega a nuestros países del “tercer mundo” los recibimos con mucho cuidado y respeto, no nos importa de su nacionalidad, lengua, religión, color, eso no cuenta lo que cuenta es la persona, menciono un caso concreto cuando un Norteamericano llega a nuestros países, es bienvenido aun las autoridades son muy hospitalarios, ayudan a las personas a sentirse bien y en un lugar seguro. La hospitalidad de los Latinos en Estados Unidos es bien marcado aunque no hablamos el idioma no somos del mismo color ni de la misma historia, seguimos con nuestro valor, respetado a los otros.

Por el otro lado de la moneda, en Estados Unidos no todos nos reciben bien, muchos son sacados de este país invitados a montar un vuelo gratis a donde corresponde, con tal de sacar a la gente, ¿que ha hecho el pueblo Latino para no ser bien tratado en varias partes de los Estados Unidos? Debo ser claro que no todos los habitantes de este país tienen los mismos sentimientos, también hay miles que aprecian los que traemos y formamos el multiculturalismo de este país. Quizás seguiremos con esta ponencia en la próxima, pero lo invito a pensar. Gracias.



La Comunidad Hispana de la Parroquia de Stos. Jose y Pablo en Owensboro, en forma real presento el Via Crucis en esta Semana Santa. Jesus toma su cruz e inicia su caminar hacia el lugar de la crucifixion. Foto por Luis Aju



Jesus encuentra a su afligida Madre. muchas mamas encuentran y ven a Jesus sufriendo en sus hijos por varios motivos. Esta vez en la presentacion Maria es retirada de la presencia de su hijo Jesus por uno de sus verdugos. foto por Luis Aju



En esta escena la Veronica, representada por la Sra. Herminia, de la misma Parroquia, hace presente la valentia de Veronica de aquel tiempo en estos dias, en que tanto hombres como mujeres son torturados emocionalmente como fisicamente. foto por Luis Aju



Jesus sigue su camino sin desfallecer, nunca mostro debilidad o indecision, fuerte y decidido de lo que iba a pasar, a pesar de todo esto siguio adelante, ojala podamos aprender de El, ser hombres decididos en la vida. foto por Luis Aju.



Habemos muchos observadores, solo miramos cuando Jesus pasa cerca, pero un buen hombre llamado Simon de Cirene fue forzado a ayudar a Jesus para llevar su cruz, ojala el dia de hoy podamos ayudar a Jesus y no empeorar la situacion. foto por Luis Aju

Jesus en una de sus caidas, haciendo memoria de las caidas de Jesus El, nunca se quedo tirado siempre se levanto y siguio su camino no obstante lo doloroso que fuera.

Es una invitacion a nosotros para seguir con todos las dificultades de lavia tenemos que seguir adelante. por Luis Aju



2 “Hagan esto en Conmemoración Mía”

Mis queridas hermanas y hermanos,



+ **Monsignor**
William Medley,
Obispo de la
Diócesis de
Owensboro

“Lo que yo recibí del Señor, y a la vez les he transmitido, es lo siguiente: El Señor Jesús, la noche en que fue entregado, tomó el pan, dio gracias, lo partió y dijo: «Esto es mi Cuerpo, que se entrega por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria mía». De la misma manera, después de cenar, tomó la copa, diciendo: «Esta copa es la Nueva Alianza que se sella con mi Sangre. Siempre que la beban, háganlo en memoria mía».

Y así, siempre que coman este pan y beban esta copa, proclamarán la muerte del Señor hasta que él vuelva.” 1 Corintios 11, 23-26

El apóstol San Pablo, en su carta a los Corintios, relata la tradición de la Cena del Señor. La historia es contada por los escritores de los evangelios de Mateo, Marcos, Lucas y Juan, aunque la versión de Juan es distinta a los demás. En nuestra propia tradición Católica, el mandato del Señor de “Hacer esto en conmemoración mía,” se hizo una tradición de conmemorar esta cena monumental diariamente en el rito de celebrar la Santa Eucaristía. Pero casi todas las iglesias de la tradición Cristiana han continuado este mandato de Jesús de alguna manera.

Ser humano es tener hambre. No tener hambre es estar muerto. Sin embargo nuestro modo de vivir como americanos en la prosperidad es tan algo que poco conocemos de la verdadera hambre física. Nos consideramos más como máquinas. La hora de comer llega y nos llenamos el tanque. O, tal vez calculamos la cantidad de proteína o Vitamina C que ocupamos y por consiguiente nos llenamos el tanque, muchas veces en contra de la tarea de quitarnos unas libras de peso. Frecuentemente comer se hace simplemente por costumbre, por sabor o preferencia.

Sin embargo hoy en día millones de personas tienen hambre. Hambre física. Y nosotros estamos demasiado acomodados como para saber qué significa eso. No hay forma de ilustrar bien el hambre física al menos de que personalmente la hayas experimentado. Podríamos publicar o entregar fotos de gente con hambre, y las fotos evocarían incomodidad, probablemente algo de culpa, tal vez un sentido de querer

ayudar, pero nunca nos podrían decir cómo es en verdad el hambre. Podríamos ayunar por un día o dos, o hasta cuarenta, o tal vez hasta el punto de la muerte. Pero no es lo mismo para nosotros aquí en Kentucky occidental o en los Estados Unidos... nuestro ayuno podría terminar con un banquete según nuestra voluntad. ¡La comida está a nuestra disposición y en abundancia!

Jesús de Nazaret llegó como un imán a la gente con hambre o dificultades, llenando todas sus hambres. Cinco mil personas sin invitación lo siguieron a un lugar del desierto, sin pensar por lo menos por un rato que no tenían algo de comer. Su amabilidad les fascinaba, los hizo sentir amados y apreciados. Los únicos preocupados eran los ministros en su curso de formación. Ellos rogaban, “despídelos para que puedan ir a los pueblos para buscar algo de comer.” Jesús los replicó: “Denles de comer ustedes.”

El pan que Jesús partió era imposible según la matemática, multiplicando mientras dividía. Y el pescado que bendijo se multiplicó en canastas de hermanos. Jesús llegó con un mantel de la mesa ante cada hambre y sirviendo vino en las bocas de los sedientos. Para Jesús, cada persona era un invitado, su voz era la música de bienvenido en los oídos de los rechazados. Y en medio de hablar de sembradores y semillas, tesoros en un campo, y perlas perfectas llegó una misericordia que sostiene como el pan y que embriaga como el vino. Hasta añadió, “Ya no les llamo siervos, sino amigos.”

Cuando se juntan los Cristianos para recordar la Cena del Señor, entonces, es imperativo que no solo recordemos esos americanos bien alimentados que se juntan con nosotros alrededor de la mesa y el altar. También tenemos que recordar los seiscientos millones de las personas en el mundo, del pueblo de Dios, que hoy no tendrán lo suficiente para comer. Porque cuando Jesús dijo, “hagan esto en conmemoración mía,” seguramente no hablaba solamente de la acción con el pan y vino en la mesa. Hablaba también de dar de comer a los hambrientos, sanar a los enfermos, visitar a los encarcelados y consolar a los tristes. Eso es lo que significa actuar en memoria de Jesús.

Suyo en Cristo,

William F. Medley

Mons. William F. Medley,
Obispo de Owensboro

El Calendario del Monseñor Medley para Agosto del 2011

1 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Almuerzo con el Grupo 6 de Sacerdotes
2 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Misa de Jubileo, Carmel Home, Owensboro
6 de Agosto	2:00 p.m.	Oración Inicial, Picnic de Fancy Farm Picnic
7 de Agosto	10:00 a.m.	Misa, Santa Susana, Elkton
	5:30 p.m.	Celebración de la Vida Campesina, Sportcenter, Owensboro
8 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Almuerzo con el Grupo 1 de Sacerdotes
10 de Agosto		Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de la Conferencia Católica de Kentucky, Louisville, KY
		Reunión Provincial, Louisville, KY
11 de Agosto		Reunión Provincial, Louisville, KY
14 de Agosto	10:00 a.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia San Miguel, Sebree
	12:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia San Miguel, Sebree (Español)
15 de Agosto	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité del Personal Sacerdotal
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes
16 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Almuerzo con el Grupo 4 de Sacerdotes
17 de Agosto	8:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité de Administración/Finanzas
18 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Almuerzo con el Grupo 2 de Sacerdotes
19 de Agosto	5:00 p.m.	Picnic con los Seminaristas y Serra Club, Parroquia San Martín, Rome
20 de Agosto	5:00 p.m.	Misa/Instalación del Padre Julian Ibemere, San Pío X, Owensboro
21 de Agosto	10:00 a.m.	Misa para la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud, Centro Católico de Campamento Juvenil y Retiros de Gapser River
23 de Agosto	10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Horas en la Oficina de Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes
24 de Agosto	6:00 p.m.	Misa/Instalación del Padre Greg Trawick, San Guillermo, Marion
25 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Almuerzo con el Grupo 5 de Sacerdotes
27 de Agosto	5:00 p.m.	Misa/Instalación de los Padres Richard Meredith and Daniel Dillard, Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville
28 de Agosto	10:00 a.m.	Misa, Parroquia San Pío X, Calvert City
29 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Reunión de la Comisión Eucmérica de la Diócesis, Parroquia Cristo Rey, Madisonville



Obispo William Medley elevado el Cuerpo de Cristo como recién ordenado P. Ryan Harpole elevó la Sangre de Cristo 21 de mayo en la Iglesia de la Santísima Virgen. A la izquierda está el P. Jerry Calhoun, a la derecha el Padre. Andy Garner. Mel Howard Foto



El P. Thomas y la Señora Maria Charlotte, reparten las plantitas a las madres presentes en esa celebración. En la misa se les hace la entrega como signo de la vida, que toda madre da a sus hijos al nacer juntamente con la bendición de Dios, Felicidades a todas la mamás y que Dios las bendiga.

Felicidades a todas la mamás



P. P. Thomas quien celebra la misa y otras celebraciones en español junto con la Señora Maria Charlotte, después de bendecir a las plantas, los toman para llevarles a cada una de las mamás presentes, haciendo honor al día de las Madres.

La atención de los adultos jóvenes y los jóvenes estudiantes de alto!

Evento del Día de Mundial de la Juventud Local se llevará a cabo 20 de agosto de 10:00 am a 21 de agosto a las 12:00 horas en Gasper Campamento de la Juventud Católica del Río y el Centro de Retiros en Bowling Green, KY. El objetivo será el de simular una auténtica experiencia de la JMJ de ir de excursión al sitio Vigil, acampar en el suelo delante de un gran escenario, ofreciendo música en vivo, obras de teatro de inspiración, mostrando de Vigilia grabado con nuestro Santo Padre, Papa Benedicto XVI, la catequesis, la adoración, la celebración de la Misa con el Obispo Medley y mucho más. El costo es de \$ 25. Los jóvenes adultos de 18 a 35 pueden inscribirse hasta el evento y la mañana del 20 de agosto hasta las 10:00 AM. Las puertas abren a las 9:00 am, estacionamiento a las 8:00 AM. Para más información consulte nuestra página de Facebook (Diócesis de Owensboro de Jóvenes y Adultos Jóvenes Ministerio ** Página oficial) o llame a Robin Tomes @ 270-683-1545.



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