

St. Ann School Students Called To Trust One Another As They Trust In God

MORGANFIELD, Ky. - Middle school students from St. Ann School attended a retreat at Gasper River on August 12th. Students were involved in many team/leadership building exercises that will ultimately improve faculty and student relationships in and out of the classroom. During the retreat, Gasper River director Ben Warrell allows the students to reflect on God's call to each of them to recognize the gifts God has given them. The gifts can be used to overcome challenges during the retreat and, later, challenges in life. Students are also called to trust one another just as they trust in God.

In center picture, St. Anthony Saints Alive House Maci Peak and Carson Greenwell must trust Cole Sherman to hold the plank in place as they walk across the lava pit. Team members watching include Reed Greenwell, Audrey Kramer, Taylor Clements, Hallie Buckman, and Liberty Greenwell.

At right, St. Anthony Saints Alive House member Cole Sherman and team members are passing team member Hallie Buckman through the spider web. Students must work together as a team to pass a person through the web without verbal communication. Strings from the web cannot move in order to be successful. Hallie must trust that her teammates will not drop her as she is moved through the web. Submitted by Beth Hendrickson



New river tubes at Gasper River Camp.

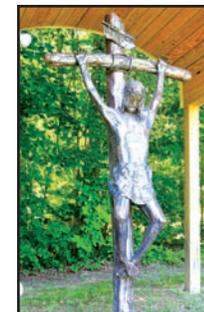


Camp At Gasper River

Is A Powerful Connection To God And The Catholic Church.

A Crucifix shrine at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp.

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This Month, We Are Introduced To Eighteen Men In Formation for the Permanent Diaconate



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

My dear sisters and brothers,

In this issue of the Western Kentucky Catholic (See page 24. - Ed.) we are being introduced to eighteen men who are entering their fifth year of discernment and formation for the permanent diaconate.

The Diocese of Owensboro anticipates that a year from now in September, 2012 we will celebrate our first ordination of permanent deacons. The permanent diaconate, an ancient tradition within the Church, was restored by the Second Vatican Council.

Holy Orders, one of the seven sacraments of the Church, encompasses three orders: deacons, priests and bishops. For many centuries the first order, the diaconate, had become an intermediary order in the candidate's process toward ordination as a priest. But in more ancient times the distinctiveness of the diaconate was clear. In the Acts of the Apostles the first deacons were called upon to serve the poor and neglected and to assist the apostles in carrying forth the mission of Christ in the Church.

From the earliest period of Church life, the Church fathers recognized the unique spirit of service given to the deacon at ordination. Although an ordained ministry, the diaconate is substantively different from that of priests. Deacons are ordained into a ministry of service and enjoy a special relationship with the bishop. Most typically in the modern church deacons are assigned to a parish under the supervision of the pastor, they nonetheless retain a unique connection to the bishop.

Pope John Paul II noted that permanent deacons, who may be married men and fathers, provide "a greater and more direct presence of Church in the various spheres of the family, work, school, etc. in addition to existing pastoral structures."

Our diocese has been blessed with the ministry and service of permanent deacons

for many years. Deacons who had been ordained in other dioceses relocated to western Kentucky and received ministry assignments. In the past there has been reluctance to initiate the permanent diaconate as lay ecclesial ministries has grown and become established within the Church. But now nearly fifty years after Vatican II it is clear that these ministries of men and women are flourishing and the permanent diaconate can only bless the church.

Fr. John Thomas, the pastor of Christ the King Church in Madisonville, has directed our diaconate program since its inception. Saint Meinrad School of Theology has provided the academic formation for our candidates.

Deacons recognize that their first vocational priority will always be to their wives and children. Most then have secular vocations and careers as well. As these eighteen men look forward to their ordinations next year, the diocese is now recruiting men to take a closer look at this vocation in the Church. There is an extensive process of discernment before a man and his wife are accepted into the program. Because formation must be offered on weekends the program will generally last at least five

Diocese Concludes Investigation Of Death of David Jarboe, Jr.

OWENSBORO, Ky. - August 5, 2011 - The Diocese of Owensboro has announced that it has completed its investigation into the death of David Jarboe, Jr. Mr. Jarboe took his life on February 3, 2011 on the property of Blessed Mother Church in Owensboro. Subsequent to his death there was discovered a Facebook posting in which he implied that he may have been a victim of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church, perhaps at the hands of a priest.

The Diocesan Review Board, a 13 member group formed in 2002 as mandated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in their Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth, recommended to Bishop William Medley an independent investigation be initiated into questions raised by the Facebook posting. Members of the Review Board include lay psychologists, educators, law enforcement personnel, social workers, a practicing attorney, an Episcopalian priest, a Religious

Bishop Medley's Calendar for September 2011:

September 4	8:00 a.m.	Mass, St. Lawrence, St. Lawrence
September 6	9:30 a.m.	Catholic Pastoral Center Staff Mass and Meeting
September 8	10:00 a.m.	Presbyteral Day, CPC
September 10	4:00 p.m.	Picnic, St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
September 11	9:30 a.m.	Mass/ Installation of Fr. Masi Suvakkin, Sacred Heart, Russellville
September 11		Mount Picnic, Mount St. Joseph
September 14	12:00 p.m.	Memorial Mass for Archbishop Sambi, Washington DC
September 15	10:00 a.m.	Mass, Owensboro Catholic Schools, Sportscenter
September 17	5:00 p.m.	Mass, St. Joseph, Bowling Green "100 Yr. Anniversary of Catholic Education"
September 18	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Anthony, Browns Valley
	2:30 p.m.	Sophia Awards, Holy Name, Henderson
September 19	9:30 a.m.	Priest Personnel Board Meeting, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
September 20	9:30 a.m.	Catholic Pastoral Center Staff Mass and Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Mass, Brescia University
September 21	8:30 a.m.	Finance Council, CPC
September 22	11:30 a.m.	Mass, PACES, CPC
September 24	10:30 a.m.	Jubilee with the Council of Religious, St. Martin, Rome
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation, Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
September 25	9:30 a.m.	Mass/Installation of Fr. Larry McBride, Holy Name,
Henderson	2:00 p.m.	Mass, St. Romuald, Hardinsburg, 200 year Anniversary
September 27	10:00 a.m.	School Mass, St. Mary Elementary, Paducah
	11:30 - 3:00	Paducah Office

years.

Pray for our deacon candidates. Pray for all ministries and vocations within the Church: diaconate, priesthood, religious life and married life.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

sister and a canon lawyer priest. Ms. Teresa Henry, who chairs the Review Board, works with juveniles, has a master's degree in counseling, and is certified as an alcohol and drug counselor.

A retired Kentucky State Police detective conducted the investigation on behalf of the diocese and interviewed numerous members of Mr. Jarboe's family and friends over hundreds of hours. He reported his findings to the Review Board in April, but the Review Board elected to withhold their own conclusions pending any further findings from either the Owensboro Police Department or the Daviess County Commonwealth's Attorney, to assure no interference in their investigations. The Diocese has cooperated fully with both the Owensboro Police Department and the office of the Commonwealth's Attorney. "The Jarboe investigation was never officially closed," OPD Officer Marian Cosgrove wrote to a local paper. "We were

done with it and it went to grand jury. It is still open, there is no new complaint."

The Diocesan Review Board concluded that it could not substantiate that David Jarboe, Jr. had been a victim of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. Mr. Jarboe had spoken of issues from his youth with friends and others, but consistently declined to allege that he had been sexually abused within the Church.

Bishop Medley stated: "The tragedy of David's death continues to impact those who loved him most. As is so often the case with suicide, more questions are left unanswered than resolved. The Daviess County grand jury, as reported by the local press, suggests that law enforcement investigations could not substantiate that any sexual abuse had occurred either. Obviously, if new information comes to light, we will respond by continuing and extending our own inquiry."

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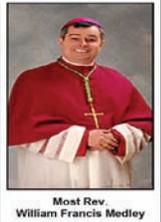
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"Great tranquility of heart is his who cares for neither praise nor blame."
-Thomas à Kempis, author of *The Imitation of Christ*.



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Mount Saint Joseph Picnic brings the whole diocese together

It's been said that aside from the Chrism Mass, the one activity that brings the whole Diocese of Owensboro together is the Mount Saint Joseph Picnic, the proceeds of which benefit the retired Ursuline Sisters.

Join in the fun at the 41st annual Mount Saint Joseph barbecue picnic on Sunday, Sept. 11 in Maple Mount (located 12 miles west of Owensboro, Ky., on Kentucky 56).

Booths open at 10:30 a.m. Award-winning barbecue chicken, mutton and pork is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., along with side items. Barbecue sandwiches, burgoo, and other foods such as hot dogs and funnel cakes are also available.

Grand raffle tickets are being sold for \$2 each. Raffle prizes are \$3,000 cash, a week's stay in a condo on Marco Island, Fla., (including airfare for two), \$1,000, \$500, a quilt valued at \$1,000, and a 32-inch HD LCD TV. Raffle drawings take place at 3 p.m.

The silent auction booth will offer a wide variety of nice items, and the popular yard sale and holiday decor booths will be back. A plethora of other booths will feature one-of-a-kind handmade crafts made by the Ursuline Sisters and friends; a cake booth and fruit booth, ice cream, bingo, pull tabs, adopt-a-pet (stuffed animals), plants, and more.

Children can enjoy an inflatable obstacle course and face painting, as well as a fish pond, bottle pitch, and the new Hog Wild game.

The Ursuline Sisters could not put on this major event without the wonderful individual volunteers and volunteers from parishes throughout the diocese. Come join us for a guaranteed good time for the whole family.

To volunteer or to order raffle tickets, or for more information, call (270) 229-4103 ext. 278. To find out more about the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, visit www.ursulinesmsj.org



Sister Julia Head, left, and a student volunteer help children fish for prizes in the Fish Pond booth at the Mount Saint Joseph Picnic on Sept. 12, 2010.



Sister Alicia Coomes and a volunteer, Kenny, enjoy working in the Funnel Cakes booth at the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Picnic in 2010.



Sister Lisa Marie Cecil, center, helps in the Yard Sale booth at last year's Mount Saint Joseph Picnic. The Yard Sale booth is always a busy place to be. MSJ Photos this page

CURSILLO AS COMMUNITY



By **Donna Nichols**

Yes, Cursillo is community - no matter where you live or move to in the world. A little over a year ago my husband, Nick, and I

moved to Owensboro from our home of 20 years in Orlando, FL. Nick had retired and we wanted to be nearer to family. We decided on Owensboro since our youngest daughter, her husband and three of our six grandchildren (to date) live in Central City.

In Orlando, we were both active with Cursillo and had many close friends we met through Cursillo. We had attended our Cursillo weekend in October 1993 and since then I met with a group of la-



Nick and Donna Nickols

dies every week and we encouraged "one another on to love and good works" (Heb. 10:24). We were also both active in our parish community as well so leaving those communities was no easy task, but our children had all moved away and we were really missing the grandchildren growing up.

2011 Fall Parish Picnic Schedule

Date	Serving Time	Parish
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	3:00 P.M.	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. 25	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	St. Joseph, Central City
Sept. 24	3:00 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
Oct. 1	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Fall Day of Wisdom

Thursday October 6, 2011

St. Thomas More Church, 5645 Blandville Rd, Paducah Kentucky

Registration 8:15-9:15 a.m. Program begins at 9:15 ends appx. 1:30 p.m.

Speakers include Attorney Robert Goff – "Creating a Legacy, Attorney"; Police Officer Brent Obermark – "Safety for Seniors"; and Ginny Knight-Simon Coordinator of Wisdom – "Focus"

There will be a door prizes, music, and fun! The cost of the day is \$5 which includes lunch. Deadline for reservations is October 4th

Send check to Office of Wisdom, Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, Ky 42301

Please include you name, address and parish.

Neither of us is from Kentucky, and we did not know a single person in Owensboro. So the first thing we did after settling in was seek out the Cursillo community in Owensboro. After asking around a bit we found a wonderful group that meets once a month at Blessed Mother Parish. What a welcome we received! We never once felt like strangers. On the contrary, we felt as though we had known these folks a long time. Several months later I again found myself meeting each week with another great group of ladies! Nick and I were also blessed with working on the teams of the most recent Cursillo weekends held in March at Hawesville.

For most of us, moving is never an easy thing to do, and that is true for us as well. We had moved several times before we became 'Cursillistas' (one who attended a Cursillo weekend) and it would usually

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take us at least a couple of years or more to find a community. Within a month of our move to Owensboro we were plugged into a true Christian community, a real blessing from the hand of our Lord. But we know that with Cursillo we will always find a Christian community of believers all striving to build the Kingdom of God and spread His Good News to others. We also know that if we ever have to move again (Lord willing we won't have to) that there is a Cursillo community waiting to receive us - anywhere!

Nearly eighteen years ago we were asked to attend Cursillo and we said yes. If you are asked, please prayerfully consider it a call from God.

Will you answer the call with "yes"?

Diocese Concludes Investigation ...

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Bishop Medley further stated: "Our Catholic Church community is committed to addressing any questions or concerns about the sexual abuse of children and youth past and present. We continue our Safe Environment programs which require all priests, lay ministers and volunteers to participate in training to assure the protection of children and youth. We will respond whenever and however we can to be instruments of healing for any who have suffered."

He concluded, "In the end, we continue to extend our compassion and prayer to David Jarboe, Jr.'s family and friends."

ALL SOULS DAY Prayer Service

Wednesday, Nov. 2
11 a.m. • Center Chapel

Led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU

As the Church celebrates the commemoration of all the faithful departed on this date, we invite you to join us in prayer for loved ones you wish to remember. You may also wish to pray to the saints.

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Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Committee on Scouting Plans Retreat Weekend at Gas- per River Retreat Center Submitted by: Jeff Hedges

The Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Committee on Scouting will hold its annual scout retreat and campout the weekend of October 28-30 at the Gasper River Retreat Center near Bowling Green. The retreat is open to Boy Scouts and Webelos Scouts with Boy Scouts of America guidelines for adult leadership being adhered to.

The retreat weekend will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday night and will conclude around 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Activities will include orienteering, zip line, rappelling, the Footsteps of the American Saints and Rosary Patch programs. The cost per person for the weekend is \$30.00, which includes four meals and Cracker Barrel as well as all patches.

Consult the Diocesan website at www.rcdok.org/ministries/scouting for the tentative schedule and what to bring. The necessary registration and release forms may also be downloaded and printed from the website.

Anyone requiring financial assistance may contact the committee scouts@pastoral.org. For additional information, contact Jeff Hedges at 270-925-7254.



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Meet The New Archivist for the Diocese and Mount Saint Joseph Ursuline Sisters

Hello! My name is Sarah Patterson and I am very happy to be the new Director of Archives for both the Diocese of Owensboro and the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph. Born and raised just north of Cincinnati, I received a B.A. in English from Franciscan University of Steubenville. After two years of work at the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, I returned to school to complete a Masters of Library Science at Indiana University Bloomington and concentrated my coursework on archives and records management. After graduation until just recently I was an archivist at the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis, working with patrons and also as a liaison for several Maryland counties and state agencies. My interest in archives was spurred by a friend who worked as an archivist and the realization that this profession fits my love of organization, history, and learning without needing to study.

Both of the archives in Owensboro and Maple Mount are rich resources of Catholic history at the diocesan, parish, and missionary levels. Each archives has the same mission to collect, preserve, and make available the permanent records of both the Diocese and the



Sarah Patterson

archives and thus available for future generations.

Both archives are open by appointment only. The Ursuline archives can be reached at archives.ms@maplemount.org and the diocesan archives at archives@pastoral.org.

Ursuline Community, respectively. These records document the mission, activities, and people who have lived and participated in Catholic life in Western Kentucky. Examples of records that show these activities include sacramental records, photographs, newspapers, year books, the missionary activities of the Ursuline sisters, and Mount Saint Joseph Academy.

Every parish has a history worth preserving and this can be done with the help of the archives. It is my goal in the upcoming months and years that practices will be established in all parishes and diocesan ministries which will ensure that permanently valuable records will be a part the

Meet The New Director of The Office of Lay Ministry and Formation

The Office of Lay Ministry and Formation began and supported many services in our diocese. As with any good minister, things did not fall apart when Patti Blair retired. We have carried on.

At this time, though, the Diocese announces the appointment of Sister Ethel-Marie Biri, SSND as the new director of The Office of Lay Ministry and Formation.

Sister comes to diocesan service here with experience and education that make for an excellent match with this position. She holds two master's degrees: one in Religious Education from Seattle University and the second in Human Resource Development from Webster University. She also earned a post-graduate certificate in spiritual direction. Her list of on-going life-long learning is long and varied. She says that School Sisters of Notre Dame have always been life-long learners. The



Sister Ethel-Marie
Biri, SSND

Owensboro Diocese will reap the riches of that.

Most recently, Sister Ethel-Marie served for three years as the novice director for her congregation and 10 years as Chancellor of the Dio-

cese of Jefferson City. Just before joining the Diocesan Staff, she made a sabbatical at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, AZ.

The mission of her congregation is to proclaim the Good News as School Sisters of Notre Dame, directing our entire lives toward that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent. This mission and the model of Christ The Servant and Christ The Teacher form the core of Sister's philosophy of ministry: Jesus washing the apostles' feet illustrating servant leadership and Jesus teaching the Sermon on the Mount as the message of hope and meaning in all of life's situations.

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).



Lourdes Foundation Assists Neighbors in Crisis

By Stacy Puckett

PADUCAH, Ky — Lourdes Foundation recently donated nearly \$4,000 to support disaster relief efforts at home and abroad. These efforts were sparked by the 9.0 earthquake that devastated Japan on March 11 and locally when the Ohio River hit historic flood levels.

“The Lourdes mission calls us to do more than just deliver healthcare,” says Natalie Miller, patient experience coordinator. “Whether it’s a local or foreign disaster, it’s in our DNA as caregivers to open our hearts and wallets to help those in need.”

Employees at Lourdes contributed cash and vacation time to the Foundation, which in turn matched the donations. Co-workers also donated funds to assist fellow associates displaced by flooding with emergency shelter and other immediate needs.

“We are pleased to be able to come to the aid of our own associates in need, but are even more grateful for the generosity of our co-workers, who give not only to members of the Lourdes family, but strangers they have never met,” said Tara Miller, Executive Director.

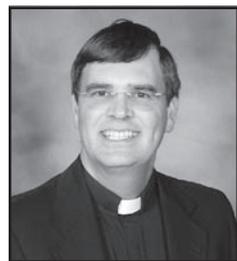
Charities benefitting from these contributions are American Red Cross, Catholic Relief Services, Habitat for Humanity International and Lourdes Foundation’s Associate Mission Fund.



From left, Tara Miller, Executive Director, Lourdes Foundation and Jessica Toren, Executive Director, Paducah Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. Submitted Photo

ECUMENISM:

What is the Kentucky Council of Churches?



By Fr. Tony Bickett,
Ecumenical
Officer

For sixty four years, the Kentucky Council of Churches (KCC) has served churches in the Commonwealth of

Kentucky as a means of bringing greater unity among Christians. All four Catholic Dioceses in the state are full members of the Council. The KCC brings Christians together throughout the state for common witness and service. Since 1947, Kentucky Christians have worked together in an effort towards fulfilling the prayer of Jesus “that they all may be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (John 17:21, NRSV)

It was on December 11, 1947, when

delegates from six Protestant denominations met to organize the Kentucky Council of Churches. Since 1947 the number and variety of member churches has grown steadily. In 1982 all of the Catholic dioceses of Kentucky became full members after some time of less formal participation. Today, there are 12 major Christian traditions represented among the members. The most recent new member tradition (2010) is the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship.

Some of the major contributions of the KCC over these years include: A Task Force on Hunger spawning food banks, encouraging church involvements with the challenge of homelessness, and advocating improvements in public welfare programs. Since 1974, the Council has played an important role in the development of volunteer agency coordination around natural disasters in Kentucky. Intentional dialogues among the member traditions have led to some important agreements about how we will speak, work and worship together. In advocacy work, the KCC



Betty Medley

as well as questions of what could or could not have been done. Platitudes such as “It’s not your fault” or “I know how you feel” are of no help. Those grieving need to articulate their thoughts, express reactions, and pour out their hearts. Offer support and be there to listen. Encourage the child to recognize his or her feelings, especially those of anger or guilt. Discussing the feelings helps the grieving process.

Suicides in the school setting must be addressed openly, to help dispel the mystery which can accompany these types of deaths. Teens will tend to dramatize the situation unless the facts are faced directly. There is still a tendency at this age to view it as a quick solution to problems. Preteens, in particular, need help in realizing the permanence of suicide. Teenage suicide, as with adults, can be much more complex to

pursue a day when everyone will have access to affordable, quality health care. Another area of concern has been anti-racism and immigration issues.

The Kentucky Council of Churches seeks to be a witness to the unity of the body of Christ. The members of the Council are drawn to be a Christian community of hospitality to all, developing and supporting deep relationships and to hold each other accountable to the ongoing mission of unity. The KCC serves as a Christian voice of conscience and a voice for the voiceless. The KCC extends an invitation to all churches in Kentucky that profess Jesus as the Christ to join them in their work.

The preamble of the KCC constitution states, “In the providence of God, communions and congregations in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that profess Jesus as the Christ, covenant together to manifest more fully the unity of the Church. As communions and congregations, we profess that the ecumenical calling to Christian unity is essential to our own iden-

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Suicide and Sudden Death

People feel an additional burden of anger and guilt with suicide. Deliberately taking one’s life by suicide creates special problems for survivors. There is a social stigma involved as

understand. Also with teen suicide, a teen may have confided or alluded to intentions beforehand. Students need to realize that they were not able to prevent the suicide. They also did not cause the suicide. Both types of guilt must be explored.

If adults trivialize teen problems, or if they are judgmental and imply that the act of suicide is “crazy,” other teens may become defensive and angry. Know that at any time, there can be other teens who may also be contemplating suicide. Either of these circumstances can contribute towards what many call “copy cat suicides.” Active, non-judgmental adult involvement which encourages ventilation of reactions, concerns and fears must occur.

Sudden death laves a child, family, and community in tremendous shock. People need support as well as time to process and accept the death and adjust to life again. With sudden death no time or preparation for the death has taken place. Since it is a shock, children in different developmental stages will display a wide array of reactions.

If you have lost someone you love by suicide and need support or help you may contact 683-1505 and get information regarding support groups or counseling.

ties, and we therefore commit ourselves to shared life and ministry together in the Kentucky Council of Churches, a conciliar structure that shall serve as a community of communions for us. Our unity is both a gift and a challenge, calling us to interdependence as intimate as the members of a single body (I Corinthians 12), the branches of a single vine (John 15), the stones of a single house (I Peter 2)—a unity that preserves the dignity of our diversity and which gives us a common ministry for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation under the leading of the Holy Spirit. We welcome others to join our household of faith to share in our common life.”

Today the KCC is one of the most active Councils in the United States. The history of the Council is still being written. The Council invites all Christians to join them in writing the next chapter in their history. You are invited to be one of its authors! You can learn more by visiting there newly launched website at: <http://www.kycouncilofchurches.org/>

Happy Anniversary!

Marriage Celebrations for September 2011

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

John & Sheri Ruth, 25
Robert & Kathryn Wilkerson, 50
Gary & Alleda Dukate, 51
Ben & Thelma Crump, 62

Christ the King, Madisonville

John & Janice Calhoun, 25
Jorge & Beverly Soria, 40

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Charles & Gladys Buckman, 50
Mike & Katrina Greenwell, 40
Ronald & Joan Hockey, 52
James & Rita Mills, 40
Terry & Judith Sale, 40

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Robert & Frances Fiore, 54
Kenneth & Barbara Burch, 55
Robert & Mary Grahma, 52
Rick & Kathy Granger, 40

Holy Trinity, Morgantown

Richard & Peggy Seiler, 50

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Frank & Betty Chapman, 51
Barney & Pat Dickens, 53
Carl & Marie Hamilton, 40
Kelly & Nancy Johnson, 25
James & Marilyn Kurz, 55
Bill & Jeanne O'Bryan, 61
Charles & Ruby Wayne, 63
John & Pat Kelley, 51

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Joe & Mollie Bissmeyer, 55
Joseph & Dorothy Bowlds, 56
Joe Bill & Sherma Clark, 56
Joseph C. & Sue Riney, 67
Eugene & Anna Scheidegger, 53

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Carl & Rosa Lee Coffey, 55

Sacred Heart, Hickman

John B. & Mary Jo Lattus, 59

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Paul & Mary Rogers, 50

St. Agnes Uniontown

James Beverly & Kay Greenwell, 40
Dorris & Joyce Collins, 51

St. Ann, Morganfield

Paul & Bernice Chandler, 59
Charlie & Catherine Dyer, 59
Leon & Eva Hendrickson, 55
Earl & Emma Duncan, 55
William & Janet Robertson, 51

St. Anthony, Axtel

Narvin & Leverne Whitworth, 51

St. Anthony, Peonia

Tommy & Judy Clemons, 40
Bob & Lynn Gambrell, 58

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

Charles H. & Lillian White, 58

St. Charles, Livermore

Lee & Sandy Edwards, 25

St. Columba, Lewisport

James & Pattie Toler, 62

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

David & Nancy Smith, 50
Thomas & Jane Blaine, 25
Thomas & Rose Marie Weitlauf, 63
Hugh & Doreen Smith, 50

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Sam & Becca Higdon, 40
Howard & Jackie Elliott, 52

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Paul & Jerri Durbin, 59
Cecil & Martha McBroom, 40
Paul & Ellen Carrico, 53
Vernon & Dot Neihoff, 56
William C. & Barbara Hayden, 55

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Buzz & Debbie Colburn, 25

St. Joseph, Central City

Phillip & Wanda Rickard, 40

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Dr. James & Dian Cecil, 25

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Robert & Sandra Halter, 25
Charles & Gay Willett, 40
Doug & Lois Jenson, 50
Ed & Hilda Bazzell, 59

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Joseph & Nancy Payne, 51
George & Mary Catherine Payne, 50
Chris & Patsy Johnson, 25

St. Leo, Murray

Byron & Mary Cates, 60
Elwyn & Ellen Frazier, 62
James & Arlene Nance, 50
John & Claire Resig, 63
Tomas & Sara Royal, 58
Edward & Joan Shinnars, 57
James & Mary Stroud, 25

St. Mark, Eddyville

Richrd & Bonnie Wiening, 53

St. Mary, Franklin

John & Gail Kelly, 53
Jim & Gail Briley, 50

St. Mary LaCenter

Sylvio & Rita Mayolo, 52
Bernard & Helen Anselm, 66

St. Martin, Rome

Charles & Juaretta Dockemeyer, 54

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

James & Mary Ann Blandford, 25
Bobby & Terry Knott, 52

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Bernard & Dorothy Crisp, 54

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

James E. & Joan Oldham, 56

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Myles & Ruth Ann Thomas, 25
Joseph Dale & Anna Jean Clark, 40

St. Paul, Princeton

Achille & Eileen Biagi, 52

St. Peter, Waverly

Robert & Bettye Bolds, 50

St. Pius Tenth, Calert City

Chuck Diane Fischer, 56

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Thomas & Janie Blair, 40
Larry & Patricia Hicks, 40
Clifton & Wanda Young 50
L. K. & Gloria Burcham, 61
James & Barbara Coomes, 57
Gilbert & Mary Ann Lindsey, 53

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Pat & Ruby Wheatley, 60
Donald & Alice Bland, 52

St. Rose, Cloverport

Thomas & Leigh Flood, 64

St. Stephen, Cadiz

James & Tana Dickens, 40
James & Betty McVey, 55
Richard & Sally Gust, 52

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Art & Nancy Hodde, 40
Charles B. & Margaret Payne, 68

John & Patsy Clayton, 54

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Leo & Marilyn Wurth, 57

St. William, Knottsville

Joseph & Mary Sue Elliott, 51
Stanley & Doris Fulkerson, 61
Lawrence & Dortha Mae Johnson, 60
James & Cecelia Lorene Mattingly, 54
Charles O. & Joyce Mills, 54

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Donald & Mischelle Simon, 25
Frank & Joanne Mason, 40
James L. & Theresa Clouse, 54

John & Nancy Grimes, 54

Jack & Rose King, 58

James & Imogene Loyd, 58

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Andrew & Annette Mongeon, 59
Robert & JoAnn Spader, 52

Editor's Note: In the May, 2011 Western Kentucky Catholic (WKC), we printed the anniversaries for May, June, and an inadvertently incomplete list for the July anniversaries. Due to the printing of the Disciples Response Fund donors list by parish in the August WKC, there was not room to rectify this unfortunate oversight in August. Here now in September's WKC edition are the wedding anniversaries for July, 2011 sent in to the diocesan Family Life Office by parish offices in the diocese:

Marriage Celebrations for July Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and over 50

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Kenny & Patricia Hamilton, 25
Daniel & Dawn Johnson, 25
Bobby & Peggy Hicks, 45
Charles & Carol Hendricks, 50
Donald & Barbara Mattingly, 50
Paul & Jane Coomes, 50
Pal & James Fitzhugh, 58
William & Martha Hayden, 58
Omer & Lucy Harpe, Jr. 51

Christ the King, Madisonville

John & Peggy LaMure, 54

Holy Cross, Providence

David & Beth Nall, 40

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Joseph & Zelda Alvey, 56
Robert & Dorothy East, 69
Kirk & Tracey Hazelwood, 25
Bobby & Sue Liles, 57
Ricardo & Zenaida Maddela, 40
Mark A. & Eleanor Martin, 53
Paul & Ann Metzger, 25
Clarence & Kathy Osborne, 50
Charles & Mary Rose Shade, 59
Jimmy & Janice Williams, 40
Walter & Kathy Wolfe, 40

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Alan & Michelle Simpson, 25
Rick & Kathy Smith, 25

John & Judy Bates, 40

William & Judy Liscomb, 50

Robert & Monica Eversoll, 51

Gene & Peg Walschon, 58

Robert & Carole Lastufka, 57

Eugene & Gladys Faller, 60

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Herbert & Bernice Bertke, Jr. 53

Charles & Joan Collins, 52

James & Joyce Dant, 50

Wilfred & Mary Lois Hagan 60

Frank & Martha Hardesty, 50

Tom & Joni Hayden, 25

Wayne & Grace Mattingly, 53

Tony & Andrea White, 25

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Richard & Connie Trogden, 25

Eugene & Ruby Estes, 63

Joseph & Barbara Payne, 53

Donald E. & Mary Teresa Hayden, 54

Leonard J. & Patricia Norcia, 53

Anthony & Margaret Cox, 65

William J. & Laura Goins, 53

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Jim & Joyce Riney, 40

Victor & Carol Howard, 40

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Tommy & Marilyn Jenkins, 53

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Doug & Mary Girten, 56

Donald & Paulette Wolfe, 40

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Eugene & Dorothy Fleischmann, 53

St. Ambrose, Henshaw

Tom & Joan Stevenson, 40

St. Ann, Morganfield

Larry & Vicki Bickett, 40

Henry & Margaret Watson, 61

St. Anthony, Axtel

John & Wanda Lanham, 57

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Gene & Pauline Wink, 52

St. Augustine, Reed

Walter & Kathy Wolfe, 40

St. Columba, Lewisport

Dan & Agnes Murphy, 40

Jim & Lillie Lanham, 54

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St. Edward, Fulton

Conrad & Neva Antosiak, 65
St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
Louis & Janet Metzger, 61

St. Henry, Aurora

Ray & Pat Lents, 65

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Steve & Connie O'Guinn, 25
Mike & Julia Ivie, 40
John & Joan Mills, 40

Emil & Dorothy Clazaretta, 50

Wm. Dewey & Mary Ruth Hobbs, 60

Raymond & Norma Thompson, 57

Will Ed & Charlene Mills, 53

Joseph E. & Marietta Spalding, 56

William J. & Donna Thomas, 56

Ross & Elizabeth Curtsinger, 66

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Joe & Barbara Felts, Jr., 59

Dewain & Sara Gipson, 25

Wm. & Joann Taylor, 51

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Jerry & Jodie Fulkerson, 65

James & Jodie Fulkerson, 65

William & Judith Liscomb, 50

Dan & Joan Martter, 40

Joseph & Patti Millea, 50

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Raymond & Nellie Stevenson, 50

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Richard & Mary Dillon, 40

George & Dorothy Elder, 50

Marvin & Ollie Lee, 53

Ralph & Barbara Pickard, 63

St. Lawrence, Philpot

John & Wanda Lanham, 57

St. Leo, Murray

John & Marilyn Mikulcik, 50

St. Mark, Eddyville

James & Margie Hibbard, 53

St. Martin, Rome

Al & Becky Buck, 25

St. Mary, Franklin

J. Major & Joann Bradford, 54

St. Mary, LaCenter

Michael & Evelyn McGowan, 51

Bob & Margie Bland, 50

Shelby (Bud) & Loretta Newton, 50

Harry & Rena Hale, 40

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Leon & Sandy Mills, 40

Larry & Teresa Sandefur, 40

Sharon & Ellis Edge, 50

Gerald & Joyce Nalley, 51

Henry & Mary Jo Higdon, 62

Joseph Cecil & Frances Payne, 54

Carl & Teresa Logsdon, 69

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Jerry & Evelyn Sims, 40

Floyd & Janice Wilaby, 40

St. Paul, Princeton

Joseph & Kathleen McEnaney, 25

Virgil & Virginia Nauman, 53

St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City

Flo & Frank Tomsic, 69

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Carl & Mary Evans, 40

B. Thomas & Carol Payne, 40

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Joe & Minnie Nimmo, 52

William & Dayle Riley, 40

Willard & Lola Basham, 63

St. Rose, Cloverport

Thomas & Joyce Wheatley, 63

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Paul J. & Betty Logsdon, 40

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Gene M. & Nancy B. Clark, 59

Frank & Skippy Hayden, 62

David & Mary Lou Haycraft, 53

Gene M. & Nancy B. Clark, 59

Mills & Monika Logan, 53

Jerry & Barbara Huff, 40

Delbert & Margaret Mattingly, 67

George A. & Charlotte Hagan, 50

Ron & Denise Payne, 40

Charles & Lorraine Riccio, 25

St. Thomas, Paducah

Jeff & Chrissy Eastes, 25

Bill & Nancy Sturgis, 50

John & Lena O'Nan, 51

Mike & Betty Polashock, 51

Robert & JoAnn Ingram, 56

Glen & Mary Ellen Soucy, 56

St. William, Knottsville

Harold & Patricia Bennett, 51

Raymond & Mary Jo Smith, 58

Robert & Anna Turner, 60

Walter & Mary Catherine Isbill, 52

Tony & Diane Elliott, 50

Jack & Mary Ann Haycraft, 50

Joseph Gary & Debora Fulkerson, 40

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Gerald & Debra Sims, Jr., 25

Michael E. & Helen Hardesty, 40

William & Carla Payne, 51

Fred & Joan Roberts, 57

Louis P. & Bertha Wedding, 62

Paul & Mary Hamilton, 54

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Donald & Mary Ann Moore, 54



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Pilgrims of Hope Bicycle Drive

Pilgrims of Hope is sponsoring a bicycle drive to assist the Jamaican people with transportation

and to give some entrepreneurs a start in opening

bicycle repair shops. We are asking for old bicycles — in ANY condition — bicycle parts, tubes, tires, pedals, chains, seats, repair tools — anything that would be useful to getting a bicycle into workable condition. We are asking parishes to collect these used or new items to send to our Sister Diocese in Jamaica. Ronnie Simpson will be spearheading this project for us in Mandeville. Please contact Bill Butler at janbillbutler@roadrunner.com or call him at 270-822-4480 in the Daviess County area to arrange for pickup of these items. Thank you so much for your help!!



Reflection Day of Prayer

Four people took time from their busy schedules on May 6 to visit the Mount

Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center for the May Day of Reflection, "A Rushing Wind." There is a Reflection Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Friday of each month this year. All are welcome to attend. The \$15 cost includes lunch.



Pam Mattingly colors her mandala during the Reflection Day on May 6. Mattingly drove nearly two hours from her home in Rineyville, Ky., to Maple Mount. After searching online at other retreat centers, she decided the Reflection Day at the Mount was what she needed the most.

10 OCHS Student Claims Miss Teen Daviess County Title

Congratulations to Scarlett Bickett, who was named Miss Teen Daviess County 2011 at the Daviess County Fair. Scarlett is an incoming OCHS Freshman.

She succeeds Christina Boarman as the Miss Teen Daviess County. Christina is an incoming OCHS sophomore.



Fourth Annual LIFESAVERS WALK for Suicide Awareness and Prevention Saturday, September 10, 2011 (World Suicide Prevention Day)



The Owensboro Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition invites you to walk in memory of those who have died by suicide; and to raise awareness of the need for suicide prevention.

When: Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Walk begins at 10 a.m.

Concludes with brief ceremony and refreshments

Where: OMHS HealthPark

1006 Ford Ave. Owensboro KY 42301

No pre-registration required. Donations will be accepted.

For more information: Amy W. kysos09@gmail.com, Fran (270) 302 0717 or Amy S. (270) 689-6639



Owensboro Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition, Inc. is a non-profit community group dedicated to preventing the tragedy of suicide and supporting "survivors" who have lost a loved one to suicide.

Find us on Facebook @

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Advent Prayer Retreat Day

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers

Cost: \$15 (Includes lunch)

*Join us as we celebrate
this holiest of seasons.*



To register, contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-4103 ext. 802
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Senior Recognition Mass at Christ the King Parish on June 5



Fr. Jerry with CTK High School graduates. E.J. Quijano, Lisbeth Mares, Annemarie Hung (Servant Leader in Ministry award recipient), Fr. Jerry, Daniel Stewart (Servant Leader in Ministry award recipient), Rachel Dorris (Servant Leader in Ministry award recipient), Cara Calhoun. Taylor McCabe and Zackery Boarman also graduated this year from MNHHS, but were not present for the photo. Submitted by Patty Brown



What It's All About

Mack White folded his hands at the stage of the Owensboro Sportscenter during the opening invocation of the Aug. 7 Rural Life Celebration. Mack was playing with daughter Celeigh, 2, just before the prayer, and was trying to show her how to fold her hands to pray. But for a two-year-old, sippy cups come first! Mel Howard Photo.

“Flying Priest” Spotted Over Chicago Area

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

Those who are old enough may remember a television series called “The Flying Nun.” While a recent occurrence of a “flying priest” hasn’t been made into a television series – yet – a priest from the Diocese of Owensboro was captured on film flying through the skies near Chicago, Illinois, in July.

Fr. Daniel Dillard, Associate Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, took a few days of vacation immediately after serving the busy parish single handedly for three weeks during the pastor’s vacation. “I went to visit my good friend, Byron Macias, in Chicago and we decided to scratch off one item from our ‘bucket list,’” explained Fr. Dillard.

“It’s one of those things I want to do before I kick the bucket and I had a chance to do it today, so I came out to do it,” Fr. Dillard said on a video created by the company providing the skydiving experience.



Fr. Daniel Dillard, Associate Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, literally took a flying leap out of a plane in July near Chicago. Jumping in tandem with an experienced skydiver, Fr. Dillard thoroughly enjoyed the experience. (Photo provided.)

The flying he accomplished is known as tandem skydiving. Instead of jumping from a plane by himself and being responsible for pulling the cord to deploy the parachute, Fr. Dillard was literally attached to an experienced skydiver. “He was responsible for timing the free fall as well as pulling the cord for the parachute,” said Fr. Dillard.

In the plane, just before jumping, Fr. Dillard was asked how he felt at that moment. “Nervous, but ready to do it.” When asked if he had anything else to say, he responded firmly, “Nope, let’s do this!”

21st DIOCESAN MARIAN CONGRESS

Sunday, October 23, 2011 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Diocesan Marian Shrine - “Mary, Mother of the Church and Model of All Christians” located at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY

Theme: Holy is God’s Name.

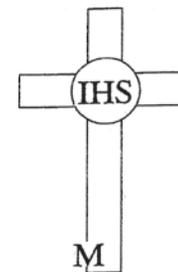
Parish Center: Music; Welcome; Crowning of Statue of Mary;

Speaker: Most Rev. William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro, “Holy is God’s Name;” Refreshments; Display of Religious Articles; Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Outdoor Procession: Our Lady of Fatima Statue; Porters -Knights of Columbus; Rosary; Hymn.

Church: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament; Homily; Eucharistic Procession with Blessing of Sick; Reposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Confessions: Heard throughout.



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Sister Joelle Mauer, SCSC Celebrates Her 60th Jubilee

Sister Joelle Mauer, SCSC, is observing her 60th year as a Holy Cross Sister. Sister Joelle, grew-up in the Poniatowski area of Marathon County, Wisconsin, daughter of the deceased Joseph and Helen (Braun) Mauer. She made her First Profession as a Sister of Mercy of the Holy Cross June 19, 1951 and currently works with the poor in Owensboro, KY.

Sister served as Director of Vocations for the Holy Cross Sisters’ USA Province, headquartered in Merrill, WI; worked over 20 years in religious education and parish music including 15-plus years in rural Louisiana; established and served in the Office of Worship in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, LA; was director of music and liturgy for St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines, Iowa; served as a senior housing facility director and was coordinator of the senior Holy Cross Sisters at Bell Tower Residence in Merrill, WI., as well as liturgical musician in Holy Cross Chapel.

Sister Joelle summed up her many years of ministry, “In every parish I have lived or served I have been involved in the liturgical music and it has been a gift I



Sister Joelle Mauer, SCSC.

truly enjoyed. The close friendships from this ministry have endured until now.” (<http://www.holycrosssisters.org/TheSightsandSoundsOfSixtyYears.pdf>)

The distance from which he fell, 14,000 feet, stipulated a one-minute free fall before the parachute was deployed. “I screamed the entire time while falling,” admitted Fr. Dillard, “however, my scream was from pure joy.”

Immediately after a perfect and safe landing, Fr. Dillard was recorded saying, “That was amazing!” When asked what the best part was, Fr. Dillard explained, “The rush when you first jumped out of the plane. The ground is rushing up at you for that first second.”

“The experience was exhilarating,” Fr. Daniel recalled later. “I hope to do it again someday.”

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Winners



Sharon Jacobs

Calloway County High School graduate Sharon Jacobs received a \$500.00 scholarship for the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Joseph Saffer Council #6897. Sharon will attend Murray State University. Presenting the check is Grand Knight Kevin D'Angelo.

Photos Submitted by Grand Knight, Kevin D'Angelo

Daniel Hughes

Murray High School graduate Daniel Hughes received a \$500.00 scholarship from the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Joseph Saffer Council #6897. Daniel will attend Murray State University. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal service organization that supports Church, Family, and Youth-Activities in the Murray/Calloway County community.



Karen Hudson

Calloway County High School graduate Karen Hudson received a \$500.00 scholarship for the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Joseph Saffer Council #6897. Karen will attend Murray State University.



Travis Durr

Murray High School graduate Travis Durr received a \$500.00 scholarship from the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Joseph Saffer Council #6897. Travis will attend the University of Kentucky. Presenting the check is Grand Knight Kevin D'Angelo.

Salad Days of Summer Spent with Lourdes Kids Cardiac Academy on a Healthy Initiative!

By Kaitlyn Arant, Senior Dietary Student MSU,

And Lindsey Wiles Lourdes Kids Cardiac Academy Coordinator PADUCAH, Ky. - This summer, Lourdes' Hospital has partnered with the local Oscar Cross Boys and Girls Club to help teach children the importance of healthy eating. Lourdes' Kids Cardiac Academy Health and Wellness Coordinator, Lindsey Wiles, along



Go to Jesus through Mary

St. Joseph, Mayfield Vacation Bible School. "Mary Leads Us Closer to Jesus in the Kingdom of Heaven" July 11-14, 2011. Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

with Kaitlyn Arant Senior Dietary Student MSU, Vickie Pittard RN/ Nurse Recruiting Liaison Lourdes Hospital and children from the club, helped plant a garden at the club's location. After the hard work of tilling the land and planting the crops donated by Phelps Lawn And Garden, the children are now able to enjoy the fruits of their labor. The garden has already produced an abundance of cucumbers, okra, peppers, and eggplant that the young gardeners are excited to try. With many more vegetables, such as corn, tomatoes, beans, and squash still to come; the children are taking this time to care for their vegetables by watering and spraying homemade soapicide (an organic pesticide from soap). Lourdes Kids Cardiac Academy hopes that by cultivating, harvesting and preparing the produce, the children will learn the importance of eating healthy and enjoying a little hard work and fresh air.

In the picture at left, Hope and Jakayla are looking at eggplant and their next healthy initiative is to make eggplant hummus together! Lindsey Wiles Photo

Rural Life Group Honors Two Daviess County Farmers

By Mel Howard

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The Diocese of Owensboro Rural Life Committee hosted a Celebration of Rural Life Aug. 7 in the Owensboro Sportscenter. More that talk about farm implements, fertilizers, and crop yields, a celebration of rural life brings into focus how a community works together and shares both happy times and hard times; this celebration brings together both folks who live in cities, subdivisions, and in country or farm settings to share ideas, acknowledge those who embody rural life ideals of hard work, honesty, generosity of spirit, hospitality, dependability, a love of the land and its stewardship, and not least, some great barbecued chicken cooked in eight slow smokers just outside Gate 5 of the Sportscenter. About 350 people attended this ninth annual celebration of rural life in this diocese.

Initiated by Bishop John McRaith, the Rural Life Committee serves as part of the Office of Social Concerns directed by Richard Murphy whose work it is to bring together not only farmers but also anyone involved and interested in food production and a stewardship of the land and of God's gifts of water, air, and plant life. This community gathered on a Sunday evening to give its Lifetime Achievement Award to Billy Joe Miles, a local agribusiness leader, and an Appreciation Award to Rick Kamuf, a Daviess County farmer and member of the Rural Life Committee.

Billy Joe Miles' father started by selling seed corn in a one-room building in 1960. Today, the family operation Billy Joe Miles runs has expanded tremendously. Miles, of Owensboro, graduated from Western in 1962 with a degree in agronomy and began working with his father, William. More than three decades later, he holds the titles of president of Miles Farm Supply, president of Marathon Fuels; vice president of Miles L.P. Gas; and chairman of ExSeed Genetics. He has served as past president of the Kentucky Fertilizer and Agricultural Chemical Association, Kentucky Soil Conservation Districts and the Kentucky Soybean Association. He is also director of the Governor's Task Forces on Agriculture and Efficiency and a board member of National City Bank of Kentucky.

In his thank you remarks Aug. 7, Miles pointed out that his goal is to help customers become more successful by bringing



Billy Joe Miles, left, accepted the Diocesan Rural Life Committee's 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award from Rick Kamuf Aug 7 in the Owensboro Sportscenter. Mel Howard Photo

better technologies, markets, and genetics for them to use. Most importantly, Miles strives to provide the necessary tools that will allow more profits to his company's customers. He told the large audience that there was likely not anyone in the room who has not been some part of his family and his business success in agriculture. He accepted the award in all their names. Miles repeated what he had said in an earlier community news report about the award he won: "I've never done anything by myself," Miles said. "It's kind of like you feel like they're singling you out when there's a lot of other people who helped achieve those things. ... These were a community or group (project). There is somebody at every table that has done things that should be recognized, he said." And he spoke to many individuals in the room in his address so that listeners could know their contributions, too.

"Whatever my life is," Miles said looking at his family, old friends, and farming partners, "I am a reflection of what you did and have meant to me."

Emcee Jeff Nalley of the Cromwell Ag Radio Network, and other speakers noted the contributions which the diocese's Rural Life committee has given to the Daviess County community, and in continuing to host this celebration of rural life. A small group got together at the podium - Gary

Cecil, Rod Kuegel, Joe Elliott, and Charlie Kamuf - not to sing in harmony, but to individually tell about the past eight years of Rural Life celebrations which Rick Kamuf has selflessly helped coordinate. And not just these eight years, they said, but his whole life, Rick has been one of the go-to guys in the Daviess County farming community. One said that if a farmer needed help getting in a crop, Rick brought his tools and helpers and they got it done. Another said that if a family needed a boost, Rick was a part of it. Another said that if Rick had known of their efforts to honor him, he'd have gone home hours earlier, preferring to be in the background working while others were recognized. Finally, one asked Rick to come forward so people could see who he was talking about. The group gave him an Appreciation Award and a t-shirt specially made for him with images of his stewardship. An inscription on the award thanked Rick Kamuf for "All your dedication, hard work, and tail-twisting."

The evening ended as Bishop William Medley thanked the committee and the whole room for their presence and for making a continuing effort to feed people. He spoke of the little guy whose 5 loaves and 2 fish fed 5,000 people in the gospel story:



Joe Elliott gave Rick Kamuf his t-shirt in appreciation for all Rick does for the community. Mel Howard Photo

"I wonder how he felt as he saw his small lunch become such a big part of feeding all those people."

"May you continue," Bishop Medley prayed, "to do that same good work so that the day will come when no one has to go to bed hungry. I pray that we all may share our five loaves and a couple fish so that all the world may eat."



Fr. Brad Whistle, seated at right, shared a story with others at table Aug. 7 at the Rural Life Celebration: Bishop John McRaith, Bishop William Medley, Sr. Rosanne Spalding, O.S.U., Fr. Mark Buckner, and Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, O.S.U.. Mel Howard Photo

14 St Pius X Youth Ministry Mission Trip 2011

OWENSBORO, Ky. - It was a warm Sunday morning when the youth began arriving around 6:45 to prepare for a long journey. They were eager to get going on our eleven hour trek. The 13 youth and 5 adults were packed into one full size 14 passenger van and one mini-van carrying the supplies and luggage. Before we set out on our spiritual journey we were given a commissioning prayer by our newly appointed Pastor, Fr. Julian Ibemere.

Most of the youth had not been on a mission trip or away from their families for over a week. The long ride was filled with get-to-know-you activities, candy cram-

youth led the program the adults supervised, letting the youth lead crafts, games, and provide ideas for making the following days better. Music was led by Clint Campbell, a young adult from St. Pius who is also a professional musician in Nashville, TN.

When the youth finished with VBS in the afternoon they would take a brief rest and then meet



(From Left to Right and Front to Back: Emily Ferguson, Sarah Lewis, Aubrey Clark, Elisabeth Howard, Nathan Lewis, Dillin Renfrow, Olivia Conder, Andrea Williams, Casey Zoglmann, Savannah Conder, Megan Millay, Jaclyn Hazel, Clint Campbell, & Chess Cooper) Submitted Photo

ming, and bathroom breaks. At about 10pm Eastern Standard Time the group arrived at Our Lady of Assumption in Sylvania, Georgia, the main site of the mission trip. Our Lady of Assumption, or commonly called OLA, is part of the Millen Mission Site overlooked by the Glenmary Sisters. We were greeted by Sr. Mary Ellen, who is stationed there to manage the day-to-day operations working the parish priest, Fr. Lou. After getting somewhat setup the whole group went to spend the evening with their host families.

The Sylvania Catholic community was so gracious and giving, providing host homes that gave the adults and youth comfortable places to rest and clean up after the long days of work. The host homes also provided meals for the group every day.

Each day the St. Pius Youth would prepare for the Vacation Bible School program for grades Pre K-5th. While the

Fr. Lou in the parish garage to be work on the construction project. Since OLA was small parish it did not have the man power to build the much needed storage shelves. After being taught how to use the tools the youth were able to setup an assembly line, completing the shelves in three days!

On Wednesday St. Pius lead a Teen Mission called, "If God Had a Facebook Would You Be His Friend" for the local middle and high school youth. SPX Youth Minister, Matt Hunt, led the evening giving the theme and main message with the SPX youth giving testimonies on how they have responded to God's invitation in their lives. Clint Campbell led Adoration and evening prayer and talked about seeking Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

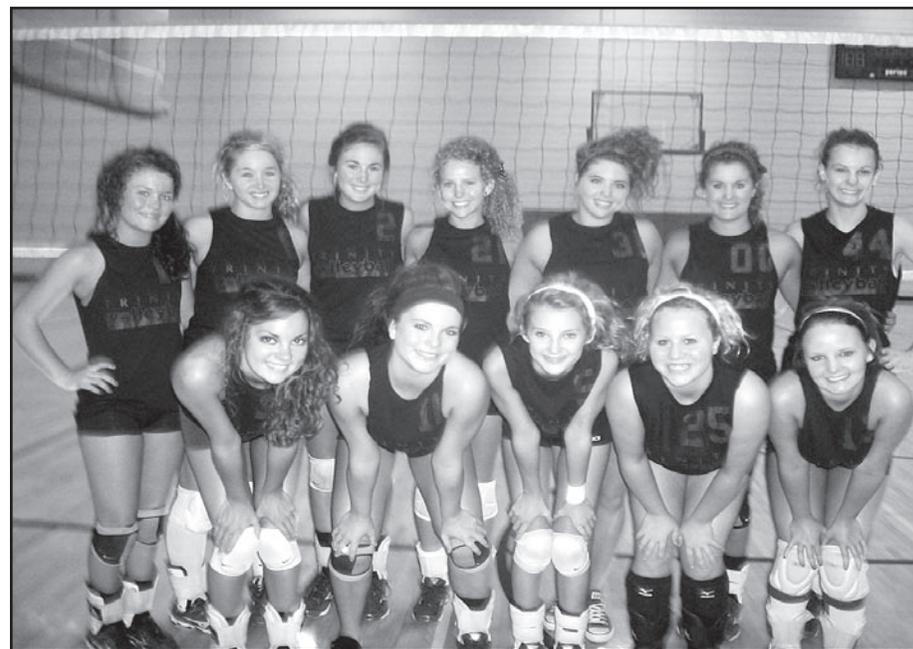
You could feel the Holy Spirit working the entire week through the adults, youth, and the people being ministered to. With all that was given from the SPX youth

much more was received from the Sylvania community. Leaving was hard because the two communities had become so close. You could see how Christ can move any heart regardless of how much time you spend time with him.

With the vans packed the group set out on the return drive back to Owensboro. The youth were rewarded with a trip to the Tennessee State Aquarium for all their hard efforts. During the ride back the youth reflected on their trip and even manage to add the youth in Sylvania to their Facebook

profiles and were messaging each other to come back next summer.

Overall, everyone felt the Mission Trip was a success. A big thanks goes out to Toni Isbill, Genie Lewis, Clint Campbell, & Cathy Williams who gave up their week to support the SPX mission trip. The adults and youth came to understand that you are a missionary where ever you are...not just 11 hours away from your home parish...when you step outside the Parish wall you are proclaiming the Gospel.



Athletic and Skilled Players

Trinity High School participated in the UofL Volleyball camp in July. The members of the team that participated include...front...Kelsey Armes, Hannah Coomes, Hannah Armes, Liza Howard, Amanda Roby...back...Chelsea Howard, Katie Wathen, Jamie Mattingly, Kasey Roby, Sophie Henderson, Cadie Williams and Kalie Winkler. Lisa Armes Photo

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.” The annual observance starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2012 is January 29 to February 5. Schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses and activities for students, families, parishioners and the community at large.

The Catholic Schools Week 2012 logo is a rectangle, with the words Catholic Schools in red across the bottom of the rectangle. The “t” in Catholic is a purple cross and from the right top corner of the T/cross is an undulating green banner with words in white lettering that proclaim, “Faith. Academics. Service.”

The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very

high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one’s time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship.

Each Friday of Catholic Schools Week, we honor you who devote your career to teaching students and infusing them with the faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline that are the hallmarks of Catholic education. The work done on a day-to-day basis is an investment in the future of our church and communities.

This year’s Catholic School Educator of the Year has been committed to excellence in education for over 40 years. She sees teaching as more than a profession, but as a vocation to shape her students and a true ministry in the Church.

Her students see that she not only teaches curriculum, but teaches life lessons, and has an unbelievable connection with her students, stating that “she has earned my respect.”

She has a reputation as an excellent teacher who cares about other teachers and parents. She is active in her community and Church apart from the school-related activities.

There are many competent and dedicated teachers in education, but there are also teachers, who, because of their commitment to God, education, and students, are considered outstanding.

Please join in congratulating this year’s Catholic Educator of the Year, from St. Mary High School, Diana Schuler. *(See her picture at right.)*



St. Mary High School Teacher, Diana Schuler, retired at the end of the 2010-2011 school year after 26 years of teaching at St. Mary High School. May 18 was named “Diana Schuler Day” in the high school and many former classmates, parents, and friends visited to congratulate and bid farewell to Mrs. Schuler farewell. The Senior Class presented her a card bouquet from the class and a bouquet of flowers. The Student Senate provided a cake for all to enjoy. Submitted by Jackie Hopper



Diocese’s Catholic Education Faith Leaders

Front Row, from left: Dr. Angela Farmer, Director, St. Mary School System, Nancy Mornar, principal, St. Mary Elementary School, Ray Montgomery, Principal, Mary Carrico Memorial School, Sr. Suzanne Sims, OSU, Principal, St. Mary of the Woods School, Sr. Anne Michelle Mudd, OSU, Principal, St. Paul School, Susan Brinkley, Principal, St. Joseph School, Mayfield, Beth Herrmann, Principal, Christ the King School, Sandy Fleming, Principal, Holy Name School, Beth Hendrickson, Principal, St. Ann, Sarah Kranz, Principal, Sts. Peter & Paul School; back row, Gates Setrle, Principal, Owensboro Catholic High School, Lisa Aly, Principal, St. Mary Middle & High School, Tracy Conkright, Principal, Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus, Ken Rasp, Director, Owensboro Catholic Schools, Jan Lange, Principal, St. Joseph School, BG, and Jim Mattingly, Superintendent, Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Owensboro. Mel Howard Photo

Not present for photo were Lori Whitehouse, principal, OC Elem.K-3 Campus, left, and Connie Morgan, principal, Trinity High School.

In the picture at right, Bishop William Medley, priests, and Eucharistic Ministers giving Communion during July 16, 2011 Mass which opened the Diocesan 2011-2010 Catholic Schools year at Holy Spirit Church in Bowling Green. Diocesan priests present to concelebrate were Fr Andy Garner, Fr. Bob Drury, Fr. Ed Bradley, Fr. Tony Jones, Fr. Joshua McCarty, Fr. Steve Hohman, and Holy Spirit Pastor Fr. Jerry Riney. Mel Howard Photo



16 Educators Ponder Catholic School Roots & Relatives, Balancing Future of Catholic Schools

By Mel Howard

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - One of the commitment statements which Educators in the 18-School System of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Owensboro made in a ceremony toward the end of the July 29, 2011, Professional Development Day states, "Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the teaching of Christ so that you are a living witness of the faith and model a good relationship with God?" The nearly 250-member group said, "We will."

The day began with a celebration of the Mass with the Head Teacher of the Diocese of Owensboro, Bishop William Medley.

In his Mass homily, Bishop Medley exhorted Catholic Educators to try the pattern of life which Jesus spoke about with Martha and Mary from the readings of the day. Bishop Medley said, "Find a balance in life: know that which is urgent, and know what can wait until tomorrow. We are instruments of Our Lord who tries to bring a balanced perspective of hope in people's lives. Work, but still have time to revel in life. We all have to find time to pause, sit at the Lord's feet, and just listen."

Then the Catholic Educators heard a presentations from an expert in Catholic Education, Sr. Carol Cimino, SSJ, Ed.D., who spoke about "Roots and Relatives." She also focused upon Catholic educators patterning their lives on Jesus and those American giants of Catholic Education who sacrificed and endured much hardship to begin and maintain Catholic Schools in this country.

Sister Carol Cimino is a Sister of Saint Joseph of Rochester, New York. Currently, she is a national consultant for the William H. Sadlier Co., a publisher of textbooks, with offices in New York City. She has been a teacher and an administrator on all levels of Catholic education and currently is an adjunct faculty member of the Catholic School Leadership Institute at Manhattan College. She was also a development director for three high schools and continues to teach and give workshops on the marketing of Catholic schools.

She spoke of the days when Catholic School tuition was \$.60 a month, and Catholic Nuns and Sisters staffed the schools and earned, as she did in 1965, \$285 a year as pay for teaching children



Standing in a contrast of light and shadow in a meeting room at Holy Spirit Church in Bowling Green July 29, 2011, Sister Carol Cimino, SSJ, Ed.D., cautioned Catholic educators that there is not much that is as simple as black and white when dealing with the question, "What will be the future of our Catholic Schools?" Mel Howard Photo

who were not being taught anywhere else in American society - immigrants' children. Her morning presentation outlined the story of Catholic Schools from 17th Century America until now, including the many court cases decided by U.S. courts without which our Catholic Schools would not now exist.

"By all rights," Sister Carol said, "we

Catholic Educators in the Diocese of Owensboro 18-member School System attending a Professional Development Day on July 29, 2011 watched closely as Sr Carol Cimino showed a video in Holy Spirit Church's Parish Hall about how to tell young people and their families about the story of Catholic Schools. Mel Howard Photo

should not be here. Yet, here we are. The sign of the Hand of God is in this room!" That makes a Catholic School educator feel pretty good.

In her afternoon presentation, Sister Carol brought out her list of challenges for the future of Catholic Schools in this country:

- A Re-founding of Catholic Schools - why did we start Catholic Schools in the first place?
 - A Need to understand the mission of Catholic Schools.
 - A Need to expand the governance of Catholic Schools.
 - A Need to examine the ownership of Catholic Schools.
 - A Need for new coalitions for Catholic Schools.
 - A Need to know the true costs of Catholic Education.
 - A Need to attract new investors: why not Catholic Schools? Nobody does it better!
 - A Need to continue to attract vocations to teaching "Who wants to take my place?"
 - A Need to create new models to meet the needs of today's kids who must learn problem-solving for any career.
- "Are we any less relevant today?" Sister Carol asked the audience of Catholic



John McAllister, Saint Joseph School, ponders his notes as he listened to Sr. Carol Cimino's morning presentation about the roots and relatives of U.S. Catholic Schools. Mel Howard Photo

School principals and teachers. "We're all about kids. You make an indelible mark on the hearts of kids. Today, tomorrow, you will be those giants on whose shoulders Catholic School students stand."



Children “Wow” Sts. Peter & Paul Open House Crowd with Performance

By Dawn C. Ligibel

After rehearsing for only nine days, three hours each day, 41 children at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville earned a standing ovation after performing “Once Upon A Parable” during the school’s “meet and greet” open house on Thursday, August 4.

The musical parable, which lasted 40 minutes, was performed by 41 children and was the result of the first free music camp organized and run by the school’s new music teacher, Richard Barnett, and his wife, Luci. (See “New Music Director Brings Joy to Parish” article.) The camp, which was intended for students in grades two through eight, also included some as young as kindergarten due to what Barnett refers to as the “sibling drift.”

“Once Upon A Parable” is a program Barnett has directed in other locations. It is a fun, lighthearted look at several of the parables Jesus used for teaching during his earthly ministry. Combining songs with dialogue and acting, the performance moves quickly while highlighting the talents of the students. “The children in our school really have some talent,” observed fourth grade teacher, Norma Folz.

Prior to performing for the crowd gathered in the school gym that Thursday evening, Barnett took the troop “on the road” to the local senior citizens center. The day before the “big” performance, the children and their directors, with the assistance of many parents, traveled across town to entertain the senior citizens.



Diocese Hosts Reception For Sister J.A. Boone, OSU, and Fr Jerry Calhoun

Ursuline Sister Joseph Angela Boone was honored at a reception June 8 for her 22 years of service as chancellor of the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky. Sister Joseph Angela retired June 30, but will remain in service on several committees with the diocese. Also honored during the reception at Immaculate Parish in Owensboro was Father Gerald Calhoun, retiring pastor of Christ the King Parish in Madisonville, Ky., and vicar general for the diocese.

Several people spoke, telling funny stories that usually centered on Sister Joseph Angela’s frugality when it came to spending the diocese’s money. “When I came here, I used to trade cars pretty often,” Bishop-Emeritus John McRaith said. “I had to retire to get a new car here.”

Bishop McRaith and Sister Joseph Angela worked together for 20 years until his retirement in 2009. He praised her strong faith and her devotion to the Eucharist. “She loves the Lord, and she loves the Church,” he said. “She loves people. She has a remarkable balance between working really hard and having fun.”

Kevin Kauffeld, coordinator of the diocesan staff, who along with Ernie Taliaferro, assistant to the chancellor, will assume Sister Joseph Angela’s duties, said,



Sister Joseph Angela evokes a smile from Father Jerry Riney, the pastor of Holy Spirit Church in Bowling Green, Ky. Father Riney grew up at Maple Mount when his father was the farm manager.

“We might as well confront it, it’s going to take two men to take over Sister Joseph Angela’s job.” Kauffeld recalled when he first began working at the Catholic Pastoral Center, he got used to riding the elevator rather than taking the stairs. One day he got on the elevator with Sister Joseph Angela, who told him, “It costs us 50 cents every time you step on that elevator.”

Bishop William Medley commented on Taliaferro’s assertion that June 30 would

Forty-one students from Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville participated in a free music camp held at the school from July 25 through August 4 to learn the musical “Once Upon A Parable.” Directed by the school’s new music teacher, Richard Barnett, and his wife, Luci Hughes, the students performed both at the local senior citizens center and during the school’s “meet and greet” night for teachers, parents and grandparents. Pictured from left to right are: Shelby Adams, Katey Reynolds, Will Groves, Emma Sunderhaus, Josh Groves and Maddy Craft. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

“They (the senior citizens) really seemed to enjoy the performance,” said Barnett. “We received a lot of positive comments after that performance,” he added.

Hosting this free music camp was one of Barnett’s first priorities when accepting the position of music director for the parish and music teacher for the school. “The best way to reach the parish is through the children,” Barnett admitted. “I’ve always done it for free; it’s part of the job,” he added.

Besides being an occupational obligation for Barnett, offering the free

Jonathan Kinnard and Virginia Cincotti, both in the seventh grade at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, take part in the musical “Once Upon A Parable” which they learned during a two-week free music camp held at the school and performed

music camp is also an effective tool to attract more children into his choral program. “It’s a recruitment for the music programs as we build a graded choir program,” Barnett explained. It is his hope to form several choirs in the school and parish beginning with the young all the way through to adults.



at the local senior citizens center on Wednesday, August 3. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

be the last day Sister Joseph Angela would be giving orders. “Ernie, do you really think she’s going to stop giving orders on June 30th?”

Many friends and sisters filled the reception hall for the two-hour event.

School Starts Robotics Program

By Dawn C. Ligibel

Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville has added yet another club to enhance and enrich its students' school and learning experiences. Known as the "Robotics Team," six to ten students from the middle school will participate in the FIRST Lego League this school year.

FIRST Lego League is an international program in which students build robots using Legos and then program the robots to perform certain activities required for competition. (FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.") When preparing for competition, teams must also research the assigned topic and prepare a presentation that is delivered during the tournament.

"It's a great opportunity for kids to learn to interact with others in a constructive way around technology," said Richard Barnett, the team coach. Barnett, who is the new music director for the parish and music teacher for the school, has worked with other Lego League teams in Virginia and New Jersey. (See "New Music Director Brings Joy to Parish" article.)

After presenting the idea to the School Board, Barnett received enough positive

feedback to begin forming the club. "I also pitched the idea to the Knights of Columbus for financial backing," Barnett explained. With funding from the school and a donation from the Knights, Barnett was able to purchase the required kit (which costs \$800) to get started.

During the summer, Barnett held several informational meetings with students who may become members of the team. One member of the team, seventh grade student Jonathan Kinnard, has been dubbed team captain due to his previous experience with the Lego League while attending a space camp. "With robotics, there are no limits," said Kinnard. "You can make anything you want. You can wipe anything off and just start from scratch, just like with Legos," he added.

Two other members of the team, Christopher Pape and Jeremy Crawford who are both in the eighth grade, were initially attracted to the club because of the Legos. "Mr. B asked us if we wanted to be on it (the team) and I said 'yes,'" said Pape. "I thought I'd like it and I do."

Both eighth grade boys were busy in the robot room at the school on August 2, a full week before school started for the year, building different pieces needed for this year's competition. "We already have directions for building the parts, but we don't know what the course or the challenge will be," explained Pape. The theme for this year's FIRST Lego League competition is "Food Faction."



Jeremy Crawford and Christopher Pape, both in the eighth grade and members of the new robotics team at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, spend time during their summer to build pieces out of Legos which will be used during the FIRST Lego League competition this December. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Fund Raising At Mount Saint Joseph



Sam and Mary Gail Wolfe, left, Tony Trego, and Ann Pierce were among those at the table sponsored by Greenwell-Chisholm at the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph's annual fundraising dinner April 30.

The annual fundraising dinner for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, "A Night at the Antique Auction," was a huge success on April 30. Guests filled the Maple Mount Auditorium and enjoyed a

wonderful meal followed by a chance to purchase or bid on items, primarily furniture, that have had a home for many years at Maple Mount.



Christopher Pape, member of the new robotics team at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, shows off a combine he built out of Legos. The combine, along with many other pieces constructed from Legos, will be used as part of a robotics competition the team will participate in this December. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Written on the white board in the robot room is a listing of student activities for the club: "Research, Decision-Making, Team Building, Computer Programming and Playing with Legos!" Also listed is the team name: "Team 1948, The Saints." The two parts of the challenge and the areas which will be judged during the tournament are also outlined: The robot will be judged based on its design and its performance, while the overall project will be judged on its core values and the presentation.

Sarah Kranz, principal of the school, is also excited about the club's inception. "Anytime we can offer our students another activity it helps our school," she commented. "I'm especially excited for the students who maybe don't participate in other activities that we have. This will be a good outlet for them," she added.

Barnett hopes to have the new team compete in a regional qualifying tournament in Bowl-

ing Green, Kentucky, this December. "Once the challenge is revealed in September, the team will have four months to work on its robot and presentation," Barnett explained. Teams that qualify will go on to compete at the state tournament in January, also in Bowling Green.

At Mount Saint Joseph

The three sixth-grade classes at the Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Campus came to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on May 18 for a day of prayer. The three classes went to three locations to start the day. One group



Above, Bishop Medley prepares to proceed into Mass at the Ursuline Motherhouse chapel with servers and a cross bearer from the Owensboro Catholic sixth-grade class on their May 18th visit to Mount Saint Joseph. There were 79 sixth-graders involved in the prayer day.

started on the Rosary Walk with Sister Ann McGrew. Another class went to the Museum, where Sister Sharon Sullivan, congregational leader, told the students the story of Father Paul Volk and the “blessed bricks” that were used to build Mount Saint Joseph Academy,



Following lunch in the park, the students gathered around the statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, as Sister Ann McGrew explained the history of the patron saint of New Orleans. Afterward, the students gathered in the Motherhouse Chapel to listen to a letter from God, before heading back to school.

“If, however, you seek Jesus in all things, you will surely find Him.” — Thomas à Kempis, The Imitation of Christ, Book II, ch. 7

Community Kitchen Benefits from St. Thomas More Lifeteen Help

PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Thomas More Youth served at the community kitchen in Paducah twice this summer. The students loved making tuna salad, pastries, and other delicious foods for the community.

The Community Kitchen is located in Paducah. Monday through Friday the organization provides a meal to approximately 200 people. Various churches, including St. Thomas More assist with both the cost and labor of preparing and serving the food each month.



Photo at far right, from left, Matt Osterhaus, Ross Whittaker, Community Kitchen Staff, and Pat Osterhaus preparing food.

At right, from left, Nicole and Gabrielle Milliano sorting donated bread and pastries. Submitted by Felicia LaBarge



Praise youth and it will prosper. - Irish Proverb

which is now the Center. The third class began in the Madonna Room in the Center, where Sister Pam Mueller talked to them about their theme for the day, “fully rely on God.” Sister Pam is the campus minister at Brescia University. Each of the classes went to all three locations.

20 Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish Moving Forward In Faith ~ Toward Another 125 Years

By Lavida Mischel

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On July 10th, 2011 the kickoff celebration for the 125th Anniversary of St. Paul's Church was held in the parish hall. Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish takes its roots from the German, St. Joseph's parish and the Irish, St. Paul's parish. In July 1887, the 1st brick was laid for the current church building located on the corner of 4th and Bolivar Streets.

St. Joseph's parish was organized through the efforts of the German Catholics in the community. Prior to the birth of St. Joseph's Church, a school was begun for the children of those of German origins. Families attended St. Stephen's, until 1871, when Fr. Schacht, pastor of St. Stephen's, encouraged the beginning of a new parish to be located on 9th and Sweeney Sts.

After the first small German Church was destroyed by lightning, a location on Forth and Clay Street was chosen to rebuild. At the direction of Bishop McCloskey, in 1880 Fr. Haesle began saying mass in the church.

St. Paul's Church was an offspring of St. Stephen's Parish, which was the 1st congregation founded in Owensboro. The 1st official announcement of the division of St. Stephen's congregation was recorded on Dec. 5, 1886. The Monarch and Field's fam-



Fr. Joe Mills goes home to Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro, to celebrate the 125 year anniversary of the church on 4th and Bolivar. He is pictured here with current pastor, Fr. Carl McCarthy. Lavida Mischel Photo

ilies were largely instrumental in promoting the 1st establishment under the direction of the Very Rev. Thomas Gambon, St. Paul's 1st appointed pastor. A small, temporary church was built on a lot at 4th & Pearl Streets, where the few members worshipped for the 1st time on Passion Sunday, March 26, 1887. Shortly thereafter, the lot on 4th & Bolivar was purchased for \$4000.00 and ground was broken on July 6, 1887 for our

current place of worship.

Under the pastorate of Fr. Peter Braun, in 1948 St. Paul's Parish and St. Joseph's Parish combined their history and their families of Faith to form what is now Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish.

On the day of the kickoff, Fr. Joe Mills was welcomed by parishioners, as he celebrated mass with current pastor, Fr. Carl McCarthy. Fr. Joe, a Son of the Parish, acknowledges the joy of returning to his home.

After replacing the 125 year old steeple slate with copper, parish artists and craftsmen created priceless souvenirs and sentimental mementoes from the slate for parishioners to purchase at the event. Following a dinner of German and Irish food, the crowd enjoyed the viewing of a historical video and games which included fun historical facts.

Fr. Carl McCarthy was excited to acknowledge two dedicated, long time members of the parish and to thank them for their contribution to the history of the parish and the future of the church. Woodworker, Bill Thomas received a St. Joseph statue and great appreciation for his gift of the church altar, built in 1989, the ambo and other hand carved items. Gary and Nadine Trogden were presented a plaque and acknowledg-



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ment for their dedication and contribution of the Community Vegetable Garden to the parish and local neighborhood.

Realizing that faith is a gift passed on from generation to generation, members of the parish take seriously the commitment of time, talent and treasure to the church that has been preserved for them. They are thankful to those who have gone before them and make it possible for them to pass on that same Faith to their children and future generations... a faith that is still very much alive in the church that still sits on the corner of 4th and Bolivar Streets.

At Sts. Peter & Paul School, Fr. Richard Meredith Gives A Welcoming and a Blessing



Fr. Richard Meredith, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, greeted the kindergarten students after an all-school Mass on Friday, August 12, 2011. Fr. Meredith welcomed all the students back to school for the new school year, his first as their pastor after being transferred to the parish in June. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



Fr. Richard Meredith, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, blessed the religion books for all the students in the school at the conclusion of an all-school Mass on Friday, August 12, 2011. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

and Successful Fund-Raiser

By Mel Howard

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - When the Catholic parishes of Eastern Daviess County pull together to host a celebration or a fundraiser for Trinity High School, Trinity alumni, friends, and the public know they want to be a part of a really good party filled with fun, good cooking, a hearty meal, and a lot of interesting and valuable raffle items. One fun part of the day typically involves two auction atmospheres: live and silent. This year, former Raiders basketball coach Steve Winkler served as auctioneer and Jerry Morris as one who worked the crowd for bidders. Everybody also knows, too, that the auction will involve a lot of kidding and joking and laughter all around. This year, the live auction involved auctioning off pies cooked by people of the parishes. A tactic was to call out a bidder and ask him (her) what it would take for them to avoid getting slammed with a pie in the face, and then, if they paid it, the auctioneer would ask the crowd if anyone would bid more money to have that pie hit the bidder in the face. They raised a lot of dollars with that pie-in-your-face auction item.

Twenty-six teams paid the \$300 entry fee, as did six burgoo teams. Ten people entered the pie contest. All the food was sold or eaten by the huge crowd who came to Jerry and Vickie Morris' place for the afternoon of really good weather, fine Bar-B-Q, lots of lawn chair sitting and visiting among Trinity's families, alumni, and friends.

Following are some statements from people who attended the fundraiser:

• In the July 28, 2011 *THS Fundraiser Bulletin News*, the Trinity High School Board Members wrote a note to the people of the three parishes in Eastern Daviess County who support Trinity High School: "1st Annual Trinity Alumni & Friends BBQ Cookoff. Thank you to Jerry and Vickie Morris and their family for hosting the First Annual Alumni & Friends BBQ Cookoff on July 16. It was a HUGE success! Congratulations to the Class of '80 for winning 1st place in BBQ, Youngbloodz (THS Juniors) 2nd place, and Pete Morris Team for their 3rd place win. Congratulations to the Class of '78 for winning 1st place in burgoo with Scott Aull's team placing 2nd. Congratulations to Ann Bickett for winning The Best Pie contest.

"Thanks to all 26 BBQ teams, 6 burgoo teams, and 10 pie contest participants for entering. We also want to thank all the businesses and individuals who donated auction items. Thanks to all the staff members, students, coaches, parents, and friends who worked tirelessly preparing the grounds, games and refreshments, and any other way you may have given of your time. A Big Thank You to all of our local musicians for sharing their AMAZING talent. Most of all, we would like to thank all of our alumni and friends who came out to show their love and support for Trinity High School!

"We look forward to the 2nd Annual Trinity Alumni & Friends BBQ Cookoff!"

• St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School principal Sister Suzanne Sims, OSU, wrote a thank you note in the *St Mary's Church Bulletin* on July 24, 2011: "Sometimes

the fruits of the Holy Spirit are found in the individual and sometimes in an entire community of persons. That was certainly what struck me about YOU as I participated in the Alumni and Friends Reunion last weekend at Jerry and Vicki Morris' Farm. God will never be outdone in generosity but you were amazing signs of that to our community. Our thanks go to the Morris Family and to all who worked on this event to forward the mission of Jesus through our Catholic Schools. I thank God for you in my prayers. May God continue to



Sister Suzanne Sims, O.S.U., principal of St. Mary of the Woods School, praised the crowd for their unflinching support for Catholic Schools.

bless you!"

• In the *St Mary's Church Bulletin* for July 31, 2011, Jerry and Vickie Morris wrote a note to the parish: "We would like to thank everyone for making our 1st Annual Trinity Alumni BBQ a success: the teams that cooked, the people who sponsored the teams, the individuals that bought from the teams. Thanks to all of those who worked the booths, set them up, took them down. We appreciate those that donated auction items, played music, bought auction items, those people who took pies in the face with such grace. Thanks to all who came out and ate and donated



A Trinity High School Fundraiser - What it's all about: Family and Friends sharing work and fun at the July 16 First Annual Trinity Alumni and Friends Bar-B-Q Cook-Off. Mel Howard Photos

to a great cause. We appreciate the help in cleaning up also, including donation of a dumpster. The total before expenses was around \$36,000.00. Not bad for a day. We plan to make it an annual event. Next year bigger and better, so get your team together and get ready. Thank You All."

Former St. Mary's pastor Father Richard Powers attended the July 16 BBQ Cook-Off. He spoke to the gathering and prayed the meal's blessing. Then he asked the people to gather around the stage for an announcement. He said that he had also come to the BBQ bearing a gift for Jerry and Vickie Morris and family from Pope Benedict XVI - an Apostolic Blessing.

Vickie Morris said, "Father Richard Powers told us that he was asked to fill in for Father Mike Clark who was going to Rome, Italy, and he told Fr. Mike that on one condition he would take his place. Father Richard said to Father Mike, 'While you're in Rome, I want you to get an Apostolic Blessing for a family.' The plaque



Fr. Richard Powers giving copy of an Apostolic Blessing to Vickie and Jerry Morris.

reads: 'The Holy Father Benedict XVI cordially imparts the requested Apostolic Blessing to Jerry and Vickie Morris and family invoking abundant divine graces.' The plaque has the Pope's picture and his signature."



The "Travelling Trophy" sitting atop a Jeep engine hood.



St. Mary of the Woods alumni and friends look through trophies won in school athletic contests to find their class's trophies. The school brought them for former students to take home with them July 16, 2011.



Kenny Nash cooked Boston Butts for the meal of the July 16 First Annual Trinity Alumni and Friends Bar-B-Q Cook-Off. Mel Howard Photos

Trinity's Family of Alumni and Friends Support Their Catholic School



The First Annual Trinity High School Alumni and Friends Bar-B-Q Cook-Off pork cooking team winners were from the THS Class of 1980: above from left, Steve Knott, Frankie Fulkerson, Linus Murphy, Chuck Hardesty, and David Mills accept the Travelling Trophy from Cook-Off host Jerry Morris. Other group members not present for picture were Jerry Howard, David Howe, and Kenny Morris. The THS Class of 1978 won the prize for best burgoo.



A new cooking team who entered the Trinity Alumni and Friends Bar-B-Q Cook-Off was Chicks-N-Dip. Most are THS alumnae, some THS students, and a friend. Holding the short is Cassie Johnson, From left are, Bridgette Allen, Jessica Beyke, Shannon Payne, Emily Gattton, Christina Blackman, Rachel Mattingly, Brooke Morris, Brett Downing, Heather Nash, Kelly Medcalf, Ashley Lanham, and Kenya Boarman. The ladies sold out all their food and are ready to try again next year for the Travelling Trophy.

CLI 2011 - June 26 to July 1



St. Thomas More Youth Participate in Christian Leadership Institute and Camp Connect During the Summer

St. Thomas More Youth Grace Babbs, Ross Whittaker, Haley Mudd, Matt Osterhaus, and Pat Osterhaus attended the Christian Leadership Institute in June at Brescia University in Owensboro. Towards the conclusion of the week, the students met with their youth minister to plan a project for their parish. The students plan to fundraise by hosting a 5k on December 10th to take a mission trip to our sister diocese in Jamaica. The students presented their idea to parish council in July and it was approved.

St. Thomas More Youth also participated in St. Jerome's Camp Connect Work Camp in Fancy Farm in July. Through this camp, the youth learned to "live to serve, serve to love, and love to live."

"A great way to grow in your faith, and become a stronger leader. CLI shows you how to lead with Christian values in mind. We have an opportunity to become apart of a new family, a family of young Christian leaders."

- Nick Henderson, Immaculate Conception Church, Hawesville.

My CLI Experience

By Corey Elder

During my week at CLI this summer I learned many valuable skills, including communication and leadership skills. CLI really revealed to me where my leadership role lies in our community. My favorite part of CLI was working with my small group, especially Katie Riney and Matthew, my table leaders.

I thoroughly enjoyed the particular group I was in because throughout the week I was able to see how we all developed relationships and grew in community with each other; it gave me great insight to how having a good faith community can help you throughout my life.

The experiences I gained through leading and planning has already helped me this summer in the different camps I attended. (Camp life 2 and High Adventure camp) More importantly however, the skills my friends and I learned at CLI have already helped us plan a 5K to help raise money for our leadership project. The leadership project we decided to take on is a mission trip to our sister diocese in Mandeville, Jamaica. We have yet to set a date for the trip, but we do have a prospective 5K date in December. We have held a total of 5 meetings so far regarding the mission trip, with each one bringing us one step closer to organizing fund raising events to pay for the trip itself. Along with the 5K we plan to have other fund raising events so be on the lookout!!

"I think that CLI is an amazing experience. It not only brings you really close to God but you also get really close to the other kids there. By the end of the week everyone felt like we were all a family.

"I think that everyone should go to CLI if they have the chance!!"

- Raven Koos, St. Joseph Church, Central City

CLI 2011 Participants:

Manolo Aju, Gracie Babbs, Helen Beckert, Ches Cooper, Bryan Davenport, Corey Elder, Devin Fogle, Elizabeth Gabbert, Nicholas Henderson, Kristen Knight, Landon Knott, Raven Koos, Sara Lewis, Tori Marshall, Maria McCay-Gomez, Hayley Mudd, Matthew Osterhaus, Patrick Osterhaus, Clark Payne, Tabatha Payne, Ryan Purk, Olivia Romero, Frances Seaton, Rosana Stasiorowski, Lane Taul, Ross Whittaker.

Team: Scott Burch, Ashley Burton-not pictured, Matthew Burton, Gary Clark, Fr. Daniel Dillard, Paige Farlino, Matt Hunt, Thomas Malewitz, Stephen Murphy, Melinda Prunty, Katie Riney, Elaine Robertson, Ronnie Santana.

Attendees not in this picture are Crissy Stevenson, Nicole Strasser, Haley Mudd, & Ashley Burton. Submitted Photos.





Meet the 2012 Class of Permanent Diaconate Candidates and their Spouses - Back row: Bill Back, Matthew Keyser, Paul Bachi, Richard Beaven, Tom Torson, Tony Anthony, John Prough, Terry Larbes, Bill Grant, William Sweet, Don Adams, Tim Barnes, Tim Nugent, Mike Clapp, Randall Potempa, Michael J. Wiedemer, Victor Fromm, Jaime Tui; Front row: Joy Bach, Chris Keyser, Diana Beaven, Lyvenia Anthony, Barb Larbes, Debbie Grant, Bonnie Adams, Vicky Barnes, Tammy Nugent, Mary Clapp, Lynn Fromm

In the picture below are the 2012 Class of Permanent Diaconate Candidates - Back row: Richard Beaven, Paul Bachi, Tony Anthony, John Prough, Bill Grant, Michael J. Wiedemer, Don Adams, Victor Fromm, Mike Clapp, Jaime Tui; Front row: Tom Torson, Bill Bach, Matthew Keyser, Terry Larbes, Tim Barnes, William Sweet, Randall Potempa, Tim Nugent. Jim Creighton Photos submitted by Terry Larbes

Meet the 2012 Class of Permanent Diaconate Candidates



A Roster of Permanent Diaconate Candidates for the Diocese of Owensboro

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>City of Parish</i>
Adams Don	Bonnie		St Joseph, Central City
Anthony	Tony	Lynenia	St Romuald, Hardinsburg
Bach Bill	Joy		Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Bachi Paul	n/a		St Mark, Eddyville
Barnes Tim	Vicky		Sts Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville
Beaven	Richard	Diana	Holy Name of Jesus Henderson
Clapp Mike	Mary	St Joseph	Mayfield
Fromm Victor	Lynn	St Leo	Murray
Grant Bill	Debbie	St Augustine	Grayson Springs
Keyser Matthew	Chris	Holy Spirit	Bowling Green
Larbes Terry	Barb	St Thomas More	Paducah
Nugent Tim	Tammy	St Anthony	Browns Valley
Potempa	Randall	Peggy	St Henry, Aurora
Prough John	Kathy	Holy Name of Jesus	Henderson
Sweet William	Pamela	Sts Peter and Paul	Hopkinsville
Tui Jaime	Eve	Holy Name of Jesus	Henderson
Torson Tom	Chong Suk	St Michael	Oak Grove
Wiedemer, Michael J	n/a	St Romuald	Hardinsburg

A partial Timeline of Classes

2011

Aug 21-27 Homiletics at St Meinrad
 Sept 23-25 Canon Law **
 Oct 28-30 Canon Law
 Nov 18-20 Moral I
 Dec 16-18 Moral I
 ** The class moves to Christ the King Parish Hall in Madisonville

2012

Jan 27-29 Eucharist II
 Feb 24-26 Moral 2
 Mar 23-25 Moral 2
 Apr 27-29 Trinity, Salvation, Mary
 May 18-20 Trinity, Salvation, Mary
 June 22-24 (5 day) retreat at St Meinrad
 Sept 15, 2010 Permanent Deacon Ordination at Holy Spirit, Bowling Green.

Are you called to the Permanent Diaconate? 25

The Permanent Diaconate Program of the Diocese of Owensboro is in the fifth year of preparation for the ordination class of 2012. The formation of permanent deacons is a five-year program. The first year allows interested men to meet and have the opportunity to ask questions. At the conclusion of the first year, application is made for the Aspirancy Year through which formal discernment and academic preparation is made. The next three years are spent in spiritual, emotional, and academic formation toward diaconal ordination. For those men who are interested, we are beginning the program for the ordination class of 2015.

If you are a male age 35 – 60 and are interested in the permanent diaconate, you might wish to begin discussion with your pastor, and personal reflection on the following qualities sought in a deacon candidate:

- emotional maturity, personal integrity, appropriate self-knowledge
- demonstrate a personal commitment to grow in Christian holiness / an active prayer life / participation in the Eucharistic and Sacramental life of the Church

- generosity for service already being demonstrated (active in some parish ministry)
- good physical and psychological health (both candidate and wife, if married)
- ability to work in a team / works well with people
- clearly demonstrates an ability and willingness to lead
- good communication skills (both as a speaker and as a listener)
- ability to speak publicly and proclaim the Gospel effectively
- acceptance by the Christian community as evidenced by his ministry in the parish
- he must show an acceptance and personal commitment to the teaching of the Church.

If you would like more information or have questions about the program, please contact: Reverend Father John M. Thomas, Director of Permanent Diaconate, Christ The King Church, 1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. Email - christthekingchu@bellsouth.net
 Tel. 270/821-5494. Fax: 270/825-8612

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph 2011-12 Quilt Club Tickets are now available!



Sister Clarence Marie Lockett

You get 12 chances to win a handmade quilt with our Quilt Club annual memberships, available for only \$20 each. Buy one for yourself and one for a friend! A new quilt is raffled each month. For details, visit www.ursulinesmsj.org. Click on "How You Can Help" and "Quilt Club Membership."

**New Quilt Club drawings begin Oct. 7, 2011.
 Order your tickets today!**

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- Sept. 2 - "Instruments of God"
- Oct. 7 - "The Falling Leaves"
- Nov. 4 - "Faithful Love"
- Dec. 2 - "Homecoming"



First Friday of every month in 2011

**Time:
 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**\$15 fee
 includes
 lunch**

There will be group prayer, quiet time, lunch, faith sharing, and a different presentation each month.

Reflection days will be led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU.

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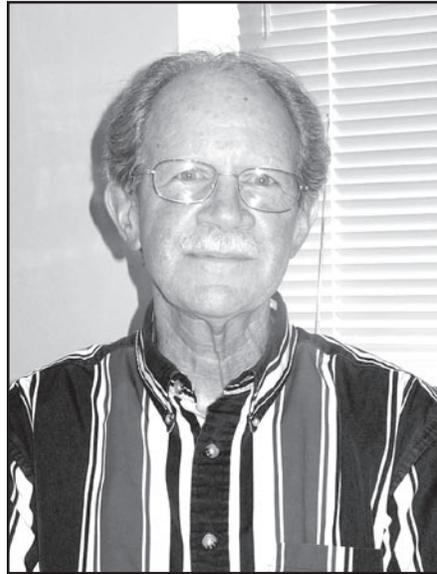
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**Jim Creighton, Colonel, US Army
retired, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish,
Hopkinsville, KY**

“Ask not what your country can do for you, rather what you can do for your country.” The famous quote from President John F. Kennedy would be a good philosophy in life that would apply to your country, community, parish and family”, said Jim Creighton when I visited him recently at his office at the Pennyriple Area Development District in Hopkinsville where he is a map date integrator.

Jim comes from a military family. His grandfather was in the Army and fought in WWI and his father was in the Army and fought in WWII. Jim followed with a career in the Army. “My wife, Maria, is originally from Mexico and moved to America at age 7 to Arizona where I am from originally. We got to Kentucky through the Army at Fort Campbell. In 1999, I retired from the Military and we stayed in Hopkinsville. We have four children and it was a great place to raise a family. We still love it here. We have a huge old house that we have been refurbishing for years. We had a seminarian live with us for three years and the upstairs wasn’t quite finished, but it was fine.”

Jim is a very active member of the Sts. Peter & Paul Parish. “I take most of the pictures for parish events and I am responsible for the web-site. I really enjoy taking pictures,” Jim said showing off a couple of cameras. Jim is also an officer in the Knights of Columbus and he and Maria both participate in the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Jim prefers to go in the early morning hours from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. most of the time. He is also a Lector. “I was Presbyterian growing up, and when



Jim Creighton

I went to Mass in college; it was just like I was home. It was the word of God to me not someone’s opinion.” Jim explained.

Maria has worked with the priests tutoring them in Spanish as well as the 7th and 8th grade students. Jim and Maria like to visit a nursing about twice a month and they always go armed with Godiva Chocolates.

Jim and Maria have been married 42 years “and life can be very interesting,” he said with a smile. “A little advice I have for my son-in-law is to actually bite your tongue sometime if you have to, and maybe say a few Hail Marys! Marriage is a compromise.”

“I would say my greatest blessing is my whole family. Maria, the children, the grand children, my parents and grandparents - my entire family,” said Jim.

Diocesan Review Board Members Ready to Respond to Calls

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

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

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

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

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St. Romuald Parish 200th Anniversary!!



Sunday, September 25

2PM CST

Solemn Mass

Bishop William Medley, Presiding

Reception to follow

We extend a warm invitation to all!!

We extend a special invitation to
all priests who have served here,
sisters who have taught or ministered here,
St. Romuald Interparochial School alumni and students,
former and current teachers and staff,
parishioners and former parishioners, friends of St. Romuald,
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Take A One-Day Bus Trip

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth are taking a one-day bus trip to Western Kentucky to a few sites where Sisters opened their first missions. The trip will be on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Charlene Jacobs, SCN, is organizing the trip. For more information, call her at (502) 331-4529 or email her at cjacobs@scnazarethky.org. The bus will pick up in Louisville at Nazareth Home at 7:45 a.m. and at Nazareth Motherhouse at 8:30 a.m.

The pelican is the traditional symbol of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Legend tells how this unique bird will feed her young with her blood when no other means of nourishment is available. The pelican, then, will give her life in order to save her children and future generations. In a similar spirit of love, the SCN Family provides care for those in need.



Devotion to Mary: The Milk and Cookies of Catholicism

By Sister Mary Ann Walsh

I got a great gift the other day – a woodcarving of a seated Madonna holding Jesus with one hand and admiring a piece of fruit – looks like an orange – with the other. It reminds me that I love the Blessed Virgin because she is a very human representation of holiness.

This is a bit of homespun theology, but to me Mary is like the milk and cookies of Catholicism – she comforts and nurtures and is there with emotional support. She has exalted titles, such as Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. She is patroness of the United States under that title. That's good for a nation as powerful as the USA, but Mary also has titles which make her seem more accessible.

I like the title "Cause of Our Joy," partially because it is lesser known. It is depicted as Mary with outstretched arms offering Jesus to the world. It was also the name of the Legion of Mary group I belonged to as a teenager.

Other titles have appeal at different times. When I am not sure what to do, I pray to Our Lady of Good Counsel. In times of crisis I pray the Memorare, which I associate with Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. I go to Mary for human and spiritual assurance.

I once made up a title. I prayed to Our Lady of the Press Conference before Pope Benedict's election because I was in Rome, had to host a post-election media conference but didn't know when it would be or which cardinals would be present or whose election we would herald. I like things more controlled, so I turned to Mary in desperation.

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe caught my imagination when I was 10. I loved the account of the poor Indian Juan Diego who had to convince the local bishop that he

had seen the Virgin. When Juan Diego told Mary the bishop wouldn't believe she had appeared to him, she sent Juan Diego back to the doubter to show him an outpouring of roses on a snowy December morn. Clearly Mary would take the extra step for the little guy who needed help.

Being Irish, I have a fondness for Our Lady of Knock, who appeared with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist on a church wall in Knock, Ireland more than a hundred years ago. Washington's Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is a majestic church filled with numerous oratories named after titles of the Virgin. The Our Lady of Knock oratory is aglow with Waterford crystal, humble Erin's brilliant gift.

Devotions learned early stick with you. Pope Benedict XVI prayed at the shrine's image of Our Lady of Altoetting when he visited the national shrine in 2008. It is a replica of the one that he visited as a child in his native Bavaria and where he left his cardinal's ring after he became pope.

Marian devotion has led some people to wrongly accuse Catholics of adoring, rather than revering, Mary, though adoration is reserved to the savior. A parish priest once complained that our annual May procession to honor Mary exceeded our celebration of the Risen Christ at Easter.

Perhaps the affection reflects the emotional aura surrounding Mary, her embodiment of the best of all maternal characteristics. She is the consoler of young children with skinned knees and the wise counselor of older ones to do the right thing in the face of life's challenges.

Mary is the milk and cookies of our theology and provides the comfort found in an Oreo, chocolate chip, ginger snap or Social Tea. And she's just as accessible as the supermarket shelf.

Woman's Day of Recollection & 1st Saturday Devotions

"Our Lady of Fatima"

"Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." (OLF)

Presented by Fr. Thomas Sullivan, CPM
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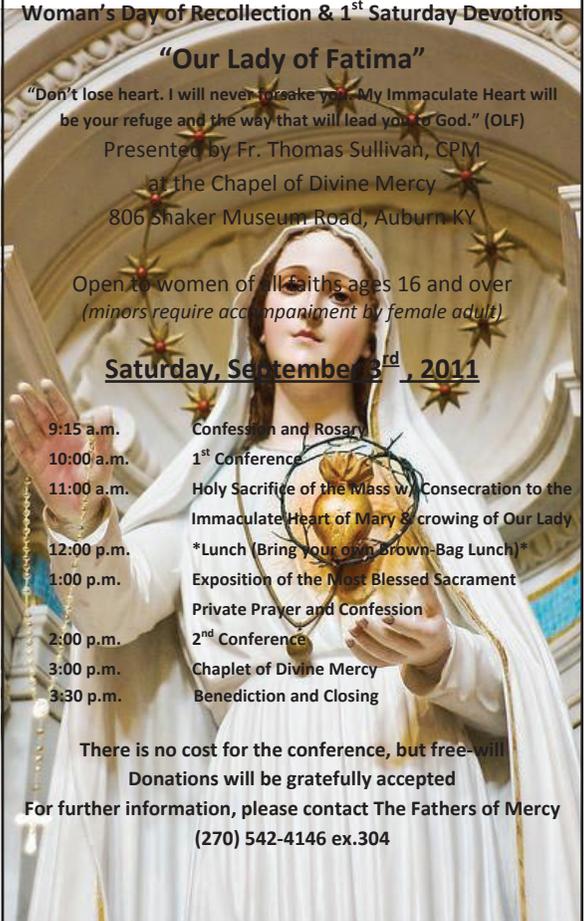
Open to women of all faiths ages 16 and over
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Saturday, September 3rd, 2011

9:15 a.m.	Confession and Rosary
10:00 a.m.	1 st Conference
11:00 a.m.	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass w/ Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary & crowning of Our Lady
12:00 p.m.	*Lunch (Bring your own Brown-Bag Lunch)*
1:00 p.m.	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
	Private Prayer and Confession
2:00 p.m.	2 nd Conference
3:00 p.m.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:30 p.m.	Benediction and Closing

There is no cost for the conference, but free-will
Donations will be gratefully accepted

For further information, please contact The Fathers of Mercy
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Sorgho Group Wins Auction Bid for Dinner with the Bishop

By Donna & Grady Ebelhar

Bishop Medley made a trip to Sorgho on Monday, August 1st on a very hot evening to have dinner with six St. Mary Magdalene parishioners. These six parishioners bid on the dinner with the Bishop at the annual summer picnic in the Silent Auction Booth. The six parishioners, Patti Bartley, Crissy Stevenson, Gloria McCarty, Chris Kamuf and Grady and Donna Ebelhar decided to make the evening festive by dressing formal casual. Grady was the talk of the night by wearing the "mint green" tux that he wore in his wedding 38 years ago. The Bishop wasn't sure what to make of it.

The evening began with appetizers of shrimp and cheeses. It was followed by a meal prepared by Jeanie Heath. It consisted of Pork Tenderloin, Smashed Potatoes, baked apples and baby carrots, followed by dessert of chocolate Pie and a fresh Peach Tart.

The bishop said that the best part of the evening was that he didn't have to cook and he got an excellent meal as well. He told us about the time he cooked up a "mess" of fish. I don't think it turned out every well.

The conversations led to lots of stories about St. Mary Magdalene both past and present that at times caused lots of laughs. Everyone had an enjoyable time including Bishop Medley and Fr. Mark Buckner. Thanks Bishop for coming to Sorgho.

Patti Bartley, Crissy Stevenson, Gloria McCarty, Chris Kamuf and Grady and Donna Ebelhar shared a dinner with Bishop William



Medley and Saint Mary Magdalene Pastor Fr. Mark Buckner. Submitted Photo

"The Blessed Virgin Mary"

Annual Marian Retreat Weekend

Oct. 7-9, 2011

With Retreat Director Msgr. Bernard Powers



The Blessed Virgin Mary not only has a physical relationship with Jesus but also a greater spiritual relationship. We also share a spiritual relationship with Jesus.

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

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Have you considered deepening your spirituality as a woman religious?
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About 50 Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph gathered in the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center the week of July 10-16 for the Summer Retreat for Women Religious titled, "At the Heart of All Spirituality is Relationship: With God, With Self, With Others." It was led by Father Jim Marchionda, OP, with the Chicago-based Province of St. Albert the Great.

At right, Father Jim Marchionda plays the piano prior to beginning a session of the Summer Retreat for Women Religious on July 13 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. He is a preacher, singer, composer, and woodwind instrumentalist. MSJ Photos

At the Heart of All ...



Welcoming the Roman Missal third edition

New Kids on the Block

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

When parishes start using the third edition of the Roman Missal, the texts of the prayers won't be the only changes Catholics in the pews see. The new Missal will include 17 additions to the Proper of Saints, the part of the Missal that includes prayers for the observances of saints' days. The Proper of Saints follows a calendar established by the Vatican and modified by the bishops of each country to include saints of local importance. Any changes to a national or diocesan calendar require the consent of the Vatican.

The saints new to the third edition of the Roman Missal include saints, like Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, who were canonized after the second edition of the Roman Missal was published in 1985. Some of these saints, including Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, have been on the U.S. calendar for years. However, the new Missal will be the first time their prayer texts have been available in the printed book. Other added saints appeared on the liturgical calendar until 1969, when the calendar was simplified and many saints' observances were removed. Also restored to the calendar are observances for the Most Holy Name of Jesus and the Most Holy Name of Mary. Still others saints and observances added to the Missal highlight important teachings of the Church such as the teaching on Mary (Our Lady of Fatima) and on the Eucharist as the Sacrament of Christ's love (as promoted by Saint Peter Julian Eymard).

By canonizing these holy men and women, the Church presents them as models of Christian living. The added saints come from all eras and areas of

the Church's life – from the fourth century (Saint Catherine of Alexandria and Saint Apollinaris) to the twentieth century (Saint Josephine Bakhita, Saint Christopher Magalenes and Saint Pio of Pietrelcina) – and from Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. They include priests, religious women, martyrs, a married woman and missionaries.

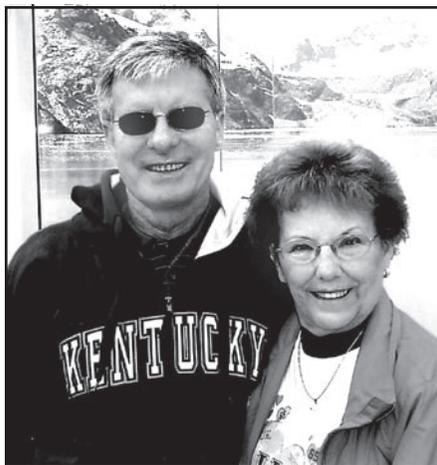
Whether or not Catholics hear about these saints at their local parishes will depend on the priest. With the exception of the memorials of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (better known as Edith Stein) and Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (better known as Padre Pio), all of the new observances are optional memorials. That means the decision about whether or not to celebrate them at a particular Mass rests with the celebrating priest. While a priest may not add the observance of a saint or blessed not on the approved calendar, he is free to decide which, if any, optional memorials he will celebrate. In choosing among the possible observances, priests might highlight saints who offer a particular example to their people.

These new additions are not the final word about saints on the calendar. The Church will continue to canonize new saints as models for the faithful. Some of these saints will be celebrated in those parts of the world where they served. Others will be placed on the general calendar, celebrated by the Universal Church to unite the liturgy of heaven with that of earth.

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

Rose Ann Haynes Payne St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, KY 2011 Sophia Award Recipient

During a recent visit with Rose Ann Payne it didn't take long for me to see that she has very strong Catholic Faith values. She graduated from Brescia College in 1990 with a degree in Ministry Formation. "I waited for our four children to get older before I went back to school. After I graduated, I always worked for the Church. I worked for Blessed Mother Parish and St. Martin's Parish. We are members of St. Stephen Cathedral now and I volunteer for ministries there. My husband Danny and I both take communion to Fern Terrace Nursing home. I help with the children's Vacation Bible School each year and I just love doing that. It's really rewarding to teach the kids about the Bible and tell them



Danny and Rose Ann Payne
the stories. I lead the scripture study once at week at St. Stephen and at St. Martin and I am also a Eucharistic Minister.

On winning the Sophia award: "I really didn't think I was worthy of the award. There are so many more in our parish that could have just as easily been chosen," said Rose Ann.

"I've always volunteered most of my life and I really enjoy it. You get so much out of it...it always makes me feel good," She continued. I met my husband, Danny, at a family outing when I was 17 years old. I was baby sitting my sister's children and we hit it off."

On being married: "I think one of the most important things in a marriage is knowing your spouse. Danny and I grew up together, you might say, and he was my best friend. Another thing that has helped us is both being Catholic and owning our faith instead of just being Catholic because our parents were Catholic and baptized us into it. Danny does a lot of volunteering too. He will retire from Modern Welding (in Owensboro) soon and I'm sure he'll stay busy!"

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Faith: "Faith is a gift. You can leave it alone or you can grow it. Faith has kept our marriage growing together through ministry. Danny and I have been lucky by the opportunity to benefit from the Church. Tools are offered to help you, but it's up to you to look and see what's going on in order to reap the benefits offered. I know many times a program or function that have been offered in the parish or by the Church and someone will say, "We need something like that"! "WOW! We've been offering for years. You have to use the tools offered."

Fun: "We love spending time with our 8 grand children and traveling. We've been all over traveling. We just returned from an Alaskan cruise which was just grand. I would like to go back to the Holy Land. We also enjoy golfing."

Greatest Blessings: "My faith – God is always first. My family and my friends. I've been very blessed."

St. Louis Choir performs for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph

By Dan Heckel, Mount Saint Joseph staff

Nick Botkins was a teenager from Maysville, Ky., when he attended Music at Maple Mount in the mid-1990s.

"I only have fond memories of the music camp here," he said on Aug. 10 from the Rainbow Room in Saint Joseph Villa. It was that fondness from his youth that prompted Botkins to bring the Institute of Christ the King Choir Camp to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center for a music camp in 2010, and to return this August for the second year.

"It's very nostalgic for me," Botkins said. Sister Elaine Burke worked with Music at



Sister Elaine Burke reunites with Nick Botkins, the choir master for the camp who attended Music at Maple Mount when he was a teenager.

Maple Mount for many years, and has her own nostalgia about Botkins. "He was the first person other than a sister who played our new organ in the chapel," Sister Elaine said.

A little more than three years ago, Botkins went to work at St. Francis DeSales Oratory in St. Louis, as director of sacred music and master of choirs, starting choirs for both boys and girls. This is the second camp the

At left, Sister Jean Richard Stukenholtz visits with a young member of the choir.



The Rev. Canon Aaron Huberfeld leads the choir in "Salve Regina" for the sisters in Saint Joseph Villa.

oratory has organized, with half of the 25 attendees from St. Louis, and the rest from across the country, he said. Boys and girls ages 9 to 15 participate.

The Institute of Christ the King leads St. Francis DeSales Oratory, and the vicar, the Rev. Canon Aaron Huberfeld, led the children in a performance for the sisters at Saint Joseph Villa on Aug. 10. The Institute of Christ the King, begun in 1990, uses the traditional Latin Mass of 1962, and the children who perform during the camp sing in Latin. They sang "Salve Regina," "Agnus Dei," and "Sanctus" for the sisters, among others.

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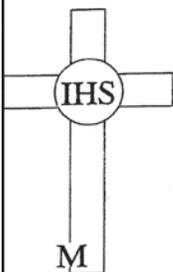
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STEWARDSHIP LEADERSHIP DAY

"You are invited to a Stewardship Leadership Day on September 17th at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Owensboro. There is no registration fee and lunch is provided. The program begins at 8:30 and concludes with Mass at 4:00. The speakers are Justin Clements, Paula Latner and Bishop Emeritus John McRaith. To register call Cathy Hagan at 270-683-1545 or register online at www.rcdok.org/stewardshipday."

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Sept. 18-24, 2011

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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.



Lourdes Orthopaedic Surgeon Named a Top 70 Surgeon in United States



(July 7, 2011) - Lourdes Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr. Shiraz Patel has been named among the nation's outstanding hip surgeons and specialists by *Becker's Orthopedic, Spine, and Pain Management Review*. Dr. Patel was listed as one of 70 top hip surgeons and specialists in the United States. Dr. Patel practices at the Orthopaedic Institute of Western Kentucky.



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Reitz Memorial HS Juniors Retreat Day At Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center

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About 180 juniors from Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Ind., came to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on April 1 for their day of retreat. Students gathered in the auditorium, throughout the Center, and enjoyed the grounds from 8:15 a.m. until 2 p.m.



Reitz juniors with leader: One of the leaders of the retreat explains the day's projects, which included an exercise about poverty.



Cat fancy: During break time, some students take an interest in Sister Claudia Hayden's cat outside the Retreat Center.



Discussing film: After watching a short film in a Retreat Center conference room, the students break into groups to discuss it. MSJ Photos

Congregation of St. Joseph Sister Professes Final Vows



Sister Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ with her parents Tom and Rose Curtsinger. Photo by Joellen Sbrissa, CSJ

Sister Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, professed her final vows to become a Sister of the Congregation of St. Joseph on July 30. She joins an impressive list of women who became Sisters of St. Joseph in LaGrange Park, Ill., since the order was established here in 1899. The sisters are an extension of the original Sisters of St Joseph founded in LePuy, France, in 1650 with their mission "to serve the dear neighbor that all people may be united with God and with one another." That mission is still very much alive in the hearts of more than 715 sisters of the Congregation of St- Joseph located in seven states and Japan.

The daughter of Tom & Rose Curtsinger, members of Immaculate Parish in Owensboro, Sister Mary Jo is a 1975 graduate from Owensboro



Spinners came to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center March 11-13 for a retreat to spin their yarn and create beautiful pieces of art.

Catholic High School, and a graduate of Murray State University with a B. A. degree in psychology and sociology. She moved to South Carolina, where she worked as a school psychologist for 14 years and became very involved in parish and diocesan ministry at St. Joseph Parish in Columbia, S.C. Her interest in theological studies grew and she attended the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago where she earned a Master of Divinity degree. She became the director of the Biblical Study and Travel Program at CTU and spent months in the biblical lands of Israel/Palestine, Greece, Turkey, Jordan and Egypt. She was received as a CSJ candidate in 2002; then as a novice in August of 2003, and site professed her first vows in August of 2005.



Sock Knitters:
Above, Lisa Bartell smiles as she holds up one of the socks she is knitting at the retreat.

Yarn Spinners:

Left, Becky Monetathchi, of Lewisport, Ky., settles in for a full day of enjoyment at the spinning retreat. MSJ Photos

Sister Mary Jo teaches scripture and other theology courses at Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park, one of the Sisters' many ministries. Founded in 1900, it opened its doors to 14 female students. Nazareth Academy is now co-educational and has an enrollment of 800 students. Sister Mary Jo is also the moderator of the school's peace and justice group, "Just Us," and a member of the LaGrange Park Center's Anti-Racism Team.

32 New Music Director Brings Joy to Saints Pater And Paul Parish

By Dawn C. Ligibel

When Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville hired a new music director after a lengthy search, they certainly got more than they bargained for. When Richard Barnett, the new music director at Sts. Peter and Paul, accepted the job, he got more than he bargained for. In both cases, the union has granted many blessings both to the parish and to Barnett.

"Having witnessed ten parish communities, either through employment or temporary assignment, Sts. Peter and Paul's involvement is beyond my wildest dreams," exclaimed Barnett. "I'm amazed at the active participation of all parishioners in the parish life, especially for its size," he added. Barnett explained that Sts. Peter and Paul is possibly one third the size of parishes he worked at both in Richmond, Virginia, and in northern New Jersey, yet the participation in those parishes was "very low."

"People here love the Church and they love to see each other. They stay and talk to each other after Mass," said Luci Hughes, Barnett's wife. "The people are fully engaged in a fully active parish," Barnett agreed. "Sts. Peter and Paul is a community that is fully active. We witness the full action and conscience participation of the parish," he added.

Hired to be both the music director for the parish and the music teacher for the school beginning on May 1 of this year, Barnett's arrival has already greatly affected the school and parish. Although Hughes was not included in the employment arrangement with the parish, she has a great deal of experience and training in choral singing and has been assisting Barnett in working with the children at the school and with beginning to build a choral program in the parish.

"She was a product of the graded choir system," explained Barnett. "I've never stopped singing in church," added Hughes, commenting on her years of experience. A graded choir system is exactly what Barnett and Hughes plan to grow at Sts. Peter and Paul. The pair plans to have separate choirs for all ages. The "cherub choir" will include children from kindergarten through second grade, the "angel choir" will involve children from third through fifth grade, and the "spirit song" choir will bring together youth ranging from sixth grade through twelfth. Eventually, they plan to break the spirit song choir into two

separate groups dividing middle school and high school students. There will also be adult choir participants who sing at each Mass who may also be all brought together for special occasions. In addition, the Knights of Columbus choir which was formed several years ago has been revived and they have already participated during one Sunday Mass.

The road to Hopkinsville for Barnett and Hughes has been paved with many years of music ministry experience. After graduating from the Westminster Choir College at Princeton with a bachelor's degree in music and from Virginia Commonwealth University with a master's degree in art administration, Barnett immediately began working full-time in parish music ministry building graded choirs. Barnett's philosophy for building graded music programs is simple: "Get 'em in early," he said. This way, people are more likely to sing in church throughout their lives, he claims.

After six years of working full-time as a parish music minister and completing some post-graduate education in technology, Barnett began teaching computer to high school students full-time while continuing as a part-time music minister. "Teaching school for twelve years gave me a chance to spend more time with my two boys," Barnett explained. His boys, who are now both in college, are again the primary reason for his change in jobs. "I have one in Alabama at Auburn and one in Richmond (Virginia), so I wanted to find a job where I could easily visit them both," Barnett explained.

After teaching computer, Barnett returned to the full-time music ministry and has been doing so for the past six years, three of which were spent in northern New Jersey near his chronically ill father. After his father's death and dramatic changes in the parish where he worked, Barnett was ready to relocate closer to his children.

"John Thomas and I go back months in discussion about the position here," explained Barnett while referring to the previous pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul. "We talked for about six weeks before I came here for the interview," he added. Around the middle of March, Barnett had narrowed his search to two parishes: Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville and St. James in Elizabethtown.

When Barnett first learned of Fr.



Richard Barnett and Luci Hughes sing with children at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville during an all-school Mass on Friday, August 12, 2011. Barnett is the new music director for the parish and music teacher for the school. The husband and wife team are working to build a strong choral program at the parish and school. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Thomas' reassignment, however, he was given pause before making his decision to join Sts. Peter and Paul. "John Thomas and I got along famously when I was here for my interview. I think we would have worked very well together," Barnett stated.

After learning of Fr. Thomas' transfer, having the opportunity to talk with Fr. Richard Meredith, the new pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, was imperative before Barnett could make his final decision. "Fr. Richard offered his heart and soul to me about the position," Barnett said. "I shared with him what I had attempted and achieved at other places. It's about all ages, and he fully supports that," Barnett expounded. After that conversation, the rest, as they say, was history. "It felt right," Hughes simply stated in agreement.

Arriving in town on Friday, April 29, after a two-day journey in a rented moving truck with their car following along on a trailer, Barnett and Hughes wasted no time getting involved both in the parish and the school. Knowing he was responsible for providing music at all the Masses that first weekend, Barnett added more to his efforts than simply playing the organ for the congregation.

By positioning an electric keyboard

near the altar, Barnett was able to accompany Hughes while she led the congregation as a cantor for all the Masses. Although this required Barnett to walk, sometimes quickly, back and forth from the choir loft at the rear of the church to the altar, he wanted to achieve as much exposure as possible those first two weekends.

Another part of their overall effort was to immediately begin their "summer sing" program, which both feel was a successful endeavor. "While there used to be only three or no singers in the loft, depending on which Mass you attended, we now have no less than three at any given Mass," said Barnett. The "summer sing" program simply involved inviting all parishioners of any age to arrive for Mass 30 minutes early to rehearse the music selected for that weekend. Binders were prepared with all the music needed and was available for each participant to use during the Masses. "We're here to build. We hope to close next spring out with 20 to 25 in the adult choir," Barnett stated.

One way of attracting more members to the adult choir is to "cast a wide net," according to Barnett. Instead of the traditional one-night-a-week practice, Barnett has increased rehearsal opportunities to

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New Music Director Brings Joy

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grade through eighth, the new music team eventually attracted 41 children to participate in the music camp. (See the "Children 'Wow' Crowd with Performance" article.)

The rationale for offering a free music camp in an era when teachers and other professionals usually charge for such extraneous services is again simple in Barnett's mind. "It's a recruitment for the music programs we hope to build," he explained. Developing and growing the parish and the school music programs are indeed his number one concern.

Yet another recruitment tool Barnett has planned is what he's calling "Harvest Home: A Downtown Thanksgiving Celebration." "We will invite all other churches in the area to a celebration of music," Barnett explained. Slotted for Saturday, November 19, Barnett hopes to hold one large dress rehearsal with all the interested choral groups at Sts. Peter and Paul prior to the celebration. The plan will be to have the entire group sing two or three pieces together, then allow each group to sing a song or two of their own if they desire. "It is a nice way of being together without sectarian issues with faith," Barnett explained. "It's not about theology, but about an American feast," he added.

Barnett's hope is, once again, that possibly those in the parish who wish to participate in the Harvest Home celebration will want to continue singing with the



things and reinforced the need for the implementation," Barnett said. "We learned ways to help ease the transition and to implement the changes," he added.

"I like some of the new music coming out of the changes," Hughes said. "After listening to it once, it doesn't seem very different," she added.

With much to do in their new parish and school, Barnett and Hughes are more than pleased with their decision to work at Sts. Peter and Paul. "When in this line of work, it's rare that you find a parish that offers so much, that offers so many opportunities," explained Barnett. "We have definitely found a home here," he stated. "This is home for us now," Hughes echoed.

Students from Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville perform sign language while singing under the direction of their new music teacher at an all-school Mass on Friday, August 12, 2011. Pictured from left to right are Virginia Cincotti, Emma Sunderhaus and Antha France. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

choir for Sunday liturgy. "Hopefully, they will participate with this event and then we'll get them hooked," Barnett said.

Setting all recruitment tools aside, Barnett and Hughes also hope to use music to help ease the significant changes that are coming this Advent with the new Roman Missal translation. "Setting the changes to music makes the changes seem not so abrupt," explained Hughes. "They make the music fit the new words and it will encourage people to respond musically," she added.

Having just attended the National Pastoral Musicians Conference held in Louisville this July, Barnett and Hughes learned a great deal about the forthcoming changes as well as some ways to help their congregation adapt. "It clarified some

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Some of you have helped my children during 2009 - 2010 school year. Thank you very much. God bless you. The needs are continues and unending. May I request you to help them for 2011 - 2012 by sending school materials such as ball point pens, pencils, Holy Pictures, Rosaries and other items useful for the missions. In return, you will be remembered in our prayers and Holy Masses. Please help.

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Dear Sr. Joseph Angela,

Words cannot express my appreciation and gratitude for all your dedication and help. I understand how important you are in the successful outcome of the Lenten Appeal. I received a check for \$ 74, 358.88 from the Diocese of Owensboro. This represents the prayerful sacrifice of the faithful of your Diocese. It makes possible for us to continue our ministries here in Mandeville. How beautiful to think your Lent makes our Easter possible.

On behalf of the Mandeville Diocese I wish to thank you and all the faithful of the Owensboro Diocese for your generosity. Be assured of our prayerful support for you.

Yours in Christ's Passion,
+ **Most Rev. Neil Tiedemann, C.P.**
Catholic Bishop of Mandeville

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2011

- 2 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 11 Mount St. Joseph PICNIC
- 17 First Baptist Church Choir
- 20-23 Runaway Quilters
- 28 Green Living Symposium
- 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
- 24-28 Diocesan Priest Retreat
- 28-29 Owensboro Christian Elders

NOTE: Center-sponsored programs are in bold type. Please call to register.

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
- 18-20 Mount Hope Weekend

December 2011

- 2 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 8 Advent Day of Prayer with Msgr. Bernard Powers



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34 Henderson church puts environment as part of its Lenten focus

By Sara Anne Corrigan, Evansville Courier & Press, posted April 9, 2011 at midnight

HENDERSON, Ky. - It's not that the parishioners at Holy Name Catholic Church in Henderson, Ky., are doing anything radically different for Lent this year; it still is about giving something up, living with a hardship or at least an inconvenience; something that will cause the penitent to step outside his or her routine, said the Rev. Tony Shonis, associate pastor of Holy Name.

But this year, the parishioners are looking collectively at the wonton waste and degradation of the earth's resources and how they can, as individuals and as a parish, stop contributing to it, Shonis explained.

They are giving up or reducing their consumption of traditional things such as meat, for instance, but with a different outlook: "I had never before thought about the inhumane treatment of animals" said Carol Gibson, a fourth-grade teacher at Holy Name Elementary School.

But it goes further on to examining the long term-effects of society's use and abuse of natural resources (fossil fuels, water, air, forest lands, etc.) and the cumulative damage America's detritus, in particular, is having on the planet.

The classic three R's of environmentalism — reduce, reuse and recycle — have been introduced as Christian values.

"It's the kind of penance that fits the modern world," Shonis said.

"(We have become) a consumer/capitalist society" he added, explaining that people need to begin to think about how they use the planet's increasingly limited resources.

Neal Biggers, director of liturgy and music at Holy Name, added that traditionally Lent has been a time "to look inward, to address matters of internal housekeeping."

The seven-session guided discussion course in use at Holy Name this Lenten season, called "Lent 4.5," "helps us to look outward (at how our actions affect everything else on earth)," he explained.

Lent 4.5 is a project of the Earth and Spirit Center of Louisville, Ky., and the Passionist Congregation of Holy Cross Province in Chicago.

It is designed to be of use to Christians of all dominations.

Participants meet weekly in small



Fr. Anthony Shonis
Associate pastor at Holy Name Catholic Church



Neal Biggers
Director of worship and music at Holy Name Catholic Church

groups; they discuss a specific topic of environmental concern each week, ending with a call to personal action.

It can be a small thing like giving up paper napkins or bringing reusable coffee mugs to the office (instead of using paper or Styrofoam cups), said Sandy Fleming, principal of Holy Name school.

Holy Name instructors and support staff have formed a group; they are translating what they are learning into lessons for their students.

"The materialism (in our society) is scary," Fleming said: "We are learning that it is estimated that kids see 30,000 advertisements (for stuff) by the time they are in the third grade."

Patty Tweddell, first-grade instructor at Holy Name, said "We are trying to teach the difference between needs versus wants."

"Old habits die hard," Shonis said, "but if we (make changes in our personal behavior) for six weeks, maybe it will become a new habit."

The Lent 4.5 workbook, "Christian Simplicity; a Gospel Value," was published earlier this year by the Earth and Spirit Center.

The title is a reference to "the fact that if the world were divided equally among its residents, each would receive 4.5 acres of land from which to derive all of his or her food, energy, clothing, housing and gadgets," according to the official website, www.ucanews.com, a Catholic news service.

But ... "It takes 22.3 acres to maintain the average American lifestyle," according to the website, www.earthandspiritcenter.org, which goes on to explain: "There is a new way of observing Lent that helps us



Linda Anderson, BJ Anderson, Jenny Freiburn. Photo submitted by Charles Hardesty

care for God's creation by taking steps toward using only our fair share of its resources. "Moving in the direction of 4.5 is essential for anyone walking in the footsteps of Jesus today."

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"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.**

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By Ben Warrell

Wow, this summer was amazing! It seems just like yesterday that the summer staff were coming in to begin staff training. Eleven weeks have since passed, and the staff is running on fumes physically, but are spiritually riding high.

385 campers came to Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp this summer (our maximum number is 400)! Each week seemed to build on the next and this was, without a doubt, the most spiritually powerful summer we've had yet. Young people from all over the diocese and state of Kentucky, plus, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee and Michigan attended camp this summer. Our new challenge activity, Jacob's Ladder was a huge hit!!! The camper's commented that it really helped them step out of their comfort zone and trust in another person to accomplish their goal.

The new river tubes added so much for all the campers and we were able to process with them about enduring the rapids/troubles in life that hit and the fun and adventure of living the life God created for them. Our theme for the summer was Col. 2:7 "Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the Faith."

The feedback from the campers again was amazing. "I can't believe how close to God I feel," "This has been the best experience of my life," "Mass will never be the same for me ever again," "I can't describe Adoration, it changed my life!" The Holy Spirit was working overtime this summer and God revealed himself in so many ways. It really is a slice of Heaven on earth for the staff to get to watch the Holy Spirit work on a young person's heart and help them begin to see who God is calling them to be. Faith, Fun and Friends were in abundance at Gasper River this summer and so many people are to be thanked.

The summer staff gave of themselves for eleven weeks, not making much money for the hours they worked and did an amazing job. So many people made monetary donations to the camper scholarship fund that allowed young people to have an encounter with God that they otherwise wouldn't have. Fr. Mike Williams gave of himself for so many weeks this summer bringing the Sacraments to the campers and arranging for priest to come and hear confessions for our youth. Countless people all over the diocese, state and country were praying for us as well. We could feel



Put yourself in this girl's place in the Spider Web at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp this summer - TRUST! Camp Photo



Group portraits at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp are, well, EXCITING! Camp Photo

the prayers. When you've worked six straight eighty-hour weeks and don't have much left, the power of prayer lifted the staff and helped them serve. Parents, campers, supporters-Thank you. Thank you for helping make this place and experience happen.

Where ever these young people go and whatever goes on in their lives, they will have this powerful connection to God and the Catholic Church! As we left Adoration one night, a staff member asked me, "How do I describe what I just experienced with other people?" I had to think hard, because you really can't describe it, you have to experience it. If you'd like to be involved or would like more information on camp, please contact our office at 270-781-2466. Camp isn't just for kids! Thanks again for all of your support of this wonderful ministry. God bless you.

CAMP STORIES

Cory Elder: "High Adventure - the ultimate experience... When you think you're on the verge of defeat, victory lies only around the corner", this phrase came to me at high adventure, and throughout the week, it gave me the will power to stay strong during all of the physically and spiritual challenging events.

"At high adventure this summer, I was pushed to my limits, and stretched to what I thought was unimaginable lengths. I was taken out of my comfort zone both physically in the caves and spiritually during the Stations of the Cross but all together the week was a wonderful way to start my senior year off. It opened my eyes and my heart to listen and to follow God's call in my life and it showed me the importance of having a strong faith community behind me to catch me when the problems in my life bundle up to an amount that I can not handle alone."

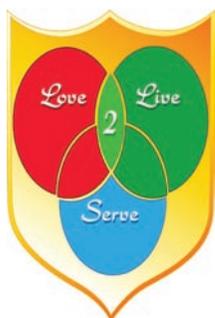
Tanner: "Basically camp changed my life. Before I went to the Christmas/New Year's Camp, I didn't have a great relationship with God. I mean I had been born into the Church, was a "Cradle Catholic" so to speak, but I had never really opened my heart and worked to have a relationship with Him. I had always gone through the motions. But I remember sitting in Adoration and I remember just sitting there and actually felt like God was with me and was speaking to my heart. It truly started my relationship with Him. And I would strongly suggest that anyone who feels like something is missing in their life should attend some sort of retreat or camp at Gasper River."

Nicole: "This was my third year of Camp Life and every year that I come back I seem to get something new out of it besides new friends to grow in my faith. Also I tend to come more and more out of my shell. I become a crazy person who is high on God. This year the younger girls in my cabin told me that it they were so happy because I helped them have a better experience and open up more to God and grow closer to him because I was so open and encouraging to what ever God wants me to do. I LOVE CAMP AT GASPER RIVER!!!! It is my favorite part of my whole summer."

Christine: "I miss camp sooo much! Thank you so much for making the camp. I have grown so much in my faith and have learned that God will always love us, always be there for us, and that no matter what we do, he will be with us forever. As soon as I step onto Gasper River property, it's like my soul can breathe. I'm glad I took a chance to step outside my comfort zone and just be myself instead of worrying about looking 'cool.' I am not afraid to spread the love and kindness of the Holy Spirit everywhere I go. I am a lot closer to God, I encourage my family to say the rosary together each night, and I volunteer at budget stores when I can. It feels so good to help other people, instead of just thinking about myself. What a wonderful camp! I feel so loved, and so do the people around me when I do good deeds. Thank you so much for making all of this possible!!! I'm looking forward to next year!!! God Bless."

Sam Rasp: I'd like to start off by saying Gasper River is my second home. I attended two camps this; Camp Life week one and High Adventure Camp, HOORAH!!!!!!!!!! Both of those weeks were amazing. I Love that at the beginning, we are all strangers, then by the end of the week we don't want to leave because we have become a family. I spend the rest of the summer as a Staff In Training. This was also an amazing experience learning how to do the job the Staff does every week. I can't wait to continue being a part of this amazing place!!!

36 Live 2 Serve ~ Serve 2 Love ~ Love 2 Live: CAMP CONNECT



Submitted by Sherry Jones

FANCY FARM, Ky. - Do you wanna Revolution? WooWoo!!! Welcome to Camp Connect, where we Live 2 Serve, Serve 2 Love, Love 2 Live.

After several years of planning, fundraising, and travelling all over the country to participate in different social service camps, St. Jerome Church in Fancy Farm decided to try something closer to home. A core group of adults began planning early in the year to host the 1st session of Camp Connect, a work camp that allows youth entering the 7th through 12th

grades to provide community service to the elderly, disadvantaged, or disabled community. The idea was that if we can host a camp right here in our own community the cost could be kept lower and more young people would be able to participate.

St Jerome Parish invited youth from the Fancy Farm and Paducah deaneries to participate. We were thrilled with the response for the first year. We had 25 middle school and high school students participate. We were able to log 735 hours of community service to the Fancy Farm, Dublin, Mayfield, and Paducah communities. The youth provided many types of service to Habitat for Humanity, Martha's Vineyard, Needline, Fern Terrace Nursing facility, Peanuts Daycare, Villa Madonna, and several elderly members of the Fancy Farm and Dublin communities. They worked hard all day in the hot heat but had plenty of play time after. Each day we started with a hearty breakfast prepared by our wonderful cooking team. Each evening we had a wonderful meal prepared by this group, followed by a program that focused on the Trinity with lots of music, activities, and discussion.

I am humbled by the hard work, dedication, love and enthusiasm that everyone involved put into this 3-day event. We will begin planning for next year in a few weeks with hopes to expand and grow. Come join us next year!



Father Darrell and a passel of parents hosted the St. Jerome Altar Servers for an appreciation outing at Venture River. Pictures submitted by Sherry Jones



Mrs. Maria Pendel is pleased with her renovated Shrine and the interest in her journey from Poland to the United States shown by this Camp Connect Group.



Team For Camp Connect, hosted at St. Jerome Parish, Summer 2011 (Not pictured: Fr. Darrell, Ellen Carrico, Matt and Shanda Purcell.)



At left, Father Darrell, with help from Nanette and Alton Burgess and Sister Elaine, hosted this group of Young Adults at his home on August 10th. A momentous decision was reached to forfeit the UK/Ole Miss game the first weekend in November in favor of attending the 175th Anniversary of St. Jerome Parish.

At right, Adriana and Kelsey bring smiles to two of the residents of Fern Terrace as they provide splashes of color.



Greetings from Bani.

By Father Stan Puryear

As I write these lines of interest, I am sipping on pineapple-lime juice over ice. The drink has no name and I had no idea how it was going to turn out until I made it. A parishioner brought fresh pineapple grown on his farm and I picked limes off the lime tree in the parish yard. Peel, squeeze, run through a blender, strain, pour over ice, and try to beat the heat of August in the Caribbean.

As it is August, it means I have completed a year of ministry here in the Diocese of Bani, Dominican Republic. I have learned so much about the Church, about human nature and resilience, about the struggles of an outsider in another culture, about loneliness, about the midst of poverty, about my strengths and many weaknesses, and about my identity as a priest. And through the incredible and abundant Grace of God, I can truly say that this has been an incredible year indeed!

The highlight of my life since I last wrote was the arrival of two of my dogs from the United States. Thanks to Delta Airlines, Lisa Clary, Tina Giertesén, and a cool tow-truck driver whose name I did not get, Harmony and Callista flew back with me from Atlanta in early April. By the way, if you check your Cingular Wireless bill, you might well be paying for a roadside assistance service without having signed up for it. I realized I had been paying for the service and was considering canceling it, but never got around to doing so. During a heavy downpour in Chattanooga on the drive to Atlanta airport, I was really glad that I did not cancel that service. Flat tires sometimes take place in the most unpleasant places and circumstances.

At any rate, the dogs and I arrived safely on Hispaniola. After adjusting to the warm weather with many trips to the beach, they are adapting well to island life. I'm afraid to report that a couple of the turkeys did not survive the introduction to the Labrador retriever who apparently thought she was hunting some very large ducks. Fortunately, turkey criollo over rice makes for a rather tasty dish.

My turkey farm plans are not coming to fruition as I had hoped. I am finding that it is extremely difficult to make a profit on a turkey farm if I keep giving away the turkeys. I have been encouraging a few of the young folks in the parish to raise for-profit animal flocks, and if they show promise,

they get a couple of turkey poult. If all works well, in a few years, Paya will be the turkey capital of the Dominican Republic and the wealthy farmers can contribute more to the parish. Future priests will thank me, as they will be able to live solely on what the parish provides. But until then, it looks like I'll be eating rice, beans, and fried plantains for Thanksgiving again this year.

One of the greatest challenges for priests here is finding the financial resources to survive. Only two parishes in the diocese receive enough funds in their weekly collections to support a priest. All other priests have to find jobs outside their parishes just to survive. Our two biggest expenses are fuel (gasoline is over US\$6 per gallon, diesel over US\$5) and food, and many months, there are not enough funds for both. Priests have to choose between eating or celebrating Mass in the communities to which they must drive. In April, I received Mass intentions from Saint William and Saint Lawrence Parishes in the Knottsville area. Such stipends really are a great blessing here. Not only that, but other priests in the Diocese of Owensboro have sent funds for fuel or for insurance for priests here who would otherwise be greatly struggling.

Even though my parishioners do not have a great deal of financial wealth, they always have wonderfully tasty treats growing on their farms or in their yards. The pineapple juice I am sipping is a testament to that. I know that I will never go hungry, so long as I am willing to eat yucca, mango, pineapple, sweet potato, guandules (a type of pea), bananas, plantains, okra, avocado, orange, coconut, and a couple of other things that I have yet to identify. Much like rural parishes in western Kentucky, it is not uncommon to see parishioners arriving at Mass with fresh vegetables in hand to give to the priest. The difference is that here I actually eat the vegetables! Four of us priests eat together on a daily basis

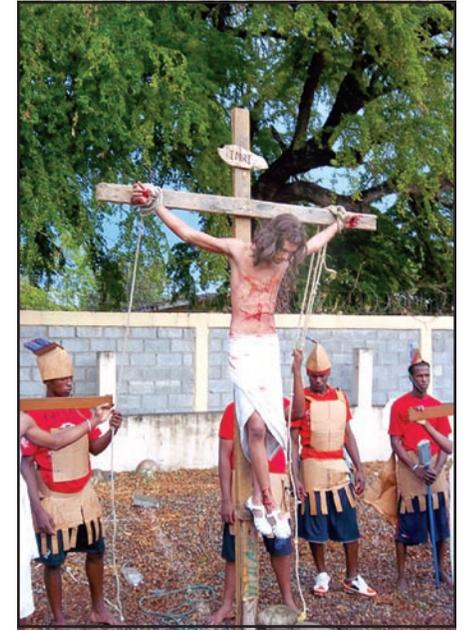


Baptisms are always awesome events.

in a parish where a cook prepares a daily meal. The food that parishioners bring to Mass in lieu of collection usually ends up on our dinner table. What is too much for us to eat goes to poor families in the area, of which there are far too many.

Thanks to a donation by a family in the Diocese of Owensboro who has been a special source of support over the years, I was able to start a food bank in the parish. One-hundred pound bags of rice and fifty pound bags of beans, dried seasonings, and cooking oil have been purchased and distributed to many, many hungry people, especially elderly and chronically ill without family resources. As I have watched from a distance the American debate over taxes and entitlements and the size of federal government, I can't help but wanting to invite everyone to come to the DR to see what life is like in a land where there is no social security, no access to health care without ability to pay, and no child protection services. (Nor real police protection, but that is for another article.) Fortunately for those in need both in the United States and here in the Dominican Republic, Americans in general are a very compassionate and caring people who will not stand idly by while others suffer.

Finally, now that I have passed the first year mark here in my ministry in the



Good Friday Procession and Drama put on by the youth group.

Dominican Republic, let me express my gratitude to all who have contributed to my ministry here. I speak not of just financial contributions but also prayer and words of support. Being a missionary is tough, and I have found challenges this past year that would have been insurmountable without God's grace. But I can truly say that I have found a renewed joy in priesthood that cannot be expressed in words. Please continue to keep me in your prayers and know that all of the Diocese of Owensboro is remembered in prayer from the Diocese of Bani, Dominican Republic.



Fr. Angel Robles beside the dental chair and the Santa Cruz Parish medical clinic. Photos submitted by Father Stan Puryear.

38 Saludos desde Bani.

Por el Padre Stan Puryear

Mientras escribo estas líneas, estoy bebiendo en el jugo de piña y limón. La bebida no tiene nombre y no tenía ni idea de cómo iba a salir cuando lo hice. Un feligrés me regaló una piña de su finca y corté unos limones del árbol del patio de la parroquia. El jugo es bueno para combatir el calor del Caribe en agosto.

Como es el mes de agosto, puedo anunciar que he cumplido un año de ministerio aquí en la Diócesis de Bani, República Dominicana. He aprendido mucho de la Iglesia, de la naturaleza humana, de la dificultad de adaptarse a otra cultura, de la soledad, de la pobreza, de mis fortalezas y debilidades, y de mi identidad sacerdotal. ¡Por la gracia de Dios, puedo decir que este ha sido un año increíble!

El gran vaina de mi vida desde que escribí fue la llegada de dos de mis perros de los Estados Unidos. Gracias a Aerolínea Deltas, Lisa Clary, Tina Gieresen y un conductor del grúa cuyo nombre no sé, Armonía y Calista volaron conmigo de Atlanta en abril. Por si acaso si comprueba su factura de Cingular Wireless, es posible que esté pagando un servicio de asistencia en carretera sin saberlo. Me di cuenta de esto y consideraba cancelarlo, pero nunca lo hice. Durante un fuerte aguacero en Chattanooga en el camino para el Aeropuerto de Atlanta, estuve muy feliz que no cancelé ese servicio. Gomas (llantas) pinchadas ocurren a veces en los lugares y circunstancias desagradables.

Por todos modos, las perras y yo llegamos bien a la Española. Después de ajustar al calor con muchos viajes a la playa, se adaptan bien a la vida de la isla. Desafortunadamente, dos de los pavos no sobrevivieron la introducción a la labradora que pensaba que cazaba unos patos muy grandes. Pero, afortunadamente, pavo criollo con arroz es un plato sabroso.

Mis planes de criar pavos no están llegando como esperaba. Estoy descubriendo que es difícil salir adelante si regalo los pavos. He urgido a algunas de los jóvenes en la parroquia para criar animales con fines de lucro, y si



Mi perra Calista con Wilson Bautista Sanchez, seminarista por la Diócesis de Bani.

muestran promesa, recibe un par de pavitos. Si todo salga bien, en pocos años, Paya será la capital de pavos de la República Dominicana y los agricultores ricos pueden contribuir más a la parroquia. Los sacerdotes futuros me agradecerán, porque podrán vivir únicamente en las recolectas de las Misas. Pero mientras, se me parece que voy a seguir comiendo arroz, frijoles y plátanos fritos para el Día de Gracias otra vez este año.

Uno de los mayores desafíos para los sacerdotes aquí es encontrar los recursos financieros para sobrevivir. Sólo dos parroquias en la diócesis reciben fondos suficientes en sus colecciones semanales para apoyar a un sacerdote. Todos los demás sacerdotes han encontrado trabajos fuera de sus parroquias sólo para sobrevivir. Nuestros dos mayores gastos son combustible (gasolina es más US\$ 6 por galón, diesel mas que US\$ 5) y alimentos. Muchos meses, no hay suficientes fondos para ambos. Sacerdotes tienen que elegir entre comer o celebrar misa en las comunidades a las que deben manejar. En abril, recibí unas intenciones para Misas de las Parroquias San Guillermo y San Laurencio en el pueblo de Knottsville. Tales estipendios son realmente una gran bendición aquí. Además, otros sacerdotes de la

Diócesis de Owensboro han enviado fondos de combustible o de seguros para los sacerdotes aquí.

Aun los feligreses de la Parroquia Santiago Apóstol de Paya no tiene una gran riqueza financiera, siempre tienen cosas sabrosas en sus fincas o en sus patios. Estoy tomando el jugo de piña que da testimonio. Sé que nunca voy a sufrir hambre, aun tengo que estar dispuesto a comer yuca, mango, piña, batata, guandules (un tipo de guisantes), bananas, plátanos, quingombó, aguacate, naranja, coco y un par de cosas que todavía tengo que identificar. Como en las parroquias rurales de Kentucky Occidental, no es raro ver a unos feligreses legando a la Misa con verduras frescas en la mano para dar al sacerdote. ¡La diferencia es que aquí sí como las verduras! Cuatro de nosotros sacerdotes nos juntamos diariamente en una parroquia donde una cocinera prepara una comida diaria. Los alimentos me entregan los feligreses siempre llegan a nuestra mesa. Lo que es demasiado para nosotros está llegando a unas familias pobres, de las cuales hay muchas.

Gracias a una donación por una familia en la Diócesis de Owensboro, que ha sido una fuente especial de apoyo durante los años, he podido iniciar un banco de alimentos en la parroquia. Bolsas de cien libras de arroz y bolsas de 50 libras de frijoles, sazones secados, y aceite de cocina se han adquirido y distribuido a muchas personas hambrientas, especialmente ancianas y enfermas crónicas sin recursos familiares. En observar de una distancia el debate norteamericano sobre impuestos y derechos y el tamaño del gobierno federal, he tenido ganas de invitar a todos a la RD para que vean como es la vda donde no hay seguridad social, ni acceso a salud sin capacidad de pagar, y menos servicios para la protección de menores de edad. (Ni protección policial, aun es para otro artículo). Afortunadamente para los necesitados en los Estados Unidos y aquí en la República Dominicana, los estadounidenses en general son unas personas compasivas que no se quedan al lado mientras que otros sufren.

Por último, ahora que he cumplido un año en la República Dominicana, permítanme expresar mi agradecimiento a todos los que han contribuido a mi ministerio aquí. Hablo no solamente aportes financieros sino también de oración y palabras de apoyo. Ser misionero no es fácil, y los desafíos del año pasado solo se podían enfrentar con la gracia de Dios. Pero puedo decir que he encontrado una alegría renovada en sacerdocio que no se puede expresar en palabras. Por favor siga rezando por mi y sepan que todos de la Diócesis de Owensboro son recordados en oración en la Diócesis de Bani, República Dominicana.



La camioneta de la parroquia también sirve como transporte para ir a la Misa. Los Caballeros de Colon en Bowling Green donaron para la compra de la Toyota Hilux. Fotos por El Padre Stan Puryear

St. Leo, Murray Celebrates the Dedication of Newly Renovated and Expanded Church 39

Submitted by the St Leo Building Committee

MURRAY, Ky. - On Sunday, July 31, the parish of St. Leo gathered together with great joy and anticipation as permission to enter the newly renovated and expanded church was requested from Bishop Medley, who had come to dedicate the new worship space. Approximately 650 people gathered to join in the celebration as the steady flow of faithful entered the new church singing "Let Us Go Rejoicing."

The plan for a new church building grew from a strategic planning session held in February of 2004. Parish leaders concluded that our parish growth and development were being hampered by our buildings and facilities. To more fully fulfill our mission, we needed to increase the capacity and add features to our worship space.

From the beginning, we sought to design a church that provides the needed capacity and functionality while fitting our keep-it-simple culture and our limited economic means. To accomplish this, Building and Liturgical Design Committees worked closely with an architect and a liturgical design consultant. With exhaustive consideration of alternatives and regular input from the parish at large, the current design was selected.

The new design required three major changes:

1. Tear down the rectory and move it off-campus
2. Move the altar to the east side of the building from the west
3. Slope the floor in the main worship space.

St. Leo Parish has its origins in the 1930's, when Catholic workers at the local Civilian Conservation Corps began attending Mass at the camp's recreation hall. Upon the camp's closure in 1939, weekly Mass for local Catholics moved to the home of the Fenton family, a member of which is still a parishioner today. When military units came to Murray and the number of Catholics attending Mass grew, Mass was held at various locations on the campus of Murray State University. With the help of a grant from the Catholic Church Extension Society and the hard work of the pastor and about 150 parishioners, the first Catholic Church building was completed in the fall of 1943. St. Leo Catholic Church was founded.



The new Saint Leo, Murray, church building was dedicated and blessed July 31, 2011.



Approximately 650 people gathered to join in the celebration.

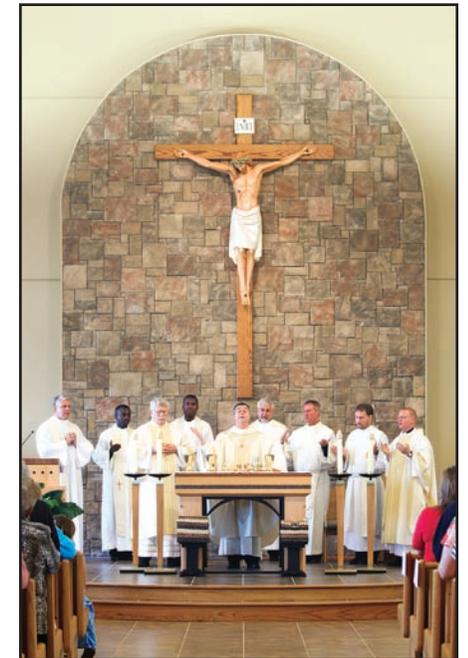
In 1963, the parish constructed a 300 seat church to accommodate its growing faith community. The project included a connected rectory. The original church was renovated to serve the Newman Center campus ministry, which had been started at nearby Murray State University. Later, the Newman Center ministry moved to a property across the street from St. Leo, the old church was converted to parish offices, and a parish Hall was constructed. Today, St. Leo Parish is a vital, growing faith community, with 420 registered families. It is

the only Catholic Church in Murray, and draws in Catholics from across western Kentucky and northwest Tennessee.

Many items in our new church come from the 1943 and 1963 churches. From the 1943 church, were four major statues: Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Leo, Blessed Mother, and St. Joseph. These statues were moved to the new church in 1963. All four statues were repaired, repainted, and installed in the Gathering Space of our new church. From the 1963 church, are: the altar, ambo, and presider's chair, which



St Leo Church current eastern view.



Bishop William Medley presided at mass.

will be used in the new daily Mass chapel. Also the bell, cross, crucifix, organ, and relics were incorporated into the design of the new church. Over 10,000 bricks were recovered from the walls of the 1963 church and cleaned by parishioners for use in the new church.

Present for the dedication, were priests from the diocese who were ordained from St. Leo's, including Fr. Mike Clark, Fr. Ken Mikulcik, and Fr. Uwem Enoch. Also present were Fr. Mike Williams, former pastor of St. Leo and Fr. Joe Gatto, visiting priest and brother of parishioner, Kathy Johnson.

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this new church building and dedication possible. It would not have been possible without the help and support of the entire St. Leo Parish Family. Our new church building is a reflection of the great faith of a strong, vital, and growing Catholic parish.

40 Abby Johnson Issues Pro-Life Challenge

STUEBENVILLE, OH—"If you are not working actively to end abortion, you are complicit in the act of abortion," said former Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson at Franciscan University of Steubenville's "Night for Life."

"I'm not talking about praying at home, or going to the adoration chapel. Do you think I'd be here on this stage without people witnessing and praying in front of my abortion clinic in public?"

Johnson drew national attention in 2009 when she left Planned Parenthood and became a pro-life advocate, only to face attempts to silence her through litigation. Her story became the best-selling book, *unPlanned*, and led Johnson into a new life as a pro-life advocate, speaking to audiences around the world to rally support for the cause of life. Johnson entered the Catholic Church this Easter.

She headlined the "Night for Life," bringing the crowd to a hushed silence when she recalled the ultrasound-guided abortion that rocked the foundations of her world.

"They don't do ultrasound-guided abortions inside Planned Parenthood. They say it's because it takes an extra



Abby Johnson will speak to the Owensboro Right To Life Banquet on Oct. 20, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

five minutes," Johnson told the crowd. "I think they don't do it because it exposes the truth. I told people as an abortion

counselor that the fetus doesn't feel anything until 28 weeks. I had to believe that lie. I couldn't allow myself to know the truth."

Johnson got involved in pro-choice activism in college after having two abortions herself, followed by an eight-year stint working for Planned Parenthood. In 2009, working as director of an abortion clinic in Bryan, Texas, she was called in by a visiting abortionist to operate the ultrasound during an abortion. What she saw changed her mind, her career, and her life.

"I knew what I saw on that ultrasound was true. I knew that the movements of that child told me it knew its life was in danger," Johnson said. "We use the word 'choice' instead of using the word 'murder.' We use the word 'choice' instead of the word 'killing.' It doesn't make sense, but that's what we do in our society. I saw that ultrasound, and watched that child struggle and fight to save his life. I watched the child be dismembered inside his mother's womb. I saw those limbs tumble and turn and get sucked down that tube. But he had no chance. He had no choice."

Johnson quit her job and "crossed the

fence" to join the pro-lifers praying and witnessing outside the very clinic she'd managed.

"I think the most important thing you'll do for the pro-life movement is be a witness outside an abortion clinic," said Johnson. "It's scary, but you do it anyway. My four-year-old daughter goes with me and prays outside the abortion clinic where I used to work. If she can do it with me, everyone here can do it."

And, Johnson explained, it's God who gets her through her life after her pro-life conversion. "If he can forgive a sinner like me, he can forgive anybody. Because of how much I've been forgiven, I know how much I need him. I have to cling to him and cling to his forgiveness and cling to his mercy or I'd just fall apart."

She challenged the enthusiastic crowd of students and area residents to pour themselves out in the fight for life.

"For eight years of my life, I was ashamed to tell people where I worked. Now when people ask me what I do, I am proud to tell them I stand up for life," Johnson said. "We have got to be proud to be pro-life."

For more on Johnson's story, see www.unplannedthebook.com/.

unPLANNED, Abby Johnson's Personal Story About Planned Parenthood and Abortion

By Nathan Reffitt, A Member of the Diocesan Gospel for Life and Right to Life of Owensboro

On February 22, 2011 Congressman Chris Smith of New Jersey read an excerpt from Abby Johnson's best selling book *UnPlanned* while on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. This book provided the foundation for Congressman Smith to explain how Planned Parenthood has lobbied against parental notification and consent laws for abortion. Congressman Smith requested all members of Congress both pro-life and pro-abortion to read the book *UnPlanned*. The next day, the House voted 240-185 to pass legislation to stop spending 300 million tax dollars to fund Planned Parenthood. Although this action was passed a compromise was completed at the last minute by the Senate which ensured continued funding for Planned Parenthood. Then Abby Johnson challenged Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards to a public debate on whether congress should continue to provide taxpayers' dollars for abortions.



Cecile Richards declined. Who is this 29-year old woman who is challenging powerful CEOs and why are politicians reading her dramatic book, *Unplanned*?

In September of 2009, Abby Johnson, who was the director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Bryan/College Station, Texas was asked to assist in an ultrasound guided abortion procedure. The one time employee of the year for Planned Parenthood witnessed unspeakable violence on the ultrasound screen.

A 13-week old baby fought for her life only to meet death by the suction of a probe. Little hands and feet were dismembered and suctioned from the womb into a cannula. The abortionist lightheartedly said, "Beam me up, Scotty" when the last remaining body part, the spine of the child was removed.

This is only the beginning of Abby Johnson's conversion story. *UnPlanned* explains in Abby's own words how young adults raised by typical middle class families are easily targeted by Planned Parenthood as volunteers, employees and customers.

Planned Parenthood approached Abby Johnson during her freshman year in college. Abby was an impressionable young woman; she agreed to volunteer to help

poor women. By using proven marketing schemes, Planned Parenthood convinced Abby her sense of idealism and desire to help women in crisis would decrease the number of abortions. Abby thought she and Planned Parenthood had the same goal: To help women prevent unintended pregnancies, make abortion rare and help women in need.

As her level of responsibility grew from volunteer to employee and eventually director of the clinic, her understanding of the role abortion plays in financing Planned Parenthood was revealed, especially how Planned Parenthood knows with objective data how sexual education programs in school systems increases abortion rates and profitability. You will discover how Planned Parenthood has marketing strategies to encourage late term abortions in order to increase revenue. You will also learn why Planned Parenthood cannot survive without providing abortion services and how they have future plans to provide abortions at every clinic they operate.

Abby Johnson also provides a deeply
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personal story. She explains in detail her private experience of how and why she underwent 2 abortions after artificial contraception failed. She almost bled to death after receiving Mifeprex and it took her months to physically recover. After artificial contraception failed a third time, she chose life. However, once her child was born, she discovered the physiological trauma of her previous abortions.

When Planned Parenthood found out about Abby's change of heart, they were frightened that others would hear her story. Their defense was to intimidate her with a temporary gag order and eventually take her to court. Planned Parenthood informed the media of their gag order to ensure she would be unable to legally tell her story. After going to court and speaking truth to power Abby Johnson was able to beat the legal team of Planned Parenthood.

Now you have the opportunity to read what Planned Parenthood does not want you to know about the money-making business of abortion. You have the oppor-



Abby Johnson speaking about unPLANNED.

tunity to read from their own sources how artificial contraception and sex education are objectively linked to increasing abortion rates. You will discover from the eyes of a former pro-abortion leader why fanatical pro-life protesters only strengthen the culture of abortion. Abby Johnson also explains why the 40 Days for Life Campaign is so powerful. By using biblical principles of prayer and fasting, abortion clinics are closing and babies are being saved by the

thousands.

The book *Unplanned* by Abby Johnson is a combination of St. Paul's conversion story and the prophetic voice of Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter *Humanae Vitae*. Since October, 2009, Abby Johnson has converted from a leading voice of Planned Parenthood to a Catholic who practices the Creighton Natural Family Planning. Her conversion was initiated not by words but by the visual picture of a small baby with little eyes, hands and feet at 13 weeks gestation. It was not a "glob of tissues" like she was expecting. Just like the visual images of Jewish concentration camps transformed nations to battle a culture of death, the visual images of the murder of an innocent baby challenged Abby Johnson to risk it all to end abortion.

Abby Johnson has recently joined forces with Live Action as a Chief Research Strategist. Live Action has recently been in the news for reporting undercover stings of many Planned Parenthood clinics. These undercover stings have revealed Planned Parenthood is willing to aid and abet underage sex trafficking by advising "pimps" on how to obtain abortions and birth control for their young "sex workers".

You can find *Unplanned* by Abby Johnson at Owensboro's St. Maximilian Catholic Bookstore by calling 689-9485. You will also have the opportunity to hear Abby Johnson in person on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the annual Right to Life of Owensboro fundraising banquet.

Reflection Days of Prayer



Seeking And Finding

Six women took part in the Reflection Day of Prayer at Mount Saint Joseph on June 3 that focused on "Seeking and Finding," led by Sister Ann McGrew, director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.

In The picture above, pictured: Sister Ann McGrew, center, asks for any special prayer intentions from the participants in the Reflection Day. From left are Marianna Robinson, Mary Helen Nash, Pam Mattingly, Sister Elaine Burke, Peggy Clark, and Martha Little.

Pray for the Dream

Thousands of hard working young people who were brought to the United States as children want to go to college and live the American Dream, but can instead be detained and deported to countries they've never known.

The **DREAM Act** could stop the injustice by giving students who have grown up and graduated from high school in the United States the opportunity to earn legal status through higher education or military service.

President Obama also has the executive authority to protect vulnerable populations including DREAM Act eligible students and parents of citizen children from unwarranted detention and deportation.

Take Part in DREAM Events!

- Plan a vigil or public event between Sept. 18 - Oct. 9 in support of our DREAM students and youth.
- Incorporate petitions, prayers and homilies in support of our DREAMers into the Masses on Sunday, September 25th. After Mass share personal stories of DREAMers.

As Catholics, we support the DREAM Act because we believe in protecting the dignity of every human being, allowing everyone to reach their God given potential

If you want help planning a Prayer Service for the Dream Act in your area, contact Patti Gutierrez at 270-302-2782 or e-mail Patricia.gutierrez@pastoral.org.

Go to www.justiceforimmigrants.org to send an electronic postcard to President Obama asking him to protect innocent DREAM youth from deportation



42 Slowly Learning to Trust in God A Testimony of the Blessing of Natural Family Planning



By Patti Gutiérrez

Growing up, like most Catholics, I never really heard about Natural Family Planning (NFP). When I was 10 years old my dad moved from Maine to Colorado so I stopped spending the weekends with him going to the Baptist church and started going to the Catholic Church with my mom. I can't remember it coming up in either church. It probably wasn't until going to a Catholic college that I started to hear about NFP and the Church's teaching against contraception. But even then I got mixed messages of people believing it was too high of a standard for marriage or that it wasn't very effective and meant that the Church wanted all families to have at least 8 kids. It didn't surprise me that most couples I knew disregarded the teaching. That mentality melted away when I was exposed to Pope John Paul II's revolutionary teaching the Theology of the Body. The more I delved into this teaching the more I realized that most of the pain around me, especially in the area of relationships and sex was a result of us chasing after counterfeits of God's truth. I came to understand the language of the body and God's design that has been stamped into our very beings as men and women. I felt John Paul II was speaking to the deepest part of me as a person and all of the Church teachings regarding marriage and contraception flowed naturally from this newfound perspective.

I come from a family of broken marriages and young single moms. Although one thing that gave me great hope is that my mother was blessed with a second chance and now has a loving, respectful, committed marriage. But I still didn't feel certain that I was cut out for marriage. Through surprising twists and turns God brought the perfect man for me into my life and together we continued to grow in our understanding of life and love with the guidance of John Paul II's teachings. Through God's grace I experienced healing of my past reservations and whole heartedly entered into the lifelong commitment of a sacramental marriage.

During our engagement we learned the Billings Ovulation Method of NFP and found out it was actually based on a lot of scientific research and highly effective at avoiding a pregnancy. We decided we would use it to postpone a pregnancy for a while. Something that surprised me were my reservations about being a mother. I think it was mostly because growing up it had been pounded into me by the wounded women in my life that no matter what I did, I just better not get pregnant too young. Even though by the time I was married I was 26 and had a good job, I couldn't shake the feeling that children were a burden I wanted to put off carrying, if at all. After so many years of fearing pregnancy, it didn't just go away because I was married.

It was only through living out the one flesh union that is so beautifully described in the Theology of the Body and the loving support of my husband, Chris, that I began to get a glimpse at the wonder of becoming co-creators with God. I began to experience a oneness with Chris, not only physically, but in every sense of the word to the point that I began to understand as never before the oneness of the Father and Son and their fruitful love that brings forth the Holy Spirit. After only a few months I could feel a deep longing for that same fruitful oneness and the miracle of bringing forth a new life from our love. It felt natural. Although I still had plenty of reservations about motherhood, I knew I was called to be a mother and soon after that we used our knowledge of our fertility to achieve a pregnancy.

Then the real tests began. Because of my familiarity with my cycle and I paid so close attention to my body I knew even the day the baby must have implanted and I was certain I was pregnant before I even saw the test. Our joy at being pregnant couldn't be contained. The next weekend we had a dinner with all of our closest friends and my parents and we shared the exciting news. Two days later I woke up bleeding and my entire world came crashing down. I had lost this beautiful baby that I now wanted with my whole being. I was inconsolable and broken. I couldn't believe God would bring me along this path and then do this to me.

Through this trial and into the fear and complications of a subsequent pregnancy

Take a look at Natural Family Planning



Did you know that the modern methods of Natural Family Planning are highly effective at both avoiding and achieving a pregnancy? They are based on solid scientific research, are easy to learn and simple to use. They are 100% safe, use no chemicals, have no negative side effects and will actually make your marriage stronger. They can even help couples struggling with infertility and miscarriage by working cooperatively with their bodies. Check it out for yourself at www.rcdok.org/nfp or call the Diocesan Family Life Office at (270) 683-1545.

I came to experience in a whole new way the trust and surrender that God was asking of me and Chris. In my second pregnancy I started bleeding the exact same day in my pregnancy as my miscarriage. I was devastated again and already mourning my little one. Chris supported me and reassured me and that day we prayed harder than ever and I feel for the first time truly surrendered our fertility and ability to be co-creators with God. We trusted that no matter what happened God had us in His hand. Through his grace we were blessed to not lose that baby and Gabriel is a now an adorable, active, intelligent toddler who we love more than we ever knew we could.

Theology of the Body and Natural Family Planning had brought us to where we were in our faith and our marriage and we knew we wanted to spread the word. While I was pregnant with Gabriel I had the surprising opportunity to become an instructor in another method of NFP called the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. That's where the world of fertility was truly opened to me and I was exposed to doctors and practitioners who had taken NFP from simply a method of avoiding and achieving a pregnancy into a whole new reproductive science that cooperates with a woman's natural cycle. It even has a high success rate at helping infertile couples or those experiencing recurrent miscarriages to achieve and maintain a pregnancy. I was floored. I couldn't believe this had been available and yet hardly anyone knew about this revolutionary system. While teaching this method for the past two years I have been truly blessed to be part of this very intimate experience of couples

learning about their own fertility. It has strengthened my conviction that living out God's plan for marriage and procreation is a blessing for every couple's relationship.

But the trials didn't end with Gabriel's birth and teaching NFP. Despite my own knowledge of fertility and the hope that this system offers to couples unable to achieve or maintain a pregnancy, God has continued to remind me that our ability to be co-creators with him is still a gift. Chris and I have experienced two more devastating miscarriages since Gabriel was born. Although we haven't yet come to understand the physical cause, we have come to realize that only in complete abandonment to God's will can we succeed in being fruitful – in whatever sense God has planned for us. We will continue to work with my body to try to achieve a pregnancy but with an ever greater sense of the blessing our fertility is and the reverence with which we join with God in bringing new life into this world. I offer my physical, spiritual and emotional pain for all the couples that have yet to discover the gift of God's plan for marriage. I pray that each of you reading this will consider learning more about the Theology of the Body and the modern methods of Natural Family Planning and share what you learn with others. My children: Rosario, Elías and Teresa Gutiérrez, please pray for us.

Patti Gutiérrez is a Creighton Model Practitioner who lives in Sebree with her husband Chris and her son Gabriel. To find out more about learning NFP in our Diocese please visit www.rcdok.org/nfp or call the Diocesan Family Life Office at (270) 683-1545.

6 Aprendiendo a Confiar en Dios - *Un Testimonio de la Bendición de la Planificación Familiar Natural*



Por Patti Gutiérrez

Durante mi adolescencia, y cómo la mayoría de los católicos, jamás escuché nada sobre la Planificación Familiar Natural (PFN). Cuando yo

apenas tenía 10 años mi papá se había mudado del estado de Maine al estado de Colorado y para ese entonces ya no iba yo a la Iglesia con él y empecé a ir con mi mamá a la Católica. Nunca recuerdo haber escuchado algo sobre la PFN en ninguna de las dos iglesias. Creo que fue hasta cuando entré a una universidad católica que escuché sobre la PFN y la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre los anticonceptivos. Pero aún así recibía diferentes mensajes de personas que creían que la moral católica era un ideal imposible para el matrimonio y que resultaba inefectivo porque la Iglesia quiere que todas las familias tengan 8 hijos,- decían. No me sorprendía que la mayoría de las parejas que conocía no tomaran en cuenta las enseñanzas de iglesia.

Esta mentalidad cambió totalmente para mí cuando escuché el mensaje de la enseñanza revolucionaria de Juan Pablo II llamado La Teología del Cuerpo. Lo más que aprendía de su mensaje lo más que me daba cuenta que la mayoría del dolor a mi alrededor, especialmente respecto a las relaciones y con el sexo, era sólo el resultado de correr tras de engañosas mentiras, “verdades” torcidas que el diablo nos dice sobre las Verdades de Dios. Llegué entonces a entender el lenguaje del cuerpo y sobre el diseño de Dios puesto en nuestros cuerpos como hombre y mujer. Yo sentí que Juan Pablo II tocaba la parte más profunda de mi persona con sus palabras y que las enseñanzas de Iglesia sobre el matrimonio y en contra de los anticonceptivos fluían naturalmente de esta nueva perspectiva.

Yo provengo de una familia de matrimonios fracasados, disfuncionales y de madres solteras y jóvenes. Aunque una cosa sí me dio esperanza: Y es que mi mamá tuvo la bendición de tener una segunda oportunidad en su vida y ahora tiene un matrimonio de amor, respeto y compromiso. Pero aún así no me sentía segura de que el matrimonio fuera para mí. A través de muchas vueltas y giros sorprendentes en mi vida, Dios me trajo al hombre que era perfecto para mí



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Poster**

y juntos crecimos más en nuestro conocimiento de la vida y el amor con la enseñanza de Juan Pablo II teniéndolo como nuestra guía. Por la gracia de Dios experimenté la sanación de mis miedos del pasado, entrando de todo corazón al compromiso de toda la vida en el matrimonio sacramental.

Durante nuestro tiempo de preparación para el matrimonio aprendimos el Método de Ovulación Billings de PFN y supimos que era basado en muchos estudios científicos y era sumamente efectivo en evitar un embarazo. Decidimos usarlo para posponer un embarazo por un tiempo. Algo que me sorprendió fue mis miedos de ser una madre. Creo que ese temor era porque en mi adolescencia y juventud las mujeres que habían sido heridas en mi vida me dejaron bien claro que pasara lo que pasara, que no me quedara embarazada demasiado joven, eso fue lo único que me decían. Aunque cuando me casé ya tenía 26 años y tenía un buen trabajo, no podía dejar de sentir que como si los hijos fuesen una carga que no quería cargar pronto, o tal vez nunca. Después de tantos años de tener miedo al embarazo, no desapareció solamente porque me casé.

Fue solamente por medio de vivir la unión de un solo cuerpo que se describe tan bonito en la Teología del Cuerpo y con el apoyo y amor de mi esposo, Cristóbal, que pude ver algo de qué increíble es que podemos ser co-creadores con Dios. Ya que comencé a tener esta unión con Cristóbal, y no solo físicamente, sino espiritual, psíquica y en todo el sentido de la palabra, llegué a un punto en que pude entender como nunca la unidad de Dios Padre con su Hijo y como su amor fructífero crea al Espíritu Santo. Después de solo unos meses ya tenía un deseo profundo de tener esta misma unidad fructífera y el milagro de crear una vida nueva por nuestro amor. Lo sentía tan natural. Aunque todavía tenía muchos miedos de ser madre, sabía que era llamada a ser madre y pronto comenzamos a utilizar nuestros conocimientos de nuestra fertilidad para lograr un embarazo.

Y entonces la prueba real comenzó. Por la familiaridad con mi ciclo y al estar poniendo muy buena atención respecto a mi cuerpo, sabía yo incluso el día cuando la implantación debió haberse dado. Tenía la certeza de que estaba embarazada incluso antes de ver resultados de exámenes. Nuestra alegría de sabernos esperando ni la podíamos contener. El siguiente fin de semana tuvimos una cena con algunos de nuestros amigos más cercanos y papás compartiéndoles la gran noticia. Dos días después desperté sangrando y mi mundo entero parecía desmoronarse. Había perdido este hermoso bebé que ahora deseaba con todo mi ser. Me encontré inconsolable y despedazada. No podía creer como Dios me podía haber traído por este camino y luego hacerme esto.

A través de esta gran prueba y por el miedo de complicaciones de un embarazo futuro, llegué a experimentar de una forma totalmente distinta como Dios nos pedía a ambos, a Cristóbal y a mí confiar y abandonarnos a Él. Durante mi segundo embarazo comencé a sangrar exactamente el mismo día en mi embarazo que el aborto que tuve. Otra vez sentía inconsolable y ya lamentaba la pérdida de otro chiquito. Cristóbal me apoyó y me aseguró y ese día rezamos más fuertemente que nunca y sintiendo por primera vez que rendíamos nuestra fertilidad y habilidad de ser co-creadores con Dios. Confiábamos en que pasara lo que pasara Dios nos tenía de su mano. Por su gracia fuimos bendecidos y no perdimos aquel pequeño y ahora Gabriel es niño precioso, activo e inteligente a quien amamos más de lo que pudiéramos imaginar.

La Teología del Cuerpo y la Planificación Familiar Natural nos llevaron al punto en que estábamos en nuestra fe y en nuestro matrimonio y sabíamos que había que correr la voz a los demás. Durante mi embarazo con Gabriel tuve la oportunidad de ser formada como instructora de otro método de PFN llamado Modelo Creighton de FertilityCare. Fue a través de esta formación que el mundo de la fertilidad realmente se abrió y fui expuesta a doctores y profesionales que han tomado a la PFN de un simple método de evitar y lograr embarazo a ser un sistema científico completo de la reproducción que coopera con los ciclos naturales de la mujer. También tiene mucho éxito en ayudar a las parejas que sufren con la infertilidad o abortos espontáneos para lograr y mantener un embarazo. No pude creer que eso haya existido tanto tiempo y casi nadie sabía de este sistema revolucionaria. En estos dos años que he estado instruyendo sobre el método a parejas, he sido realmente bendecida de poder ser parte de esta experiencia íntima de aprender sobre la fertilidad. Ha fortalecido mi convicción de que vivir el plan de Dios para el matrimonio y la procreación es una bendición para la relación de todas las parejas.

Pero las pruebas no terminaron con el nacimiento de Gabriel y por estar enseñando PFN. A pesar de mi conocimiento sobre la fertilidad y la esperanza de que este sistema ofrece a las parejas que no han podido lograr o mantener un embarazo, Dios me ha recordado continuamente que la habilidad de ser co-creadores con Él es todavía un regalo. Cristóbal y yo hemos experimentado dos abortos espontáneos más muy difíciles desde el nacimiento de Gabriel. Aunque todavía no hemos encontrado la causa física, nos hemos dado cuenta que solamente al abandonarnos a la voluntad de Dios podemos lograr ser fructíferos – en el sentido de lo que Dios tiene planeado para nosotros. Vamos a seguir trabajando con mi cuerpo para intentar lograr un embarazo pero con un sentido más profundo de la bendición que es nuestra fertilidad y la reverencia con que nos juntamos con Dios para traer a una vida nueva al mundo. Yo ofrezco todo mi dolor físico, espiritual y emocional para todas las parejas que aún no descubren al plan de Dios para el matrimonio. Ruego que cada uno que está leyendo eso considere aprender más sobre la Teología del Cuerpo y los métodos modernos de la Planificación Familiar Natural y compartirlos con los demás. Mis queridos hijos: Rosario, Elías y Teresa Gutiérrez, ruegan por nosotros.

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En esta Unidad se profundizo acerca del estudio de los origenes del Evangelio de San Marcos. La comunidad de San Miguel de Sebree, fueron los responsables paa su presentacion, Patti Gutierrez coordino la Unidad juntamente con el P. Al Bramer. Gracias a todos por su tiempo y dedicacion. F.Luis Aju



P. Alberto Bramer, tambien tuvo la presentacion de la misma unidad, esto es bien recibido por la comunidad, todos con el interes de siempre, aprender y aprender bien. Se invita a todos los que tienen interes para que nos acompañen en la proxima unidad.

The beginning of the school year at all levels is a sign of the changes that the new generation is going through. Nearly all young people pass onto the next grade level; many of them have accomplished this through their own efforts. We should congratulate them because despite all of the adversity that they face in the educational system, they keep struggling for an ideal. This energy characterizes young people and children and is an inspiration for those of us who are adults, because young people are the strength of the present and future of humanity.

We encourage parents to be involved in the formation of their children as some of us have neglected our children and we have not worried about their formation. Education comes from the home made up of father, mother and brothers and sisters from same family. It is in the heart of the home that one learns to respect one's parents, aunts, uncles, older brothers and sisters and above all God who is present in the home. This type of formation is not found in other places. Many of us think that in school you receive education, but without taking away the merit of the learning centers, the education that is given and is received is purely academic. The moral aspect has fallen on all levels, but one good thing is the insistence on academic success as a responsibility of the student, in conjunction with their teachers, parents and entire family. We congratulate the education personnel of each center of education for this quality.

The formation and education today demands sensitivity to the human person. Forming the conscience of every student requires a clear understanding of the values of every student, which means both educators and parents of each family have an important obligation to keep a close eye on their children.

We should realize as well that the use of technology in the process of forming and educating the human person is a function of man and not man a function of the technology, as the latter would make the student a slave of their instrument. We need to be careful that this era of technology does not enslave the brain and the spirit of each person. We must not forget that it is an instrument to achieve a goal. Technology is a means, not an end.

Dear reader, you will have your own opinions, but it never hurts to make an in depth study to observe and listen to the reality that surrounds us. What will become of our children in a few years if God permits us to continue in this life? May God bless you.



Al inicio del año escolar de todos los niveles, es signo de los cambios que la nueva generación pasa, casi en su totalidad los jóvenes pasan a otro grado, muchos de ellos lo han logrado por sus propios esfuerzos es de felicitarlos porque a pesar de todas las adversidades que enfrentan fuera de los centros educativos, siguen luchando por alcanzar un ideal esa energía que caracteriza a los jóvenes y niños es una inspiración para nosotros los adultos, porque los jóvenes son la fuerza del presente y futuro de la humanidad.

Animamos a los padres de familia para que se involucren en la formación de sus hijos (as) ya que algunos hemos descuidado a nuestros hijos y no nos hemos preocupado en la formación de ellos, (as) la educación viene del hogar conformado por papá, mamá y hermanos (as) de la misma familia en el seno del hogar se aprende a respetar a los Padres, tíos, tías, hermanos (as) mayores, pero sobre todo a Dios presente en el hogar. Este tipo de formación no se encuentra en otros lugares muchos pensamos que en la escuela se obtiene la educación, pero sin quitarle los meritos a los centros de aprendizaje, la educación que se da y se recibe es puramente académico ha bajado mucho el aspecto moral en todos los niveles, pero una cosa muy buena es la exigencia del rendimiento académico como responsabilidad del estudiante, en compañía de sus maestros, padres y la familia entera felicitamos al personal docente de cada uno de los Centros educativos por esa cualidad.

La formación y educación hoy día exige una sensibilidad humana educar la conciencia de toda persona requiere una clara orientación hacia los valores de cada estudiante, para esto los educadores y padres de familia tienen la suma obligación de velar por los hijos.

Debemos de tomar en cuenta que la tecnología en el proceso de formación y educación de la persona humana está en función del hombre y no el hombre en función de la tecnología, ya que de lo contrario caería el estudiante en esclavo de su instrumento. Tenemos que tener cuidado que esta era de la tecnología no esclavice el cerebro y el espíritu de cada persona no hay que olvidar que es un instrumento para alcanzar una meta, la tecnología es un medio, no un fin.

Señor (a) lector, usted tendrá sus propias opiniones, pero nos hace falta un profundo estudio para observar y escuchar la realidad que nos rodea ¿qué será de nuestros hijos en varios años, si es que Dios nos permite seguir con la vida? Dios lo bendiga.

Retiro de Jovenes de las dos Diocecesis, Owensboro



Esta fotografia muestra el Retiro de Jovenes de las dos Diocecesis, Owensboro y Lexington KY. fue una experiencia muy hermosa al contar con la presencia del grupo visitante. El retiro se desarrollo en la parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo de Hopkinsville. F.por Luis Aju



En el Encuentro Juvenil, se celebro la Misa, por el P. Carmelo, DEMH. la manera de celebrar con los jovenes varia de las regulares, puesto que se toma en cuenta el sentir y el espiritu de los jovenes. F.por Luis Aju



En esta foto, se aprecia la presencia de varios jovenes de diferentes paises, asi como en este caso, de izquierda a derecha, Hna. Esperanza MX. el Joven de Cuba, la señorita y hno. del Peru, SA. Foto por Luis Aju



A la derecha, en esta toma, se puede apreciar a los jovenes que nos visitaron y tomaron parte del Encuentro Juvenil, fueron 21 participantes solo de la Diocesis de Lexington. Estamos tratando de que nuestros encuentros sean a nivel provincial, ya que tenemos jovenes en nuestras diocesis. F.por Luis Aju

De la Misa a la Mesa

El Exmo. Sr. Obispo Auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, México, nos ha honrado con su visita en la parroquia de Stos José y Pablo en Owensboro, el pueblo católico hispano le dio la bienvenida siendo El, una persona muy amable fue bien recibido. Al decir de la misa a la mesa, es un dicho que se participa en el banquete Eucarístico para luego ir a la mesa donde también se comparte la bendición de Dios al tener que comer juntos en comunidad. Monseñor José Luis, que Dios lo bendiga por su visita, nosotros estamos listos para recibirlo el día que nos quiere visitar de nuevo. Lo recordaremos como un buen Pastor.



#1 El Señor Obispo Auxiliar de la Diócesis de Tuxtla, G. MX. bendice a los niños durante la Comunión en la Misa concelebrada, en su visita a la Parroquia de Stos. Jose y Pablo en Owensboro, KY. Foto por Luis Aju



El Sr. Obispo levanta la mano para darle la bendición a uno de los feligreses de Sts. Jose y Pablo durante la hora de la comunión, Foto por Luis Aju



A la izquierda, El título de esta página, lo dice de la misa a la mesa, es exactamente lo que paso, después de la Eucaristía, se compartió un almuerzo con el Obispo y todos los fieles de la misma parroquia en el parque de diversiones: Yellow Creek de Owensboro. Foto por Luis Aju



A la izquierda, El Sr. Obispo Auxiliar, Monseñor José Luis Mendoza Corzo en su homilía dominical a todos nosotros os fieles católicos de San José y Pablo, en la celebración estuvo el Pbro, José Carmelo Jiménez, Vicario Parroquial y Ministro Hispano de la localidad. Foto por Luis Aju



Reunión de Ministros Hispanos

A la izquierda, Reunión trimestral del equipo del Ministerio Hispano, tuvo tu reunión en la parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, en Paducah el día 8 de Agosto.

A la derecha, En la reunión trimestral tuvimos la presentación de la Hna. Ester Ordoñez Cuevas nuevo miembro de los Ministros Hispanos. Además tuvimos la presentación de Molly Thompson, dio a conocer las nuevas guías del Ambiente Seguro que todos debemos de tener. Fotos por Luis Aju



Este Mes, Se Nos Presenta A Dieciocho Hombres En Formación Para El Diaconado Permanente



+ Monseñor William Medley, Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Mis queridas hermanas y hermanos,

En esta edición del Católico de Kentucky Occidental nos presenta los dieciocho hombres que están entrando en su quinto año de discernimiento y formación para el diaconado permanente. La Diócesis de Owensboro anticipa

que en un año en Septiembre del 2012 celebraremos nuestra primera ordenación de diáconos permanentes. El diaconado permanente, una tradición antigua en la Iglesia, fue restaurado por el Concilio Vaticano Segundo.

Órdenes Sagradas, uno de los siete sacramentos de la Iglesia, incluye tres órdenes: diáconos, sacerdotes y obispos. Por muchos siglos la primera orden, el diaconado, había llegado a ser una orden intermediaria para un candidato en el proceso de formación para la ordenación al sacerdocio. Pero antes, en los tiempos antiguos, la distinción del diaconado fue clara. En los Hechos de los Apóstoles los primeros diáconos fueron llamados para servir a los pobres y abandonados y para ayudar a los apóstoles en llevar a cabo la misión de Cristo en la Iglesia.

Desde los primeros años de la vida en la Iglesia, los Padres de la Iglesia reconocieron el espíritu único del servicio dado a los diáconos en la ordenación. Aunque es un ministerio ordenado, el diaconado es diferente en sustancia al sacerdocio. Los diáconos son ordenados a un ministerio de servicio y disfrutaban una relación especial con el obispo. Típicamente en la iglesia moderna los diáconos son asignados a una parroquia bajo la supervisión del párroco, pero aún así mantienen una conexión única con el obispo.

El Papa Juan Pablo II notó que los diáconos permanentes, quienes pueden ser hombres casados y padres de familia, proveen "una mayor y más directa presencia de Iglesia en los varios ámbitos de la

familia, trabajo, escuela, etc. en adición a las estructuras pastorales establecidas."

Nuestra diócesis ha sido bendecida con el ministerio y servicio de diáconos permanentes por muchos años. Diáconos que han sido ordenados en otras diócesis vinieron a Kentucky occidental y han sido asignados ministerios. En el pasado no había mucha disposición para iniciar el diaconado permanente porque los ministerios eclesiales laicales habían crecido y se han ya establecido dentro de la Iglesia. Pero ahora, casi cincuenta años después del Vaticano Segundo, es claro que estos ministerios de hombres y mujeres están creciendo bien y el diaconado permanente solamente va a bendecir a la iglesia.

El Padre John Thomas, el párroco de la Iglesia de Cristo Rey en Madisonville, ha dirigido nuestro programa de diaconado desde su inicio. La Escuela de Teología de San Meinrad ha proveído la formación académica para nuestros candidatos.

Los diáconos reconocen que su primera prioridad vocacional siempre serán sus esposas e hijos. La mayoría de ellos tienen vocaciones seculares y carreras también. Ahora que estos dieciocho hombres anticipan su ordenación el año que viene, la diócesis ahora está reclutando hombres para considerar esta vocación en la Iglesia. Hay un proceso extensivo de discernimiento antes de que un hombre y su esposa puedan ser aceptados al programa. Porque la formación tiene que ser ofrecido solamente los fines de semana, el programa generalmente dura por lo menos cinco años.

Oren por nuestros candidatos al diaconado. Rueguen también por todos los ministerios y vocaciones dentro de la Iglesia: diaconado, sacerdocio, la vida religiosa y la vida del matrimonio.

Suyo en Cristo,

William F. Medley

Mons. William F. Medley,
Obispo de Owensboro

El Calendario del Monseñor Medley para Septiembre del 2011

4 de Septiembre	8:00 a.m.	Misa, Parroquia de San Laurencio
6 de Septiembre	9:30 a.m.	Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, CPC
8 de Septiembre	10:00 a.m.	Día con el Presbítero, CPC
10 de Septiembre	4:00 p.m.	Picnic, San Juan el Evangelista, Paducah
11 de Septiembre	9:30 a.m.	Misa / Instalación del Padre Masi Suvakkin, Sagrado Corazón, Russellville
11 de Septiembre		Picnic de las Ursulinas, Monte San José
14 de Septiembre	12:00 p.m.	Misa Memorial para el Arzobispo Sambi, Washington DC
15 de Septiembre	10:00 a.m.	Misa, Escuelas Católicas de Owensboro, Centro Deportivo
17 de Septiembre	5:00 p.m.	Misa, San José, Bowling Green
18 de Septiembre	9:30 a.m.	"Aniversario de 100 Años de Educación Católica"
	2:30 p.m.	Confirmación, San Antonio, Browns Valley
19 de Septiembre	9:30 a.m.	Premios de Sofia, Santo Nombre, Henderson
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Comité del Personal Sacerdotal, CPC
20 de Septiembre	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes, CPC
	11:00 a.m.	Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, CPC
21 de Septiembre	8:30 a.m.	Misa, Universidad de Brescia
22 de Septiembre	11:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité de Administración/Finanzas,, CPC
24 de Sept.	10:30 a.m.	Misa, PACES, CPC
	4:30 p.m.	Jubileo con el Concejo de Religiosos, San Martín, Rome
25 de Septiembre	9:30 a.m.	Confirmación, Santo Espíritu, Bowling Green
	2:00 p.m.	Misa/Instalación del Padre Larry McBride, Santo Nombre, Henderson
27 de Septiembre	10:00 a.m.	Misa, St. Romuald, Hardinsburg, Aniversario de 200 Años
	11:30 - 3:00	Misa Escolar, Escuela de Santa María, Paducah
		Horas en la Oficina de Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes



Dios bendiga.

P. Carmelo y Luis Aju, acompañan a las Hermanas Esperanza Rivera y la Hna. Imelda Quechol, dandoles las gracias en nombre del Ministerio Hispano y de la Diócesis, por su labor pastoral durante varios años. Dios bendiga y misión.

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Una Profundización De La Fe Católica

Tres jóvenes Adultos de la Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown, estudiando y siguiendo el texto de la Biblia durante el curso, en la Parroquia de Cristo Rey en Madisonville el día 13 de Agosto. Curso de la Biblia que todos necesitamos profundizar nuestro conocimiento católico en la materia, Gracias al P. Juan Kalombo Parroco que los envío a este curso. F.por Luis Aju (Ver el artículo en la página 5)



EL AMOR DE DIOS
*Nuestro amor
Nuestra familia*

Descubre la Planificación Familiar Natural

Celebra y honra la visión de Dios para la sexualidad humana.

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¿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.

Véase el artículo, "Poco a poco aprendiendo a confiar en Dios" Por Patti Gutiérrez en la página 6, Católico.

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y la tengan abundante

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