

We Are An Anointed People

Bishop William Medley wishes to share the homily he delivered at the Diocesan Chrism Mass on April 3, 2012 with the readers of *The Western Kentucky Catholic*.

On Holy Thursday morning, April 14, 1938 Bishop Francis Cotton presided over the Chrism Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral. It was the first Chrism Mass celebrated in Owensboro, in western Kentucky, ever. A new diocese had been created of the 32 counties of western Kentucky only a few months before. One may assume that most of the 40 priests of the new diocese (who named themselves the "forty holy martyrs") were in attendance – and this may have been a rare experience for many of them in years prior. Before 1938 they would have had travel to Louisville to share in this ritual. And traveling to Louisville in 1938 — before the Western Kentucky, the Pennyryle, the Audubon, the Purchase, and the Natcher Parkways were dreamed of – would have rendered it impossible to return to their remote parishes in time to celebrate Holy Thursday Mass for their

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Ten Years of Safe Environment in Our Diocese



Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

My dear sisters and brothers,

This June marks the 10 year anniversary of the ground-breaking Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 2002 the bishops of the United

States faced the devastating truth that the sexual abuse of minors in the American Church had been far more widespread than any before could have imagined. The USCCB acknowledged too that there had in many places been a failure on the part of bishops and church leaders to address and correct this shame. The bishops were accused of protecting the image of the church at the expense of victims.

The establishment of the Office of Safe Environment in our diocese followed in the months after. Every

American diocese likewise put into place services for victims of sexual abuse and training for all Church workers and volunteers. While the memory of the need for such an office is to be a cause of great sorrow, we take this time to reflect upon what the Diocese of Owensboro and the Catholic Church in America has accomplished these past 10 years to protect our children.

Well before the scandal reached national proportions, in 1985 under the leadership of Bishop John McRaith, our diocese was one of the first to adopt and publish policies relating to abuse cases and the treatment of accused clergy members. Although there were no sexual abuse cases active at that time, Bishop McRaith took this initial step to demonstrate the seriousness of the matter and a proactive position towards it. All clergy were required to sign a form acknowledging their understanding of it. Even in the midst of appalling revelations about abuse in the church, exhaustive studies have found that the incidences of abuse

within the church dropped dramatically after awareness was heightened and educational programs were inaugurated in the 1980's.

In 1992 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) laid out 5 principles when responding to accusations of sexual abuse by clergy:

1. Respond promptly to all allegations of abuse where there is reasonable belief that abuse has occurred.
2. If such an allegation is supported by sufficient evidence, relieve the alleged offender promptly of his ministerial duties and refer him for appropriate medical evaluation and intervention.
3. Comply with the obligations of civil law as regards reporting of the incident and cooperating with the investigation.
4. Reach out to the victims and their families and communicate sincere commitment to their spiritual and emotional well-being.
5. Within the confines of respect

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Bishop William F. Medley delivering the homily at the April 3, 2012 Diocesan Chrism Mass in the Owensboro Sportscenter. Tom Rhodes Photo

Celebrating 75 Years



PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF JUBILEE Chrism Mass 2012 to Chrism Mass 2013

Loving God,
You are the giver of all good things
and the source of all
strength and life.

As the local church of the Diocese of Owensboro celebrates 75 years, we pause to acknowledge your goodness to us and to give you thanks for your blessings.

We ask forgiveness for our failures.
We beg graces for all challenges.
As we move forward,
we pray for your continued blessings.

May we be like St. Stephen, a living example of our catholic faith through proclamation and prayer, through example and service.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

- composed by Msgr. Bernard Powers

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Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

for privacy of the individuals involved, deal as openly as possible with the members of the community.

With the publication of these principles and a growing understanding that this is a concern of all, the Diocese of Owensboro revised our own policies to require

all who work in parishes to sign a form of acknowledgement regarding these policies. Another facet of the implementation of the Charter is that children and youth people in our Catholic schools, religious education and youth programs are all exposed to age-appropriate education to assure their awareness of what might constitute abusive behavior.

The broader reporting of clergy sexual abuse cases in the early 21st century led the USCCB in 2002 to renew their promise to protect children and establish preventative measures. The Conference established policies that every diocese must address regarding the issue. Detailed procedures were developed for the removal of priests, seminary screening, mandated background checks as well as in-service programs for priests, teachers, parish ministers, and volunteers, emphasizing their responsibility to protect the innocent and vulnerable from abuse. That year all bishops agreed to the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

The importance of protecting our children led the diocese to establish the Office of Safe Environment in 2002 to supplement the work of the Diocesan Sexual Abuse Review Board established in 1995. In the event that a new allegation surfaces, whether of an incident from many years ago or a current one, this review board offers counsel to the bishop after a report is made to civil authorities and an independent investigation is completed. As a diocese, we are committed to protecting children, screening and educating staff and volunteers about prevention and how to handle situations, and holding ourselves accountable in this work. Some victims had come forward over the years, but in the wake of these actions, it was discovered that there were more victims of sexual abuse within our

own diocese. The diocese has identified priests against whom substantial allegations of misconduct were established. They can be identified in our Diocesan Directory at www.rcdok.org under the heading "On Restricted Assignment."

Blessed John Paul II said in 2002 in meeting with the Cardinals from the United States, "There is no place in the priesthood or religious life for those who would harm the young." His words give a cornerstone upon which national and diocesan policies have been built.

The Diocese of Owensboro has likewise sought to offer counseling and support to those who have been victims of abuse within the church. While we continue to strive for the safety of our children, it can never erase the pain and scandal of past abuses. We still welcome the opportunity to offer healing and justice to victims who may not as of yet reported their abuse.

Since 2002, the crisis of sexual abuse within the Church that made headlines in the United States has triggered similar scandals in other countries, including Ireland, Belgium, Austria and Germany. The bishops' conferences of these countries often look to the United States for constructive precedence in forging their own responses.

Over the centuries the Catholic Church has endured scandals of corruption and sin. But no scandal in the history of the Catholic Church in our nation has been greater than this. The Church's failures have cost children their innocence and cost some their very faith. As with any sin, the rupture in relationships is not repaired overnight. Credibility is regained by positive action and penance.

This anniversary renews our commitment to those who are suffering and to keep ourselves vigilant. We ask Our Lord to bless us with holy vocations, to forgive our sins and to make of us a people pleasing to Him.

A word of thanks goes to Sarah Patterson, Diocesan Archivist, who helped with the research for this column.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar for May 2012:

- May 1** 8:00 a.m. School Mass, St. Joseph, Bowling Green
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Agnes, Uniontown
- May 2** 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Joseph, Mayfield
- May 3** 10:30 a.m. Presbyteral Day, Catholic Pastoral Center, Owensboro
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Leo, Murray
- May 5** 5:30 p.m. Confirmation, Christ the King, Madisonville
- May 6** 1:00 p.m. Mass, St. Paul, Leitchfield, 200th Anniversary
- May 7** 5:00 p.m. Vespers and Dinner with Priests and Parents, Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro, Jubilee Event
- May 8-9** Provincial Meeting, Louisville, KY
- May 10** Catholic Conference of Kentucky Executive Board Meeting, Louisville
- May 12** 10:00 a.m. Brescia University Graduation, Riverpark Center
- May 13** 8:30 a.m. Confirmation, St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
2:00 p.m. Graduation, Owensboro Catholic High School, Sportscenter
- May 14** 5:30 p.m. Pastoral Catechetical Leaders/ Youth Ministry
Appreciation Dinner, Catholic Pastoral Center, Owensboro
- May 15-17** Installation of Archbishop William Lori, Baltimore, MD
- May 17** 7:00 p.m. Graduation, Trinity High School, Hines Center, Philpot
- May 19** 7:30 p.m. Graduation, St. Mary High School, Paducah
- May 20** 10:00 a.m. Confirmation, Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington (CST)
- May 21** 9:30 a.m. Personnel Board, Catholic Pastoral Center,
1:30 p.m. Priests' Council, Catholic Pastoral Center, Owensboro
- May 22** 10-3 Paducah Office, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
- May 23** 2:00 p.m. Mass, Gasper River Camp, New Summer Staff
- May 24** Mass and visit to Kentucky State Penitentiary
- May 26** 10:00 a.m. Ordination, Glenmary Home Missioners, Fairfield, Ohio
6:00 p.m. Hispanic Concert, Daviess County High School, Jubilee Event
- May 27** 11:00 a.m. Confirmation, St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
5:30 p.m. Confirmation, Holy Name of Jesus, Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar for June 2012:

- June 2** microFEST, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center
- June 3** 10:30 a.m. Mass, Permanent Deacon Promises, Christ the King, Madisonville, Jubilee Event
5:30 p.m. Multicultural Mass and "Fiesta", Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson, Jubilee Event
- June 9** 2:00 p.m. Associates – Sisters Day, Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
- June 10-15** Bishops Spring Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- June 17** 8:00 a.m. Confirmation, Sts. Mary & James, Guthrie
10:30 a.m. Confirmation, St. Susan, Elkton
- June 23** 5:30 p.m. Mass, Dedication of Chapel, St. Thomas More, Paducah
- June 24** 12:00 p.m. Mass, Sacred Heart, Waverly, 200th Anniversary
6:00 p.m. Final Vows, Sr. Debra Ann Bailey, Sisters of the Lamb of God, Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro
- June 26** 6:30 p.m. Mass, Christian Leadership Institute, Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount

Bishop Medley's Calendar for July 2012:

- July 19** Black Catholic Congress, Indianapolis, Indiana
- July 21** Faith & Family Night at the Ball Park, Bowling Green
- July 27** 9:00 a.m. Mass, Professional Development Day, Catholic School Principals and Teachers, Christ the King, Madisonville

Christian Leadership Institute



June 24-29, 2012

For registration information contact your youth ministry leader today. Registration deadline is May 25th. Registrations after May 25th will cost \$25 more.

Young people ages 15-19 (who have completed their freshman year of high school or who just graduated), would you like to learn how to be a BETTER LEADER? The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office is sponsoring Christian Leadership Institute, June 24-29, 2012, at the Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center. If you: are, or would like to be, a youth leader; would like to serve on a retreat team; are a class officer or student council member, CLI is for you. You will learn and use skills in leadership, communication, planning and decision-making.

what church leaders are saying

ARISE Together in Christ provides an opportunity for clergy, parishioners, and all members of our Catholic community to experience God's wondrous love by committing to a period of renewal through prayer and sharing of our faith. The time is right to bring our people together in an endeavor centered on the loving and healing message of Jesus.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley
Archbishop of Boston

We are excited about ARISE Together in Christ. The process brings three important principles to guide our implementation of our Synod's goal of developing leadership in the parishes and in the diocesan church: effective leadership formation, excellent resources, and ongoing pastoral support. These elements assure effective formation of pastoral leaders and spiritual development. Having the RENEW International team leading and inspiring us is a blessing and a grace. The Diocese of Stockton is grateful!

Msgr. Robert Silva
Director, Office of Pastoral Leadership
Diocese of Stockton

By gathering us in small Christian communities and leading us to share upon the Word of God, upon our faith and upon our lives, the ARISE Together in Christ experience can help us to both grow in our spiritual lives and to reach out to many who hunger for love and meaning in their lives. May the Holy Spirit guide our ARISE experience, fanning the flame of faith and unity across our Archdiocese.

Archbishop Albert LeGatt
Archdiocese of Saint Boniface



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Ben Warrell Nominated for 2012 Lumen Christi Award



The Diocese of Owensboro has nominated Ben Warrell for Catholic Extension Society's 2012 Lumen Christi Award. At Gasper River Youth Camp and Retreat Center, Director Ben Warrell encourages his campers to encounter Christ everywhere. Under Warrell's leadership, the camp has grown from four sessions per

summer to ten sessions in just four years and provides a place for young people in the Diocese of Owensboro to connect with their Catholic peers. With his genuine spirit and deep-seeded faith, Warrell sets a powerful example for both counselors and campers,

always challenging them to grow their faith, leadership and relationship with the Church.

Each year, Catholic Extension's Lumen Christi Award honors an individual working in one of America's mission dioceses who demonstrates how the power of faith can transform lives and communities. Lumen Christi recipients are laudable not only for the light and hope they bring to forgotten corners of the country, but for inspiring those around them to be "Lights of Christ" as well.

Past recipients of the Lumen Christi Award, which is Latin for "Light of Christ," have included priests, women religious, and lay leaders from across the nation.

The Lumen Christi Award is accompanied by a \$50,000 grant - \$25,000 for the honoree and \$25,000 for his or her nominating diocese - to be used for enhancing a specific area of ministry.

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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Please send all Western Kentucky Catholic address additions, address deletions or address changes to Cathy Hagan at cathy.hagan@pastoral.org.



2012 Parish Picnic Schedule

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
May 11-12	International Barbecue Festival	Downtown, Owensboro
May 19	11:00 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
May 27	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
June 2	4:00 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
June 2	Noon	Saint Joseph, Leitchfield
June 2	5:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
June 9	4:00 p.m.	St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro
June 16	3:00 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
June 16	3:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
June 30	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter, Waverly
June 30	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
June 30	2:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Peonia
July 7	3:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Axtel (Rough River)
July 4	11:30 a.m.	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
July 14	4:00 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
July 21	11:30 a.m.; 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles, Bardwell
July 21	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
July 28	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
July 28	3:00 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield.
July 29	4:00 p.m., <i>parish family picnic</i>	St. Anthony, Browns Valley
Aug. 4	11:00 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Aug. 4	Noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Aug. 4	5:00 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
Aug. 11	4:00 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Aug. 18	3:00 p.m. (EST)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Aug. 25	4:30 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
Aug. 26	1:00 p.m. <i>parish family picnic</i>	St. Thomas More, Paducah
Sept. 8	4:30 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
Sept. 8	11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 9	11:30 a.m.	Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Sept. 15	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Sept. 15	4:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Sept. 15	4:00 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
Sept. 16	11:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence/St. William Parishes
Sept 21-22		Holy Name Fall Festival, Henderson
Sept 22	3:00 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
Sept. 23		St. Leo, Murray
Sept. 23	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Sept. 30	10:00 a.m.	St. Joseph, Central City

Principal Opening

The Owensboro Catholic Schools system seeks candidates for the position of Principal at Owensboro Catholic Middle School. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic and hold appropriate certifications. He/she must have a demonstrated commitment to the mission of a Catholic school, strong interpersonal skills, a collaborative leadership style, competence in curriculum and staff development, and the ability to administer a budget. The Principal reports to and works in conjunction with the OCS Director. Submit resume and the names of 3 references to: Karen Taber, Accounting Assistant/Human Resources, Owensboro Catholic Schools, 1524 W. Parrish Avenue, Owensboro, KY 42301. karen.taber@owensborocatholic.org. www.owensborocatholic.org

Reverse Raffle

Precious Blood Church is hosting a Reverse Raffle Fund-raiser on June 23, 2012 at the Sportscenter. The Grand Prize is \$10,000.00. There will be five (5) \$100.00 prizes awarded also. A maximum of 350 tickets will be sold. Each ticket cost \$100.00 which includes a dinner for two (2). Cash Bar. To purchase a ticket contact the Precious Blood Parish Office at 684-6888 or Danny Triplett at 684-2826. Charitable Gaming License Number 0106.

Diocese of Owensboro Named Recipient of Catholic Extension Funding

CHICAGO – March 12, 2012 – Catholic Extension today announced that it has approved the Diocese of Owensboro to be a recipient of funding to support and strengthen the local Catholic community within the diocese. Catholic Extension will provide a \$170,640 grant to the diocese as part of the Parish Faith Renewal Initiative to bring a faith-building program to the Diocese of Owensboro and its parishes.

The Parish Faith Renewal Initiative is a cost-sharing partnership between Catholic Extension, RENEW International and dioceses that gives financially poor “mission” dioceses access to RENEW’s International’s programs.

As a part of the Parish Faith Renewal Initiative, the Diocese of Owensboro will participate in the three-year ARISE Together in Christ program from RENEW, which is designed to strengthen the faith within individual participants. In addition to faith formation, these programs train new leaders so that they may engage both active and non-practicing Catholics.

Historically, Catholic Extension has supported the Diocese of Owensboro with over \$946,100 in funding in the past 10 years to support its infrastructure, people and ministries. Catholic Extension also has a rich history of building churches, and has contributed to building and renovating 48 church facilities in the Diocese of Owensboro since 1938.

For over 100 years, Catholic Extension has uniquely contributed to the growth and vibrancy of the Catholic Church in the U.S. by strategically investing in poor Catholic dioceses to unleash the power of faith that transforms hearts, lives and society.

“We are proud to partner with the Diocese of Owensboro to provide funding to support their efforts in deepening their faith,” said Catholic Extension President Father Jack Wall. “We recognize that the people of this diocese have enormous passion for their ministry and commitment to the growth of the Catholic faith. Through our strategic funding, Catholic Extension is dedicated to building faith, inspiring hope and igniting change. We are proud to assist the Owensboro in ensuring the continuation and growth of their dynamic Catholic faith community.”

About Catholic Extension: Based in Chicago, Catholic Extension is a national organization providing funding poor Catholic communities and parishes through strategic programs and services investing in people, infrastructure and ministries. This support is given based on need, passion and commitment to the growth of the Catholic faith. Since 1905, Catholic Extension has distributed more than \$500 million to communities across America, uniquely contributing to the growth and vibrancy of the U.S. Catholic Church. For more information, visit www.catholicextension.org.

Diocese of Owensboro: Total Catholic Extension funds since 1905: \$1,922,293
 • Chapel construction and repair; • Special Masses; • Priests, religious, missionary subsidies;
 • Seminarian education; • College campus Newman centers; • Religious education

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Annual Marian Observance

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Monday, May 7, 2012

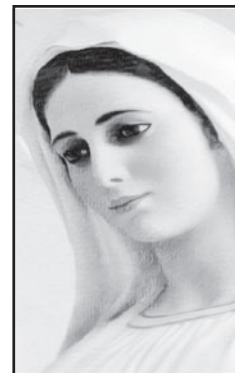
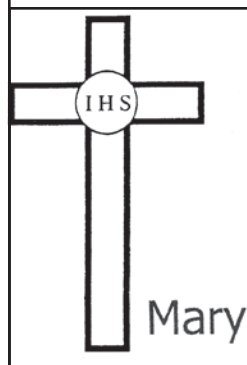
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at Carmel Home in
Owensboro

Guest Speaker: Peggy Wright
of Bowling Green

Topic: The Immaculate
Conception Of Mary

Ms. Wright has had extensive
experience in theology and
speaking on the subject of
The Blessed Virgin Mary.





Holy Guardian Angels Parish Irvington

Catholic activity in Irvington had already started a few years prior to the establishment of Holy Guardian Angel Parish. In 1838 Drs. Benedict and Richard Wathen, blood brothers, purchased a tract of land called Mount Merino to establish the Mount Merino seminary. The school closed in 1843 with the transfer of its director, Father B.J. Spalding, to a new assignment. In 1854 the land became the home for Holy Guardian Angel church, which at that time was a mission church of St. Theresa in Rhodelia. That year a 50' x 27' frame building was constructed and dedicated.

Eventually in 1888 the town came to be known as Irvington in honor of an official of the Texas railroad. With the expansion of Irvington in 1899 a new, Gothic style church in the shape of a cross was built.

Editor's Note: This special 75th Diocesan Anniversary four-page section providing brief histories of our parishes and photos of our churches during this year of Jubilee is written and submitted by the Diocesan Archives directed by Sarah Patterson with Brett Mills assisting. This is the third installment of the Photos from Diocesan Archives files.

Diocese Of Owensboro Priest Assignments For 2012

PARISH PASTOR

- Baker, Rev. Jerry: Pastor of St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville, Kentucky effective June 12, 2012.
- Byrd, Rev. Freddie: Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Morganfield, Kentucky effective June 12, 2012.
- Hayes, Rev. Marty: Pastor of St. Martin Parish, Rome, Kentucky effective June 12, 2012
- Hohman, Rev. Steve: Pastor of St. Paul Parish, Leitchfield, Kentucky and St. Elizabeth Parish, Clarkson, Kentucky effective June 12, 2012

Approximately 2,000 people came to witness the dedication and experience Irvington hospital-ity. However, due to the church's remote location and damages caused by windstorms, the decision was made in 1930 to move the church into town. The Gothic style brick church on High street was completed in 1933. It was built thanks to the efforts of its parish-

ioners and at the time of dedication was completely debt free. Changes occurred over the years, including renovations in the late 1970s and the addition of a kitchen.

The first church picnic was held in 1988. This annual event is held on the first Saturday in June. Also started around this time was the yearly Lenten fish fry. A brown building was constructed behind the church and contains restroom, office space, and a kitchen. The parish has gone through considerable growth during the last several decades and is proud to continue with the legacy left by its predecessors.

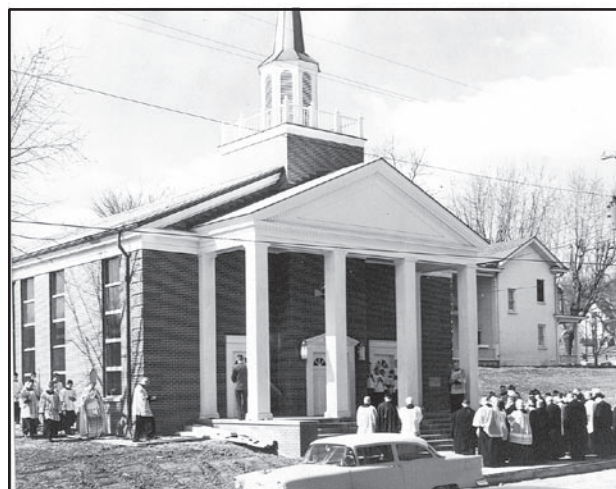
**Holy Guardian Angels Parish,
301 W. High Street
Irvington, KY 40146 270-547-2132
[http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/
?parish_id=92](http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=92)**

**Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 5:00 PM EST
Sunday: 11:00 AM EST**

- Johnson, Rev. Dave: Pastor of St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly and Sacred Heart Parish, Waverly, Kentucky, effective June 12, 2012.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- Byrd, Rev. Freddie: Episcopal Vicar to the Blessed John Paul II Catholic School effective June 12, 2012
- Shonis, Rev. Tony: Director, Ongoing Formation for Priests effective June 12, 2012.
- Whistle, Rev. Brad: Episcopal Vicar to the Owensboro Catholic Schools effective February 1, 2012.



Immaculate Conception Church Hawesville

In the days before the first Church was built, services for the Catholic families in Hawesville would be held at the homes of its members. In 1854, at the request of Bishop Spalding of Louisville, Father Bede O'Connor, who resided in Cannelton, Indiana, began preparations for the construction of a church in Hawesville. On August 17, 1858, Bishop Spalding purchased a lot from Mr. and Mrs. Steven Powers and Mr. and Mrs. James Stone at the price of \$400.00. The building was constructed of hand-hewn stone, a product of this area. The church was completed in 1871. During most of those earlier years, there was no resident pastor at Hawesville. For many years the pastor resided in Cloverport, and due to the large congregation there, which required two Masses on Sunday, it was necessary for services in Hawesville be held on Saturday.

Later when Fr. Rives became pastor, he was stationed in Reed, Kentucky and commuted by L & N Railroad. He would arrive in Hawesville on Saturday afternoon, offer Mass at 6:00 am Sunday, and then return home on the 7:00 am train, which enabled him to have Mass in Reed later in the morning. In 1937, floodwaters did extensive damage to the altar and the interior of the church, which necessitated much repair work. During Fr. Gerst's pastorate, the church was redecorated throughout.

In 1947, Bishop Francis Cotton appointed Fr. Higdon, pastor of Browns Valley, to come to Hawesville to oversee the building of the Catholic Elementary School. Through generosity of parishioners, the first Catholic School in Hancock County was dedicated on November 1,



St. Stephen, pray for us.

1947, staffed by the Sisters of Loretto, whose residence was built over the school. Hawesville received its first assistant priest at this time, Fr.

Walter Hancock. In 1949, under the pastorate of Fr. Anthony Thompkins, a high school was constructed.

As the parish grew the cornerstone for the new and larger church was laid in September 1958, and the church was dedicated in February 19, 1959. The stained glass windows from the original church were placed in the new church. In May of 1969 the High School was closed and in 1992 so was the Elementary School. In 1995 the church offices were relocated to the High School building. A new rectory was purchased and the old one torn down. On that site next to the church a new Parish Hall was constructed in 1999. Our faith has been strong, and we are thankful to God. We pray that our faith may continue to grow for generations to come.

**Immaculate Conception Parish
115 Main Street
Hawesville, KY 42348
270-927-8419**

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?parish_id=98](http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=98)**
Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 5:00 PM April - September
Sunday: 10:30 AM**

Book Sale at Trinity/St. Mary of the Wood's School Media Center

The Trinity/ St. Mary of the Woods Media Center located at 10521 Franklin Street, Whitesville, Ky., will be having a book sale May 24th and 25th from 3-6pm and Saturday, May 26th from 10-2. Books will be .25, videos .50 and magazines .10. Trinity High Yearbooks from the years 87/88, 93/94, 95/96, 98/99 and 99/2000 will be \$5.00. Money made from the sale will be use to purchase new material for the Media Center.

Celebrating 75 Years of Parish Life in Western Kentucky

Sacred Heart Parish Russellville

The town of Russellville grew during the 1850s due to the railroad construction. Many Irish immigrants moved to the area for work and needed a parish for worship. By 1858 Sacred Heart Parish was functioning as a mission church. In 1872 a church was built on the corner of Fifth and Winter Streets and was dedicated in April 1873. New and expanding employment in the area brought an increase in population, including among the Catholics. Father William Dunn Pike was assigned the first pastor of Sacred Heart in 1894. Father Pike and the succeeding pastors also served the needs of Franklin and Glasgow.

Needing priests for the new Diocese of Owensboro, Bishop Francis Cotton requested the help of the Home Missioners of America (also known as the Glenmary Missioners) to serve in a few parishes, Sacred Heart included. The additional help of the Glenmary Sisters enabled the church to open a parochial school. The school was in their care until 1965 when the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph took charge of it. They left the school in the early 1970s.

A new church and rectory were built in 1963, located at Sixth and Winter



Streets. Father Paul Pike Powell oversaw the construction of a grotto dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Bishop Henry Soenneker requested the aid of the Benedictine Fathers of St. Mark's Priory to serve at Sacred Heart in the mid-1970s. Many Benedictine priests served at the parish until they left in 1988. The parish was also served by Mercy Fathers and sisters from the International Order of the Daughters of Jesus (France).

Sacred Heart Parish
296 West Sixth Street
Russellville, KY 42276
270-726-6963

<http://sacredheartrussellville.org>

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:00 AM
Wednesday: 11:00 AM
Friday: 6:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday: 5:30-5:50 PM
Saturday: 3:45-4:45 PM
Sunday: 8:45-9:15 AM



St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown

Father Elisha Durbin established the parish of St. Agnes in 1859. By the next year a church was built on a lot donated by William David, a non-Catholic. Served by missionary priests, a resident pastor was assigned by 1870. In these early years land was acquired for the establishment of a cemetery. 1888 began the 33 year residency of Father Theophilus Kellenaers. 1893 saw the completion of the second church, a larger, Romanesque design. It was built for \$38,000 and was debt free at the time of consecration. The church went through many changes and improvements through the years, including the addition of frescoes (later removed) and the purchase of a pipe organ. The church suffered damage from the flood of 1937. The water reached four feet in the



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convent and six feet in the church.

A church school was largely staffed by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth through the years. A new school was built in 1959. Due to declining numbers, Bishop Henry Soenneker announced that the high school would close in 1963. The grade school followed in 1989.

The church went through a major renovation in 1981. This included painting throughout, new pews, the addition of restrooms, carpet installation, and tiling of the vestibules. Parishioners did an overwhelming majority of the work, and continue to be highly active within the parish.

St. Agnes Parish
504 Mulberry Street
Uniontown, KY 42461
270-822-4416

http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=108

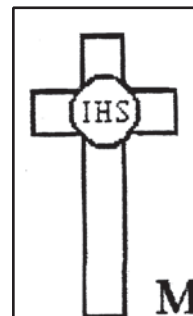
Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10 AM

Celebrating 200 years of Faith



Saint Anthony the Abbot Catholic Church requests the honour of your presence at Holy Mass on Sunday, September 23, 2012 at ten o'clock in the morning, CST Saint Anthony Church, 1654 Highway 79,

Hardinsburg, KY 40143
Reception with meal immediately following in Saint Anthony Parish Hall
R.S.V.P. to 270-257-2132



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 8th, 2012

Marian Conference: "Mary and the new Evangelization, building the Civilization of Love"
Speakers: Tim Staples, Dr. Ray Guarendi and Dr. Scott Hahn

Music and Conversion story by Maria Spears
Riverpark Center, 101 Daviess Street, Downtown Owensboro, Ky.



St. Stephen, pray for us.

St. Francis de Sales Paducah

Father Elisha Durbin, the well known Kentucky missionary, first began gathering Catholics in Paducah in 1848. These first Masses were held in the home of John Grief, located on the south side of Kentucky Avenue west of 6th Street. Property for the church was purchased on May 8, 1848 from Thomas Brandon for \$225. The first church, built of brick with a unique blue limestone foundation, was erected by parishioners in 1849 and sat well back from Broadway. A second, much larger church was built in 1870 under the direction of the pastor, Father Ivo Schacht. This church, also built of brick, was much nearer Broadway. Part of the old church was converted into a rectory for the use of the Carmelite priests who then served the parish.

The cornerstone of the present church was laid on June 5, 1899, and the church was dedicated on May 13, 1900. It was built of pitched-face buff brick with Bedford stone trimmings, and its style suggests Italian Renaissance with two domed bell towers. While construction was underway, Mass was celebrated in Lehrer's Hall over a grocery store on the southwest corner



of Seventh Street and Kentucky Avenue. The cost of the construction was \$35,000.

The mural above the altar, representing the Ascension, was painted by Leo Mirabile, a native of Sicily, in 1936. In 1949 he returned to repaint the mural and to add portraits of ten saints to the overhead walls. In 1984, the tabernacle was removed from the high altar and a Eucharistic Chapel was built. The altar currently used was donated by St. Pius X Seminary in Erlanger, Kentucky in 1987. The baptismal pool was constructed and new lighting installed in the church in 1997. In 2004, a new Parish Hall was completed. The restoration of St. Francis de Sales Church completed in 2011 was envisioned as a way of returning the architectural integrity to the building while continuing to respond to the needs of contemporary Roman Catholic worship.

St. Francis de Sales Parish
6th & Broadway
Paducah, Kentucky 42001
Parish Office: 116 S 6th Street
Phone: (270) 442-1923

<http://www.stfrancisdesalespaducah.org/>

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM

**Sunday: 8:30 AM,
 11:00 AM & 5:00
 PM**

Monday - Friday:

12:05 PM

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Monday,

Wednesday,

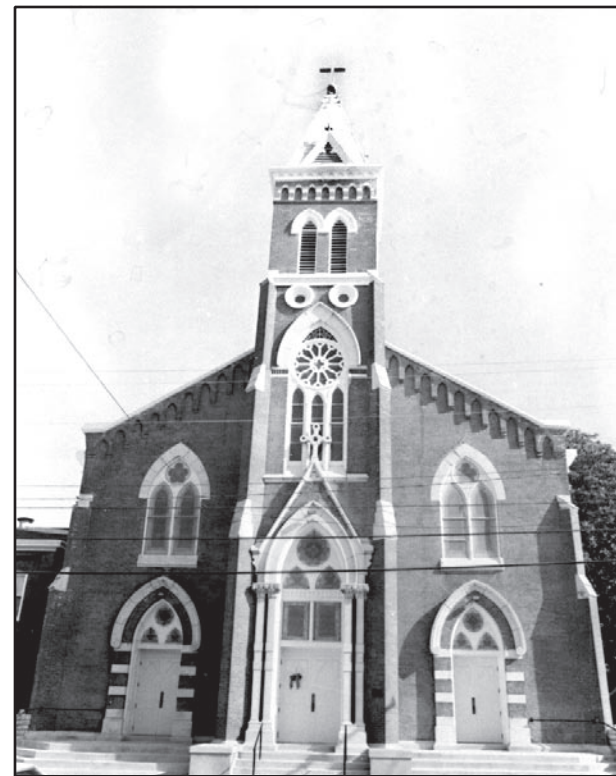
Friday: 11:30 AM

- 11:50 AM

Saturday 3:30 PM

St. Joseph Parish Bowling Green

The population of Bowling Green grew dramatically in the middle 19th Century with the building of the L & N Railroad. German and Irish Catholic laborers were drawn to the area by the promise of work and needed a pastor to minister to their spiritual needs. By 1859 they petitioned to the Bishop of Louisville, Martin John Spalding, for a priest to serve the area. Father Joseph DeVries was sent to organize a parish in Bowling Green. That summer a crude frame building for St. Joseph Church was constructed on land donated by a non-Catholic. It sat on the corner of what is now Church and Barry Streets. During the week it operated as a school and was converted to a church for Sundays. A more durable brick church was dedicated in 1862. Additions to the church were undertaken in 1870 and 1884-1889. The latter addition was comprised of building higher walls to surround the existing church, which was then torn down. This gave the church a magnificent cathedral-like structure and took five years to com-



plete. Father DeVries was pastor until his death in 1889 and Father Thomas J. Hayes became the second pastor, serving for 54 years. Great contributions he made to the church were the installation of the Grand Organ in 1898 and the formation of a renowned choir.

In 1911 the St. Joseph Parochial School and convent home for the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth was built. The sisters served the school for 60 years. By the church's 100th anniversary in 1959, it had only four pastors in its history. The fourth pastor, Father Charles P. Bowling, guided the church through the changes after the Second Vatican Council and the transition period when the parish was divided and Holy Spirit Parish was formed. The parish continues to be highly active in Bowling Green, its historic structure automatically linking the Catholic population to its past while serving the needs of the living.

Christian Leadership Institute (CLI)

Young people ages 15-19 (who have completed their freshman year of high school or who just graduated), would you like to learn how to be a BETTER LEADER? The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office is sponsoring Christian Leadership Institute, June 24-29, 2012, at the Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center. If you: are, or would like to be, a youth leader; would like to serve on a retreat team; are a class officer or student council member, CLI is for you. You will learn and use skills in leadership, communication, planning and decision-making. For registration information contact your youth ministry leader today. Registration deadline is May 25th. Registrations after May 25th will cost \$25 more.

St. Joseph Parish
434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY
42101-1810
270-842-2525

<http://www.stjosephbg.org/>

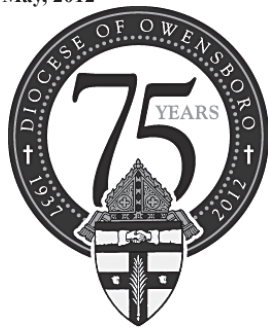
Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM, 7 PM Spanish
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM
Spanish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday: 5-6:00 PM

Saturday: 1, 2 & 3-4:30pm



St. Stephen, pray for us.

St. Mary Parish, Franklin

Before the establishment of a parish, Catholics in Franklin gathered in the homes of Lawrence and John Finn who hosted Catholic worship when missionary priests traveled through the area. Franklin was made up largely of Irish Catholics. Father Joseph DeVries, pastor at St. Joseph in Bowling Green, organized the people of Franklin to build a church. This was done in 1867 and the church was named St. Mary.

Just two years later a parish school was opened. Economic changes affected the population of the area and the congregation numbers reduced in size. For this reason, in 1887 the pastor was removed and the remaining parishioners were served by priests from Bowling Green and Russellville.

Tragedy struck the parish when a fire destroyed the church January 1, 1938. The old school building was used for church services until the new church was built. After World War II industry in the area grew, attracting a higher population, including Catholics. Glenmary Home Missioners were brought to the diocese by Bishop Francis Cotton. The mission of the Glenmarys is to serve in parishes and



diocese that have a shortage of priests and are in need of aid. First serving in Russellville in our diocese, they became the resident pastor of St. Mary after 1966. It was they who helped raise funds to build the current church, completed in 1953 to serve the growing congregation.

St. Mary Parish
403 North Main Street
Franklin, KY 42135-0388
270-586-4515

[http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/
?parish_id=144](http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=144)

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM, 12 noon (Spanish)

Lifting Up Mass

Join Us for the Lifting Up Mass August 15, 2012, 2:00 pm, at Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro.

Join Us for the Lifting Up Mass 8-5-12, 2:00 pm, at Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro

The Diocesan Disabilities Awareness Committee, in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Owensboro, invites all persons to attend the sacred liturgy of the Mass celebrating persons with disabilities and their families, called the "Lifting Up Mass" with a reception following in their honor on Sunday, August 5, 2012 at 2:00 pm. The Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Mother Parish, 601 East 23rd St., in Owensboro Kentucky.



St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Pastor at the nearby St. Alphonsus parish in St. John, Father Paul Volk in 1871 began to organize the Catholics from Calhoun into a parish. Up to that point local Catholics had been meeting in each other's homes. Known for taking a hands-on role in the construction of churches, Fr. Volk built the first mission church in Calhoun that was served by himself and Fathers James Pike and G. Schmitt from St. Benedict Church in Beech Grove as well as the Mount Saint Joseph chaplains. By 1891 the mission church was served by the pastor from St. Martin in Rome. It was during that year that the first confirmation group was recorded, the sacrament having been celebrated by Bishop William G. McCloskey. The distance from Rome, Kentucky to Calhoun was not an easy one and it often took the pastor 2 days to make the journey. By the founding of the Diocese of Owensboro in 1937, there were approximately 15 families in the parish.

Changes came in 1947 when St. Sebastian became a mission church of St.

Anthony in Brown's Valley. This provided the blessing of having Masses offered on Sundays regularly. In 1952 Father Thomas Libs started a movement to have St. Sebastian moved to its current location and add a school. A roller skating rink was purchased and renovated into a church, school, convent, and recreation hall. The fall of 1953 was the first year for the parish school, which was staffed by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. Unfortunately, the school closed in 1967 due to the lack of teachers.

St. Sebastian received its first resident pastor in 1962 with the appointment of Father James Wathen. St. Charles Church in Livermore became a mission of St. Sebastian in 1972 and continues to this day.

St. Sebastian Parish
180 Highway 136 W
Calhoun, KY 42327-9521
270-273-3185

[http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/
?parish_id=157](http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=157)

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM

The main celebrant will be Fr. John Meredith, the Pastor of Blessed Mother Parish and Bishop William Medley will be presiding. This liturgy will offer those in attendance the opportunity to actively participate as ministers of hospitality, lectors, petition readers, gift bearers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Those who would be interested in serving in a ministering role should call Richard Murphy at 270/683-1545. The reception with refreshments will follow the Mass and will also be held in the Parish Hall.

All Pastors and Associates are also invited to join in this celebration, that they may see how persons with disabilities can be easily integrated into all aspects of liturgy and worship. Persons with one or more disabilities often find it difficult to experience that they are welcome in their Parish church for a wide variety of reasons. Reaching out on the part of the faith community is essential to holding open the door to membership and to express the sense of worth to these individuals. Please come join us for this "Lifting Up Mass" on 8-5-12 at 2:00 PM at Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro Ky.

In Our Catholic Schools

Diocese Selects Ann Flaherty as New Assistant Superintendent of Schools

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On March 28, 2012, Bishop William Medley announced that Mrs. Ann Flaherty has been appointed to serve as Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Owensboro. Mrs. Flaherty is presently serving as Principal of Owensboro Catholic Middle School (OCMS).

Mrs. Flaherty has worked as a 6th/7th grade math teacher in Louisville, Kentucky public schools and a Developmental Day Treatment Teacher, a Title I reading and math teacher and an At Risk Student Counselor in North Carolina public schools until 1988. Mrs. Flaherty has served as a teacher, counselor, and as principal in Catholic Schools from 1989 until the present.

Mrs. Flaherty's educational background started in her home in Louisville, Kentucky, then at St. Stephen Martyr Elementary School. She graduated from Waggener High School, Louisville in 1974. Mrs. Flaherty earned a BA degree in Education with a major in Biology and minor in Math from The University of Kentucky in 1978. She earned a MA in Education, Elementary/Secondary School Counseling from Western Kentucky University in 1992. Her Standard Certificate for Guidance Counselor, K-12, was also earned at WKU, Bowling Green in 2002.

Mrs. Flaherty has served as a teacher in grades 5-6 at Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School, did a Counseling Practicum at OCMS, served as Academic Counselor at Owensboro Catholic High School (OCHS), and Head Counselor at OCHS, Assistant Principal at OCHS, and as principal at OCMS from 2008 to the present.

The Assistant Superintendent answers directly to the Superintendent of Schools. Both the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent are under the authority of the Chancellor of the Diocese of Owensboro.



Mrs. Ann Flaherty

The duties of the Assistant Superintendent are: • Work with the Superintendent to continuously improve Catholic Identity in all the Catholic schools in the Diocese; • Coordinate Curriculum Revision and Textbook Adoption; • Work with the Superintendent to update diocesan Catholic Schools policies; • Assist schools as needed with Access to Federal Funding; • Assist schools as needed with Accreditation; • Work with the Superintendent to provide quality Professional Development opportunities for teachers and administrators; • Participate in training for ongoing professional growth and to fulfill EILA requirements; • Participate in planning for the Mid-South Catholic Leadership Conference; • For the 2012-2013 school year, serve as a consultant/mentor to the Principal of Owensboro Catholic

Middle School; • Beginning in 2013, manage the activities of the Catholic Schools Foundation; • Other duties as assigned by the Superintendent, Chancellor, or Bishop.

We Can't Wait To See All Our Campers This Summer!

By Ben Warrell

The 2012 summer camp season will be here before you know it! We're about a hundred registrations ahead of where we've ever been so don't hesitate and send your registration in as soon as you can. It's going to be an excellent summer. We're also drawing interest from all over the country about sending their young people to Gasper River this summer. We had a call from Amarillo, Texas about sending eighteen young people to camp! We've also got campers coming from Iowa, Tennessee, Michigan, Georgia and Illinois! Camp is also not just

for third graders through high schoolers! Come and be a part of the Eucharistic Life Camp. It's for anyone over the age of 18. We work all day long and in the evening study Blessed John Paul's encyclical "The Church of the Eucharist." It's always one of the best and most spiritually powerful camps of the summer. For more information on all of our camps and all the forms that you'll need, please visit our website at www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org or call our office at 270-781-2466. Thanks for all your prayers and support and we can't wait to see you this summer!



2012 Summer Camp Schedule Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center

Dates	Camp	Grades	Cost
May 28th through June 1st	Eucharistic Life	18 and over	\$ 50
June 3rd through June 8th	Expedition I	5th & 6th Grades	\$250
June 10th through June 15th	Camp LIFE I	High School	\$250
June 17th through June 22nd	Quest Camp I	7th & 8th Grades	\$250
June 24th through June 29th	Camp LIFE II	High School	\$250
July 1st through July 6th	Camp LIFE III	High School	\$250
July 8th through July 13th	Expedition II	5th & 6th Grades	\$250
July 15th through July 20th	Quest Camp II	7th & 8th Grades	\$250
July 22nd through July 25th	Explorer I	3rd & 4th Grades	\$150
July 22nd through July 27th	High Adventure	High School	\$325

Grade indicates the grade the camper will be entering in the fall of 2012. All Camp LIFE's are open to incoming freshmen through just graduated seniors. All forms for camp are posted on the Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp website www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org. Scholarships are available for summer camp. If you have any questions about the summer camp program, please contact our office through the Contact Us Link on the website www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org or by calling 270-781-2466. Register early as spaces are filling up quickly! We can't wait to see you this summer!

El grado que se indica es el grado que el campista va a entrar en el otoño de 2012. Todos los Campamentos LIFE están abiertos para los que van a iniciar su año 11 hasta los que se acaban de graduar. Todas las formas para el campamento están puestas en la página de la web de Campamento Católico de Jóvenes Gasper www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org Hay becas disponibles para el campamento de verano. Si tiene alguna pregunta acerca del programa de campamentos de verano, por favor contacte nuestra oficina a través del enlace Contact Us en la página de la web o llámenos a; 270-781-2466. ¡Regístrese temprano ya que los espacios se están llenando rápidamente! ¡Estamos deseando verlos este verano!

Miembros del Comité Examinador Diocesano Están Listos para Responder Llamadas

Los miembros del Comité que responden a las alegaciones de abuso sexual en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Sr. Ken Bennett, Sr. Mike Boone, Sra. Kay Castlen, Chair, Pbro. Mike Clark, JCL, Pbro. Pat Connell, Sr. Jeff Ebelhar, Sr. Mike Flaherty, Sr. Nicholas Goetz, Sr. Brandon Harley, Sra. Teresa Henry, Sr. Dan Howard, Sra. Mary Beth Hurley, Hna. Eula Johnson, SCN. La Sra. Louanne Payne sirve como el enlace entre el Obispo y el Comité Examinador.

Cualquier persona que desea comunicarse con el Comité Examinador Diocesano debe llamar al Centro Pastoral Católico a 1-270-683-1545 y pedir hablar con un miembro del Comité Examinador. Para hablar con un miembro particular de este Comité, dígame a la recepcionista. En cualquier caso la recepcionista en el Centro Pastoral Católico le dará la información de la persona que llama a un miembro del Comité Examinador Diocesano para seguimiento.

Las personas que llaman pueden ser anónimos para la llamada inicial a la recepcionista. Los números de teléfono de los miembros de este Comité no serán divulgados al público.

También se puede contactar al Comité por su email a reviewboard@pastoral.org. No se olvide de incluir su información de contacto. No se responderá directamente por email porque no se puede garantizar la confidencialidad por email. Seguimiento será por teléfono.

Jubilee Proclamation

Dear brothers and sisters,
We announce to you
the 75th anniversary year of Jubilee of the Diocese of Owensboro.
This year of favor
will be a time of rejoicing:

through celebrations of God's faithfulness throughout our history,
his presence among us now,
and his promise to guide us to our future,
we will remember his steadfast mercy.

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
December the 8th in the year 2012,
we will gather in this place once again
to give thanks for all that has been given to us
these 75 years.

To God be the glory and honor
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Chanted by cantor after communion at the 2012 Chrism Mass
at the Owensboro Sportscenter on April 3, 2012.*

Proclaim Jubilee!

At the April 3, 2012 Chrism Mass in the Owensboro Sportscenter, Lacy Riddle, Director of Music, St. Jerome, Fancy Farm, sang "Jubilee Proclamation." The text and musical adaptation was composed by Mike Bogdan, and is an arrangement of the traditional "Martyrology" chant from the Roman Missal. An ancient practice of the Church was to chant the important upcoming dates such as Easter when Catholics gathered for Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. We used the same style and form to announce our year of Jubilee. Photo by Tom Rhodes



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 7, 2012	Vespers & Dinner for Priests & Parents	Blessed Mother, Owensboro	5:30 p.m.
May 26, 2012	Concert (in Spanish) with Martin Valverde	Daviess County High School	6:00 p.m.
June 3, 2012	Mass & Reception for Deacons/Candidates/Wives	Christ the King, Madisonville	10:30 a.m.
June 3, 2012	Multicultural Mass & "Fiesta"	Holy Name, Henderson	5:30 p.m.
August 5, 2012	Lifting Up Mass	Blessed Mother, Owensboro	2:00 p.m.
August 12, 2012	Rural Life Celebration	Owensboro Sportscenter	5:00 p.m.
August 26, 2012	Gathering for Black Catholics	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro	2:00 p.m.
November 17, 2012	Diocesan Youth Gathering	Sloan Center, Bowling Green	5:30 p.m.
December 8, 2012	75th Anniversary Eucharist and Reception	Owensboro Sportscenter *	11:00 a.m.
February 2, 2013	Performance of Vivaldi's Gloria w/ children's choir	Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville	7:00 p.m.
March 26, 2013	Jubilee Year ends at Chrism Mass	Owensboro Sportscenter	6:30 p.m.

* Reception will be held at the RiverPark Center.

+ Other events, such as service projects, are also being planned.

St. Stephen, pray for us.

Saluting Catholic Education

Editor's Note: This article is composed of excerpts from Glenn Rutherford's "Annual 'Salute' Again Sets a Record," Louisville Record, March 22, 2012. Used with permission.

The 22nd annual Salute to Catholic School Alumni was held March 14 at the Galt House Hotel in downtown Louisville. More than \$450,000 was raised for the Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Louisville — which administers proceeds from the event.

Seven Catholic school alumni were honored during the event, including Bishop William F. Medley, who, in 2010, became the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro.

"People who know me as a pastor and homilist may doubt that I can speak tonight with the brevity that's necessary," Bishop Medley said with a smile. "But I assure you that I can, though there are many people for me to thank."

He began with his family, people who "laid the foundation and structure of my faith," the bishop said.

"I remember when I was going to school under the direction of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph," Bishop Medley said. "And one of the great joys of my new life is that I've been able to reconnect with them in Owensboro."

Bishop Medley also gave thanks for the role of Sulpician and diocesan priests in his educational and religious formation.

"Through Bellarmine College and into seminary, priests and religious were always bringing something memorable to their teaching," he said.



Bishop of Owensboro William F. Medley, left, former pastor of St. Bernadette Church in Louisville, Ky., received one of seven awards from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz given to Catholic school graduates at the March 14, 2012 Salute to Catholic School Alumni banquet. The event, held at the Galt House Hotel, benefits the Catholic Education Foundation. Louisville Record Photo by Jessica Able

"Schools today are largely without sisters and priests in the classroom. Let's all pray that there will be again an abundance of sisters and an abundance of priests so that teaching will once again be an option for them."

Deacon Candidate Recognized for Scouting Efforts

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - True to form, Dr. William E. Sweet traveled to Owensboro on Sunday, March 18, 2012, to show support for a young man in his Boy Scout Troop. Scheduled to receive the Pope Pius XII medal, scout Joseph Galipeau asked Sweet to be present when receiving his recognition. Little did Sweet know, however, that Galipeau was not the only one to be recognized that day.

During the diocesan scouting awards event held at St. Pius X in Owensboro, Sweet was surprised when he was called forward to receive one of the highest adult awards in scouting, the St. George Emblem. "To say I was surprised would be an understatement. It was totally unexpected," said Sweet. "I recognized most of the other names being called that day. I was among good company," he added.

The St. George Emblem is not a recognition that can be earned. Instead, it is awarded, through nomination, to a member of the laity or clergy who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting.

Every year, each diocese in the country is allowed to award one emblem plus one additional emblem for every 20 Catholic units within the diocese. This year, two individuals received the award in the Diocese of Owensboro.

As a long-time member of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, Sweet is no stranger to scouting. As a youth, he climbed the ranks of scouting straight to Eagle Scout. Since that time, he has received the Bronze Palm, become an Ordeal Member in White Horse Lodge #201, Order of the Arrow, and received the Bronze Pelican Award. Sweet has also been a Tiger Cub Den Leader, a pack trainer and a Cub Scout Den Leader. He currently assists with Troop #123 in Hopkinsville.

In addition to being involved with scouting throughout his life, Sweet is also in the final stages of becoming one of the first permanent deacons ordained in the diocese. He and the seventeen other candidates are scheduled to be ordained on September 15, 2012, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Bowling Green.

As is true with the other permanent deacon candidates, Sweet's attitude



Scout Joseph Galipeau received the Pope Pius XII medal during the March 18 Scouting Awards. Here he served as lector for the Mass in Saint Pius Tenth Church.

toward serving others is not restricted to scouting. As a family practitioner for nearly 22 years, Sweet has also been involved in many community and parish efforts throughout the years. Some of the more notable efforts include: Founding



Tony Kaelin, a 79-year-old Scout who makes Rosaries made 5,000 for Youth 2000.

Tom Rhodes Photo



Dr. William E. Sweet was awarded the St. George Emblem on Sunday, March 18, 2012, in recognition of making significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting. Bishop William Medley presented the award. Photo taken by Pam Sweet.

Board Member of the St. Luke Free Clinic in Hopkinsville, Medical Director for the St. Luke Free Clinic, Mayor's Youth Task Force, RCIA team member, RENEW 2000 co-coordinator and small group leader, music minister for Spanish Mass, and founder of the "Foundations in Faith" scripture



Bishop Medley accepted from Dave Ashley the National Quality Diocese Award for the Diocese of Owensboro. Photo by Tom Rhodes and Sara Lewis

study program.

Entrusted with the secret ahead of time, Sweet's wife, Pam, was tasked with ensuring Sweet's presence at the awards ceremony. "All I had to do was remind him that Joseph had asked him to be there. I knew he would not disappoint the boy," Pam stated.

Scouts of the Diocese are Presented Religious Awards by Bishop Medley

Submitted by Jeff Hedges

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Bishop William F. Medley recently presented Religious Awards to 53 Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Adult Leaders at the Religious Emblems Awards Mass at St. Pius Tenth in Owensboro. The Mass is sponsored annually by the Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Girl Scouts receiving the I Live My Faith Award were Elizabeth Abreu, Jennifer Armstrong, Selena Elder and Tara Magee. Devan Sanderson received the Family of God Award.

Cub Scouts receiving the Light of Christ Award were Simon Bozone, Nate Crawley, Andrew Alvey, Hayden Emmick, Andrew Galbraith, Isaac Holland, Parker McWilliams, Cole Parrish, Elijah Thompson, Max Wheatley, Evan Atherton, Andy Aud, Carter Patton, Brady Rose, John David Abbott, Jonah Brausch, Barrett Garvin, Jackson Kington, Aiden McClland, Shaye Shankar and Aaron Wood.

Webelos Scouts receiving the Parvuli Dei Award were Ryan Chua, Marshall

Johnson, Isaac LaBarge, William Seay and Ross Chandler.

Boy Scouts receiving the Ad Altare Dei Award were Matthew Austin, Houston Babbs, Nathan Hodges, Kyle Johnson, Flynn Mudd, Zach Althouse, Bryce Crawley, Cameron Crawley, Mason Strange and Konner Jones.

Boy Scouts receiving the Pope Pius XII Award were Joseph Galbraith, Samuel Herdegen, Nathan Lewis and Joseph Galipeau. Venturers receiving the Pope Pius XII Award were Harley Engle, Anna Mayo and Elena Nunez.

Adult Leaders receiving the Bronze Pelican Award were Scott Babbs, Kevin Conkright, Ken Keller and Heidi Peller. Chuck Ledford and Dr. William Sweet received the St. George Award.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting presented Bishop Medley with the National Quality Diocese Award which is sponsored by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. This is the 9th consecutive year that the Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Committee on Scouting has earned the award.

Twenty Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Celebrate Jubilees

Twenty Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are celebrating jubilees of religious life this year.

75 Years



Sister Mary Durr, a native of Paul, Neb., is celebrating 75 years. She ministered in education for 34 years, chiefly as a music teacher. In the Diocese of Owensboro, she was principal and teacher at St. Alphonsus

School, St. Joseph (1955-56) and music teacher at Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Maple Mount (1968-73). She also taught in the Archdiocese of Louisville, in New Mexico and in Nebraska. From 1973-99, she served as liturgy consultant and AV librarian at the Chancery Office of the Lincoln, Neb., Diocese. She lives at Maple Mount and is dedicated to the Powerhouse of Prayer.



Sister Mildred Katzer, a native of Garnett, Kan., is celebrating 75 years. Sister Mildred taught at schools throughout Kansas and in Oklahoma when she was an Ursuline Sister of Paola, Kan., prior to the 2008 merger of that

community with Mount Saint Joseph. She continues to serve at St. Therese Parish in Richmond, Kan., visiting the sick and being a religious presence in the area, where she has been since 1999.

70 Years



Sister Rose Marie Craycroft, a native of New Haven, is celebrating her 70th jubilee. Sister Rose Marie (formerly Sister Mary Clarence), taught at St. Joseph School, Central City, 1944-45; St. Romuald School, Hardins-

burg, 1955-57; Rosary Chapel School, Paducah, 1957-58, and St. Martin School, Rome, 1958-64. An educator for 39 years, she also taught in Louisville and Missouri. After helping take care of her father before his death, she retired to the Ursuline Motherhouse at Maple Mount in 2001,

where she is dedicated to the Powerhouse of Prayer.



Sister Marie Julie Fecher is celebrating 70 years as an Ursuline Sister. She ministered as a music instructor for almost 50 years. For 18 of those years from 1976-94, she was a member of the music faculty at Brescia Col-

lege (now University) in Owensboro. She also taught in other Kentucky schools including St. Joseph School, Leitchfield (1955-58) and in Louisville, New Haven and St. Francis. Sister Marie Julie lives at the Motherhouse, where she is engaged in liturgical and prayer ministry and continues to play the organ at the Motherhouse Chapel. She is a native of Dayton, Ohio.



Sister Jane Miriam Hancock is celebrating 70 years as an Ursuline Sister. She taught at St. Peter of Alcantara in Stanley, 1944-45 and 1964-65; St. Joseph and Paul School in Owensboro, 1945-52, and St. Pius the Tenth School

in Owensboro, 1965-69. She taught for 50 years in schools throughout Kentucky, including St. Sebastian in Calhoun where she also served as principal from 1952-53, and St. Joseph School in Mayfield, 1956-59. She was a substitute teacher for Owensboro Catholic Schools for nine years after retiring in 1994. A native of Waverly, Sister Jane Miriam served as assistant sacristan for the Motherhouse Chapel from 1994-2009. She is a top seller of raffle tickets for the Ursuline Sisters' annual barbecue picnic and is a member of the Powerhouse of Prayer.



Sister Jean Richard Stukenholtz is celebrating 70 years as an Ursuline Sister. For 60 of those years, she was a teacher in Kentucky, Nebraska and New Mexico. A native of Nebraska City, Neb., Sister Jean Richard taught at

St. Elizabeth School, Curdsville in 1955; St. Anthony School, Browns Valley in 1956; and St. Romuald School, Hardinsburg, 1956-57. In Grayson County, she

taught at St. Paul, Leitchfield, 1945-46; St. Anthony Public School, Peonia, 1972-74, and Clarkson Public School, 1974-77. She also taught in Louisville and in other Kentucky schools. Her last assignment was teaching for 27 years at Lourdes Elementary School in Nebraska City, where she taught computers from 1987-2004. She volunteered as an ESP tutor in Owensboro from 2004-06 and is now active in the Powerhouse of Prayer.



Sister Martina Rockers, a native of Garnett, Kan., is celebrating 70 years and has been a teacher for 66 years. A former Ursuline Sister of Paola, she taught in several schools in the Kansas City, Kan., area, and continues to teach AP

biology at Bishop Miega High School in Shawnee Mission, Kan.



Sister Emerentia Wiesner, a native of Richmond, Kan., is celebrating 70 years. She taught at numerous schools in Kansas and Oklahoma as an Ursuline Sister of Paola, Kan., and was a nurse and director of the

health care facility in Paola from 1974-87. She was involved in community service at the Paola motherhouse from 1989-2009, when she moved to Maple Mount. She is currently a seamstress and craft maker at Maple Mount.

60 Years



Sister Eva Marie Boone is celebrating 60 years. She taught at Immaculate School, Owensboro (1954-57) and was teacher and principal at St. Elizabeth School, Curdsville (1958-64). She served as pastoral associate at St.

John the Baptist Church, Fordsville, 1993-98. Sister Eva, a native of Howardstown, Ky., has served as teacher, principal and pastoral minister in the Archdiocese of Louisville, and in Nebraska, Missouri and Indiana. She lives at Maple Mount, where she is in charge of quilting for the Quilt Club and serves as Peace and Justice

coordinator.



Sister Helen Leo Ebelhar is celebrating 60 years. A native of Sorgho, she taught at St. Anthony School, Browns Valley (1956-59), Blessed Mother School, Owensboro (1963-64), St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley (1973-74), Mary Carrico School,

Knottsville (1980-82), and was principal and teacher at St. Sebastian School, Calhoun (1964-67) and Immaculate Conception School, Earlington (1967-73). She was sacristan at the Motherhouse (1982-91), and served in family ministry from 1991-2011. She also served in the Archdiocese of Louisville. She is retired at Maple Mount and is active in the Powerhouse of Prayer.



Sister Ruth Gehres is celebrating 60 years. A native of Evansville, Ind., Sister Ruth taught and led the choir at St. Joseph and Paul School (1958-62), then was an English professor at Brescia College (now University) from

1967-81, 1982-84, and 1985-86, while also serving as alumni director (1979-81). She taught English (1984-85) at the Gymnasium der Ursulinen, Straubing, Germany. She was president of Brescia from 1986-95. She was director of communications for the Ursuline Sisters (2000-2002) then associate director (2002-2007). She also taught in Hodgenville and Nebraska, and served in Indiana. Since 2007 she has served as an assistant and website manager at Casa Ursulina, the Ursuline ministry in Chillan, Chile.



Sister Michael Ann Monaghan, a native of Central City, is celebrating 60 years. She was a teacher at Immaculate School (1954-63) and St. Joseph and Paul School (1966-72), both in Owensboro, and at St. Romuald

School, Hardinsburg (1983-86). She was a receptionist at the Mount Saint Joseph

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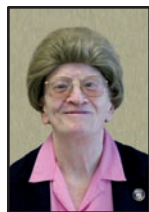
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Conference and Retreat Center from 2003-05. She has also ministered as a teacher and principal in schools in Missouri and New Mexico. Since 2009 she has been engaged in family ministry in Central City.



Sister Marian Powers, a native of Cloverport, Ky., is celebrating 60 years. Sister Marian (formerly Sister Rose Marian) taught at St. Martin School, Rome (1954-57), St. Raphael School, West Louisville (1958-62), St.

Paul School, Leitchfield (1973-75), St. Mary Magdalene School, Sorgho (1985-87), and as teacher and principal at St. Joseph School, Mayfield (1979-85). She served in pastoral ministry at St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady (1987-91), at St. Anthony, Axtel (1991-94), St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport and Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington (1999-2003) and served in outreach in Cloverport (2003-2004). She served as local coordinator at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount, 1994-99. She also taught in the Archdiocese of Louisville. She now serves as part-time postmaster at the Motherhouse.



Sister Mary Patrick McDonagh is celebrating 60 years of religious life. Sister Mary Patrick was an Ursuline Sister of Belleville, Ill., before the merger of that community with Mount Saint Joseph in 2005. A native of Trien-

bawn, County Galway, Ireland, Sister Mary Patrick served as a teacher, a trained nurse and offered community service in Belleville, Mascoutah and Smithton, Ill., for 47 years. She moved to Maple Mount in 2007, where she is active in the Powerhouse of Prayer.



Sister Mary Diane Taylor is celebrating 60 years. A native of Fredericktown, Sister Mary Diane taught at Blessed Mother School, Owensboro (1954-57), St. Thomas More School, Paducah (1957-58), Owensboro Catholic High

School (1964-67) and Mount Saint Joseph Academy, 1967-71. Since 1967, she has

been an art professor at Brescia College (now University), and is chairperson of the Fine Arts Division.

50 Years

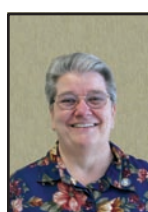


Sister Sara Marie Gomez is celebrating 50 years as an Ursuline Sister. She taught school for 30 years in Kentucky and New Mexico. She taught at Mary Carrico School, Knottsville in 1983; Cathedral School, Owensboro, 1984-89, and St. Angela Merici School, Owensboro, 1989-90. She also taught in Louisville and Lebanon. A native of rural Gobernador, N.M., Sister Sara Marie has served in parish and teaching ministry in New Mexico for 22 years. She has been the director of religious education for St. Joseph Parish in Aztec and Holy Trinity Parish in Flora Vista, both in New Mexico, since 1990. She also helps teach religion classes at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Farmington, N.M.



Sister Michele Morek is celebrating 50 years as an Ursuline Sister. She has been an educator for 33 years and has spent 14 years in a leadership role for her religious community. At Brescia College/University, she has been a

biology professor, academic dean and vice president of academic affairs and director of career services/grants coordinator. She was congregational leader of the Ursuline Sisters from 2004-2010. Since December 2011 she has been director of UNANIMA International in New York City, a nongovernmental organization associated with the United Nations. Sister Michele is a native of New Mexico.



Sister Rose Jean Powers is celebrating 50 years as an Ursuline Sister. A native of Cloverport, she has ministered for almost 40 years at Brescia College/University in Owensboro. She was an instructor of history at Brescia from

1968-84 and 1989-92. She helped with residence halls there from 1971-84 and was

director of residential life from 1993-2008. She was also campus minister at Brescia from 1989-97 and a sacristan in 1992. She spent five years at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount as local superior while also helping with transportation from 1985-89. Since 2008, Sister Rose Jean has been the Brescia Bookstore assistant.



Sister Sheila Anne Smith, a native of New Mexico, is celebrating 50 years. From 1976-79, she served in health care at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount. She has been engaged in teaching, parish and Native

American ministry, religious education and retreat work in Kentucky, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Arizona. She was a writer for various children's magazines for 16 years starting in 1992. From 1994-2010, she was



a consultant for Loyola Press. She has been tutoring in Albuquerque, N.M., since 1994.

Sister Katherine Gertrude Stein, a native of St.

Louis, is celebrating 50 years. She taught at two Owensboro schools: Immaculate, 1966-68, and Precious Blood, 1975-76, and at Trinity High School in Whitesville, 1980-81. She taught at St. Joseph, Leitchfield, in 1970 and at St. Joseph, Mayfield in 1974. She also taught in other Kentucky schools as well as Missouri and Nebraska. Another of her ministries was transportation, which she provided at the Ursuline Motherhouse intermittently for almost 20 years. She was an ESL tutor for Migrant/Immigrant Shelter and Support in Owensboro from 2004 until her retirement in 2006. She now participates in the Powerhouse of Prayer.

Jubilant congratulations may be sent to Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

Founded at Maple Mount in Daviess County, Ky., in 1874, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph currently minister throughout Kentucky and in Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Tennessee; and in Washington, D.C., and Chillán, Chile, South America. This community of women religious is celebrating its Centennial in 2012.

Help the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph celebrate our Centennial!



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2010-2011 Statement of Financial Accountability Of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky



ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF OWENSBORO

OPERATING FUND

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Years Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets:		
Support:		
Parish assessments	\$ 2,261,739	\$ 2,180,673
Contributions and bequests	258,217	104,966
Fees for services	8,530	8,604
Interest and dividend income	213,207	218,837
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	1,700,088	792,441
Income on real estate investments	33,373	38,309
Other revenue	<u>6,301</u>	<u>13,445</u>
Total unrestricted support	4,481,455	3,357,275
Net assets released from restrictions:		
Restrictions satisfied by payments	<u>584,457</u>	<u>655,594</u>
Total unrestricted support and reclassifications	<u>5,065,912</u>	<u>4,012,869</u>
Expenses:		
Program services:		
Office of the Bishop	188,301	159,569
Catholic Pastoral Center	198,021	209,138
Education	966,183	939,761
Worship and spiritual life	183,205	158,792
Social concerns	773,664	724,706
Personnel	707,887	595,956
Diocesan consultative bodies	5,286	4,350
Grants	<u>61,298</u>	<u>35,450</u>
	<u>3,083,845</u>	<u>2,827,722</u>
Supporting services:		
Administration and general:		
Administration	560,396	471,150
Fundraising:		
Stewardship	<u>268,596</u>	<u>248,585</u>
	<u>828,992</u>	<u>719,735</u>
Total expenses	<u>3,912,837</u>	<u>3,547,457</u>



CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF WESTERN KENTUCKY, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2011 and 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and investments:		
Seminarians	\$ 5,015,747	\$ 4,061,024
Religious education	401,411	327,202
Outreach	219,218	179,315
General	268,845	144,153
St. Stephen Cathedral	-	10,715
Held for annuity obligations	<u>916,412</u>	<u>893,917</u>
	<u>6,821,633</u>	<u>5,616,326</u>
Assets held for others:		
Cash and investments:		
Owensboro Catholic High School	4,527,861	3,758,519
Owensboro Catholic Schools	974,802	848,719
Catholic education scholarships	167,424	144,840
St. Ann Catholic School	136,430	121,297
St. Edward	29,700	27,331
Parish endowments	1,012,319	661,777
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville	34,392	30,603
St. Columba, Lewisport	35,164	31,302
St. Joseph, Central City	232,493	191,410
St. Joseph, Mayfield	40,956	33,349
St. Alphonsus Cemetery	120,938	107,523
Holy Name School	731,547	583,894
St. Joseph, Bowling Green	27,128	22,334
St. Joseph School, Bowling Green	488,574	449,411
St. Denis Cemetery	54,747	45,072
St. Sebastian Cemetery	5,613	4,812
Bishop Soenneker Home	92,083	75,811
Thomas Moore, Paducah	660,135	536,971
St. Charles, Livermore	40,794	35,012
St. Charles Cemetery, Bardwell	19,787	16,290
Sisters of the Lamb of God	17,175	14,285
St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro	18,893	15,555
Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville	206,584	161,156
Blessed Sacrament	7,779	6,405
Due from Diocese for parish endowments	<u>38,146</u>	<u>217,059</u>
	<u>9,721,464</u>	<u>8,140,737</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 16,543,097</u>	<u>\$ 13,757,063</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Due to Diocese operating fund	\$ 39,946	\$ 39,946
Annuity obligations	467,631	467,517
Assets held for others	<u>9,721,464</u>	<u>8,140,737</u>
Total liabilities	10,229,041	8,648,200
Net assets:		
Permanently restricted	<u>6,314,056</u>	<u>5,108,863</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 16,543,097</u>	<u>\$ 13,757,063</u>

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Bishop Medley's Chrism Mass Homily *(Continued from page 1)*

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people.

Tonight we celebrate the 75th Chrism Mass of the diocese of Owensboro. 75 times Bishop Cotton, Bishop Soeneker, Bishop McRaith or I have gathered with priests and people to celebrate these ancient rites, in the words of our opening prayer to, "bear witness to your Redemption." In the coming year we will often recognize events and rituals happening for the 75th time as we celebrate a jubilee of God's grace and blessing.

As in the previous seventy-four gatherings the priests of this local Church will renew their commitment to priestly service — resolving anew to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to him; to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist; to be faithful teachers following Christ the Head and Shepherd.

As in ages past the character of the annual Chrism Mass does focus on those who share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ by virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders. The powerful prayers by which we invoke God's Holy Spirit to sanctify these common oils for sacred purpose will likewise underscore the bond all priests share with Christ the High Priest.

But the blessings of these oils likewise acknowledge the sacredness and dignity of all who share in the common priesthood of Jesus Christ by virtue of our baptism. Many of you present will encounter these oils in a sacramental way in the year to come. The gathering here of hundreds from across all of western Kentucky still stands as a tribute to Bishop John McRaith who envisioned the power of symbol and substance when he called upon the Church to gather here where we never pause to wonder if there will be room. Yes, the Sports Center for this hour becomes a makeshift Cathedral — at much human toil and effort. But it is not marble floors or stained glass windows that hallow our churches, however noble these appointments may be, however much these might lift our hearts and minds to God. No, it is the people gathered. God's people. Our family — our sisters and brothers.

In the coming months some will predictably be anointed with the Oil of the Sick; others not yet understanding that the cross of sickness lies before them so soon.

Many more, adults, children and infants, will be touched by the Oil of Catechumens that it may bring them "a deeper understanding of the gospel, .. and help



Fr. Ray Goetz shared a lighter moment with Tommy Malone and Moggie Riney before the Chrism Mass. Mel Howard Photo

them to accept the challenge of Christian living."

The Sacred Chrism — by which the Lord dispenses life and love to all — will touch hundreds and indirectly tens of thousands of us. Adults to be confirmed on this Easter Vigil will be anointed with this oil. Over the next year some tiny portion of this Chrism will be traced in the form of a cross on the foreheads of hundreds of young people at their Confirmation. In a few months this Chrism will be poured plentifully over a new altar at St. Stephen Cathedral to consecrate it for sacred use. And that altar becomes the spiritual table of bounty of more than 60,000 Catholics of our Church.

To an alien looking in tonight, what we do with these oils may not appear all that different from pagan rituals. But with 2000 years of struggle and faith, we believe that our magnificent God acts through the very ordinary — water, bread and wine, oil. And God's blessings affirm that our faith is true. We are an anointed people.

What then are an anointed people called to do? The Word of God manifests this clearly. We are to bring glad tidings to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to captives, release to prisoners and to announce a year of favor for the Lord. Whether we have answered this vocation nobly or fallen short, most of us

have celebrated the freedoms in our United States of America to live by the dictates of our consciences and to speak truth to power. Pilgrims established colonies and our nation based upon principles of freedom. Many came to this land — and still do — because those freedoms have been compromised in other lands and other nations. Even amidst those early colonies an evolution of respect for freedom was required. The first Catholic pioneers in Kentucky did not cross mountains and traverse dangerous rivers because this wilderness was the promised land. They endured these struggles to find a place of freedom, a place where they could worship God and live as God called them to live. In the history of the world no nation has better assured these God-given freedoms to people. Now there have been glaring failures to live out our creed of freedom hundreds of years of human slavery, still evident racial and ethnic discrimination, suppression of women, wars of imperialism and greed, hostility to immigrants. But these noble ideals have stood through colonization and been enshrined since our nation's Declaration of Independence and the adoption of our constitution that has been a model for the world.

But today, in these early years of the 21st century, we must speak out about efforts to cut at the heart of our freedom of religion. There are those who would define freedom of religion as a freedom to worship. In other words, every one can go to the church of his or her choice and say their prayers and sing their hymns. But freedom of religion means that we cannot be compelled to violate the teachings of our God and Church. In recent weeks this epic debate has been twisted and distorted and misrepresented by political parties and news networks.

Complex questions and issues and values are at stake. Let me say clearly — the Catholic Church, under the leadership of our nations's bishops, is simply asking to exercise the freedom of religion, a God-given freedom and human right. Despite the spin of political parties or news networks, Catholics are not asking for special or extraordinary privilege. Now there may be proper questions and discussions about the role of women in our Church, but the Church is not engaged in a war on women's health.

The proposed regulations of the Department for Health and Human Services would suggest that it is the government that may define what it means to be Catholic

— what may constitute the reason for being for a Catholic school or hospital or orphanage. This is not about contraception. Yes, the Catholic Church does stand for important teachings about dignity of human life and conception and God's plan — and perhaps over recent generations we have not adequately catechized or listened to our own people. But this public issue is not for the Church about contraception. It is about our freedom. It is about conscience.

As an anointed people, called to care for the lowly, the brokenhearted, captives of so many descriptions — we ask for the freedom to be a people of hope and promise. Infringements upon the freedom of religion are not limited by the way to one issue or one ideology or party. There are places in our country where state legislatures have sought to make it a criminal act for Catholic Churches, agencies and individuals to continue to serve the immigrants among us. Oddly, in politics and media, stalwarts exchange their positions about religious freedom. For all of our faults, the Catholic Church is speaking consistently.

There have been times in the history of our nation that our Catholic Church has taken for granted its rights and freedoms and the obligations that these entail. We have not exercised that freedom to be the first to condemn slavery, oppression of women, unjust wars, scandalous poverty in a land of plenty. And sadly to protect itself, the Church at time went astray of the law in concealing abuse within our institution. Perhaps the lesson for us is that we must take a stand for our own liberties as a religious institution to remember that we bring credibility to this debate when we can illustrate how we always speak for those who may have no voice: the unborn, the immigrant, the poor, the death row inmate.

Yes, all of us must voice our concern for religious liberty for ourselves and all citizens. And yes, sometimes our individual voices may challenge the institution of our Church when it is not always ready to proclaim the gospel.

We are an anointed people, a chosen people, the People of God called to echo the message of Jesus that the words of the prophet Isaiah may still be fulfilled in our hearing.

**+ Bishop William F. Medley, Homily
Delivered for the Chrism Mass -
Diocese of Owensboro, April 3, 2012**

Sister Shirley Ann Howe SCN, To Celebrate Golden Jubilee July 22



Sister Shirley Ann Howe, SCN

Sister Shirley Ann Howe SCN, daughter of Joseph Herman and Bertha Mae Howe will be celebrating her 50th anniversary as a professed Sister of Charity of Nazareth on July 22, 2012. The celebration will include a Mass at St. Mary of the Woods Church in Whitesville, Kentucky at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Immediately following the Mass, a luncheon and reception will be held at the Senior Citizens building on HWY 54. Sister Shirley grew up in Whitesville and graduated from St.

Mary of the Woods High School in 1959. She entered the convent near Bardstown, Ky. that fall. During her years as a SCN, she has served as a teacher and principal in various schools in Massachusetts and in Roanoke, Virginia. She also served as principal of Holy Name School in Henderson, Ky. from 1982-1987. Sister Shirley is currently living in Quincy, Massachusetts where she has been working with the homeless in the Boston Massachusetts area for the past 20 years.

OCHS Psychology Teacher Sees That “Aha!” Moment in Students While Visiting The Jail

A teacher's most prized moment in a day's work is that quick flash of insight shining in the face of a student who really gets the idea of the teacher's lesson.

Martha Luckett's Owensboro Catholic High School Psychology II class were working on a chapter about motivation, behavior and emotion about the time that a field trip was planned for their class to visit the Daviess County Detention and Correctional Center.

Ms. Luckett described the visit: "They first talk to us about the history and general info, such as how many are there, men vs. women, crimes, programs, etc. Then, we were taken through the way someone would enter when brought in by car, through the booking room, including the fingerprint and photo,

"Next was the clothing room, then to the intake room. We pass some isolation rooms and get to the women's section. The kids were astonished that so many are in one room. Bunk beds on all walls except one. About 25 to 30 prisoners per room. All their belongings are at the foot of the bed on a cart. A lot were in bed sleeping. That is what they do the most. There was a group of pregnant girls having a class on parenting. Went to recreational yard and then to chapel. One of the prisoners talked to us last year, but we did not have time this year. The TV and video system they have in the chapel was a gift from the OCHS "Coke-a-Week" fund. We are proud of that.

"The students are very vocal and excited when we get back to talk in our classroom. I have them do a Journal entry first on their experience and observations. We then discuss all the

In Our Catholic Schools



St. Mary Middle School student, Matthew Poat, placed 5th Place in Social Studies at Regional's Governor's Cup held on Saturday, Feb 4th at Fulton City Middle School. He will be competing at state competition in March. Matthew is the son of Cindy and Greg Poat and an 8th grader at St. Mary Middle School in Paducah. Photo by Jackie Hopper



St. Mary Elementary Regional 2012 Academic Team Competition took place at Graves Central Elementary March 17, 2012. St. Mary Elementary School winners: Julianna Moore - 5th Place Arts/Humanities; Abbi Vannatter - 4th Place Arts/Humanities; and Maddie Kerr - 4th Place Language Arts. Photo by Jackie Hopper



Back row, l to r: Alec Bahnick, Michelle Honadle, Hunter Steele, Logan Cecil, Clay Settles; Front, l to R: teacher Martha Luckett, Hannah Booth, Joel Ciaccio, Raymond Howard, Katie Brown, Kara Raley, Kate Zoglmann, Taylor Fasig, Russell Coomes, Morgan Russell. OCS Photo

things we saw, felt, imagined. We spend a good deal of time talking about getting in jail and the motivation of getting out, cleaned up and back to life vs. going back in.

"At the jail, they give away a couple of T-shirts to kids. There is a set of prison clothes that they show us. They had to special order these. You could probably fit 6 to 7 girls in it. We do see a few of the male prisoners in isolation rooms, but this day we mostly visited the women's section.

"This is a great field trip for the kids. It is truly an eye opener. Always something different and interesting."

The Permanent Deacons in the Diocese of Owensboro

Let's Meet Another Deacon Candidate, Paul Bachi

By Paul Robert Bachi

Born August 1, 1957 to Lena (Michaelina) and Anthony Bachi in Trenton, NJ. The fourth of four children. A member of St. Mark Parish, Eddyville since its inception in 1987.

My family never prayed the rosary at home, never asked a blessing before or after meals, and were not prone to read the Bible as far as I know. We did go to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day and my siblings and I attended Catholic schools each for at least thirteen years. We were never prone to hug or kiss nor were sentiments like "I love you" ever mentioned. Yet we knew we loved each other, loved God, and the Church.

We were one of about 1,200 families of St. Anthony Parish, the church of which was around the corner from our home. During my grammar school days I had two years of classes in a garage, two over a bakery, two in the old church, and the rest in a large stone building. We were very accustomed to making do with what we had. I became an altar boy about two years before the changes of Vatican II and have vague memories of serving during the Tridentine Mass. When deemed old enough, I was allowed to sort money after the Masses on Sunday morning.

My father, a mathematics major from St. John's in NYC before WWII, frequently helped at the Church besides having a full time job. After I started going to school, my mother, who finished high school, worked at St. Anthony's HS in the cafeteria. Just before I went to high school, she started working as a Ward Clerk (secretary/receptionist) at St. Francis Hospital on the orthopedic floor.

I never thought I heard a call to the priesthood even though I was immersed in parish/priestly/religious life from an early age and despite what others have said through the years. Although I knew I would be going to college, I never gave a thought to attending a Catholic college. College at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, was a great four years. I never missed Mass during college because it was simply not in my mind to do so. It was an obligation and that is what my parents and my childhood education said I should do. I enjoyed Mass enough and considered receiving the Eucharist a must.

My father died at the age of 62 in May



Paul Bachi

1982 during the last month of my graduate course work. He had heart trouble about ten years earlier and was put on disability. I respected, honored, and loved my father though I never thought about it in those terms. I never told him "I loved you" but it never really occurred to me to do so because I loved him and he loved me.

After finishing my master's degree in plant pathology at Rutgers, I started work at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton as a plant diagnostician on Feb. 1, 1983. It was, and is, a good job with many very good co-workers. Now going into my 30th growing season, I've never regretted my choice ("a blessing" is a more accurate term). Leaving my mother was difficult, more so than leaving my siblings because they were married and had lives of their own. My mother, although she never said it, wanted what I thought was best for me. She died of AIDS, one of the early heterosexual cases, in May 1985, at the age of 63. One of our last, great times together was going to Churchill Downs in the spring of 1983, fulfilling, unbeknownst to me until that day, one of her fondest dreams.

I met my future wife a little over a month after coming to Kentucky. Over the course of the next three years we dated, I bought a house, she received an annulment of her previous marriage and converted to Catholicism, and we married on March 1, 1986. Our only child, Joseph, was born September 10, 1986.

Family life was good and I began to

feel the need to reorient my relationship with God. Even though I had said 'No' about going to a Cursillo weekend several years prior, when asked by a fellow parishioner in 1992, I immediately said 'Yes'. I never gave a thought to what the experience might do to our marriage, but only that I needed to make a spiritual change. My Cursillo experience changed my life from just keeping the letter of God's law, to being personally responsible to fulfill my baptismal promises. I started getting up 30 minutes earlier in the morning to pray and read the Bible. Praying the rosary was something I had not done for many years but the Cursillo taught me to take up this beautiful prayer once again. I started to teach youth religion classes feeling a greater need to pass on the Faith and knowledge of the Church. I started attending Mass during the week, a practice which also has endured to this day. I worked as a team member on many Men's Cursillo weekends.

Through no fault of Cursillo but more the way I handled it, we started to drift apart. These experiences have caused me to witness at many a Cursillo gathering that couples should seriously discuss each spouse making a Cursillo weekend and come to mutual agreement about each of their desires and expectations. Cursillo is a wonderful awakening to the love of God providing valuable tools for spiritual growth; use it wisely. We grew further apart and after three years of separation, a divorce was granted in December, 2000. I know I was certainly at fault for some of the problems we experienced. While in court-mandated sessions with many other people going through the process of divorce, I started to realize the scope of the pain our society has burdened itself with in granting easy divorces and cultivating the sentiment that marriage need not be forever. The numbers of people involved and the heartache they experience are truly staggering.

Our son Joseph has always been a great kid. He has always been mature beyond his years. As many of you parents know, your children grow up too fast and all too soon Joseph was off to college. We communicated a whole lot more during his college years than I remember every communicating with my folks. E-mail and cell phones made communicating a lot easier than in the old days. He is very supportive of my desire to become a deacon. Joseph is one significant success in my life for which I am at least partially responsible.

Music, like the Church, has always been a big part of my life. Cantoring at Mass is something I enjoy and have felt a responsibility to fulfill since God gave me a gift. A serious commitment to greater service in the Church, is what I believe God has been leading me to these last ten or more years. I have never heard the voice of God speak to me directly, though twice during Adoration I have been "touched" by God in a palpable way. I do thank God many times during the day for a wide variety of things. At different times, I have tried to cultivate a more conscious realization of the Holy Spirit in my life. I usually can recognize the workings of the Holy Spirit after they happen (many times after days or weeks). I am convinced I am loved by God for who I am and in spite of my sins. I have never blamed God for any problems or hardships in my life (which I believe is also a gift). We all have free will and when we exercise it in ways contrary to His, we can hurt and get hurt by other people.

The Lord has blessed me with the love of many beautiful people throughout our diocese through Cursillo, while working on various committees and councils for nearly thirty years, and now within the deacon formation program. I was fortunate to be a part of the Diocesan Pastoral Council during conversations about the diaconate. I believe God steered me closer to the diaconate when I had a chance to experience the diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica in October 2005 with Fr. John Thomas the eventual director of the diaconate program. I had not met Fr. John prior to the trip. Currently, I am on the Cursillo Secretariat and for the last several years have published our newsletter, "The Cursillo Post". I am a diocesan representative to the St. Stephen Cathedral Restoration & Renewal Project and most recently a member of the Strategic Planning Commission for the diocese.

Am I convinced the diaconate is exactly what I think God wants me to do? All I know is being loved and blessed by God, my love for God and the Church, and a need to give greater service. Marriage is a vocation I do not wish to pursue again. I have already experienced the blessings of marriage; no sarcasm intended (St. Paul's advice in 1 Cor 7:32-34 expresses my understanding very well). Serving the Body of Christ in western Kentucky as a

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18 May, 2012 In Our Catholic Schools Eggs-actly!

Mrs. Coomes 3rd grade class at the OCS Elementary K-3 Campus went on a Synonym and Antonym Egg Hunt. This was a great way to review difficult vocabulary words and reinforce what they were learning in class.

The picture at right shows Cassidy McCarthy and Hannah Mills comparing their egg find to their vocabulary list. OCS Photo



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Father's Day Novena
A Symbol of Love for All our Fa-
thers
Living and Deceased



In June we honor our spiritual father, St. Joseph and our earthly fathers at our **Diocesan Shrine, Mary, Mother of the Church/Model of All Christians**, at St. Joseph Church in Bowling Green, KY, with a bouquet: of sentiments as hundred of carnations will be used as a backdrop for our Father's Day Novena. Each carnation represents a father, living (red carnation) or deceased (white carnation). This flower at the Shrine will become a symbol of the love, gratitude, and joy that our fathers have brought into our lives.

During the Novena, **June 17-25th, 2012** prayers will be said each day at the Shrine. Throughout the Novena names of all the Fathers will be read out loud in the Shrine.

To have a carnation placed in the Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church/Model of All Christians, please send the name along with the coupon below and a donation of \$10.00 for each name. With each name a carnation will be placed near the

Clip and send the coupon below

Dear Shrine Committee,
Enclosed is my donation. Please have _____ CARNATION(S) place at the Diocesan Shrine, Mary, Mother of the Church/Model of All Christians, for the Father's Day Novena, June 17-25th, 2012.
Please have the following person(s) remembered during the Father's Day Novena:
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c/o Leigh Blair
740 Covington Grove
Bowling Green, KY 42104

Prayer for Father's Day Novena

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste spouse of Mary, you passed your life in perfect fulfillment of duty. You supported the Holy Family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect our *Fathers* who trustingly turn to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes; and our *Fathers* turn to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too have known trial, labor, and weariness. But, even amid the worries of material life, your soul was filled with deep peace and sang out in pure joy through intimacy with the Son of God entrusted to you and with Mary, His tender Mother.

Teach our *Fathers* that they do not labor alone. Teach them how to find Jesus near them, to greet Him with grace, and to guard Him faithfully, as you have done. Grant that in every family, in every factory and place of work—wherever a Christian labors—all may grow in charity, patience, justice and in seeking to do the right, so that a flood of gifts may descend from heaven. AMEN.

St. Joseph, Pray for us!!!



Join the Passionist Nuns in Praying for our Nation

In preparation for our National Elections we will be hosting Eucharistic Evenings of Prayer throughout 2012

Each evening will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture, Sermon by a Father of Mercy, Renewal of Consecration of our Nation, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Solemn Benediction.

May 1, 6:30—8 p.m.

June 5, 6:30—8 p.m.

July 3, 6:30—8 p.m.

August 7, 6:30—8 p.m.

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Questions? (270) 233-4571

"The more the human conscience succumbs to secularization and moves away from God...the more the Church has the right and the duty to appeal to the God of mercy 'with loud cries.' These 'loud cries' should be the mark of the Church of our times, cries uttered to God to implore his mercy..."
(Bl. John Paul II: *Rich in Mercy* #15)



Youth LEAD Graduation

St. Mary High School juniors, Olivia Romero and Nicole Burks, are members of the 1st graduating Class of the Paducah Chamber of Commerce Youth LEAD Program. Students were recognized for their accomplishments recently at the Chamber's Power in Partnership Breakfast. Graduates will be helping to recruit interested rising Juniors for next year's 2nd class. Olivia is the daughter of Mrs. Marianna Romero. Nicole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Burks. Submitted by Jackie Hopper

Deacon Candidate, Paul Bachi

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permanent deacon, is the clearest path I can discern at this time.

The Three Diaconal Gifts of Ministry: Ministry of the Word, the Liturgy, and of Charity are certainly challenging in their scope and in the commitment necessary for their fruition. There are various aspects of these ministries which I can witness to having already had experience in performing. Yet there are others in which I will struggle. At the same time, I realize it is not all up to me. I am confident the Holy Spirit will fill me with the gifts needed as long as I respect my fears and trust in God's ways.

Please pray for the permanent deacon candidates and their families!

2011-2012 Nomination Form for Diocese of Owensboro Catholic School Educator of the Year

The Catholic Schools Office and Principals Association are again asking for nominations for Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year.

The winner will be announced at the dinner following the annual Professional Development Day.

Anyone, with the exception of an immediate family member, may nominate an educator for the award. All information concerning nominees will be kept confidential, including the name of the person submitting the nomination.

The educator must currently be employed in the Diocese of Owensboro and must have taught for a minimum of five years in the Diocesan Schools.

The outstanding Catholic School Educator must be a role model as an outstanding human being; have a major influence in the lives of students; show concern with the faith development as well as the physical, mental and emotional development of students; and encourage students to improve their abilities and talents.

The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2012. A committee will serve as judges. All nomination forms should be mailed to the Catholic Schools Office, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301-2130.

Nominee _____

Address _____

School _____

Subjects, Grades Taught _____

On an accompanying sheet of paper, please comment on your nominee's performance in the following categories:

- 1) Why should this person be honored as Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year?
- 2) Describe this person's commitment as a educator.
- 3) How has this person helped students become better people?
- 4) How is this person a Christian role model for the students? Give an example.
- 5) Is the educator active in the community and Church, apart from the school-related activities? If so, give details of his or her involvement.
- 6) How well does the nominee relate with professional colleagues and parents of the students?

Nominated by: Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Relation to educator _____

UNANIMA Anniversary Year Prayer: Indigenous People

Offered by Sr. Suzanne Sims, OSU, UNANIMA Representative/Board Member

Let Us Reflect:

The United Nations proclaimed an International Day for Indigenous People (August 9) in 1994. Now we are celebrating the second "International Decade for Indigenous People" (2005-2015). UNANIMA works on many causes affecting indigenous people: poverty, women's empowerment, worker's rights, mining, water quality, and ecological issues. We remember with sadness the way many nations have oppressed the indigenous people of their land. We rejoice in the many gifts of culture, art, traditions, and philosophy which indigenous people bring to our human race.

Let Us Pray:

O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me! I am small and weak; I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made, and my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people. Let me learn



Give the Gift of Prayer for Mother's Day

Mother's Day Novena
A Symbol of Love for All our Mothers
Living and Deceased



Let us Pray for your Mother

The Diocesan Shrine, Mary, Mother of the Church and Model of all Christians invites you to enroll your Mother and other loved ones in our **Solemn Novena to all Mothers**.

Beginning on Saturday, May 5th, all those enrolled will share nine days of remembrance at the Holy Mass, and in prayers offered at our Marian Shrine.

Your petitions will be placed at the foot of the statue of our Mother, Mary, during the Solemn Novena with a "Bouquet" of sentiments as hundreds of carnations will be used as a backdrop for our Mother's Day Novena. Each carnation represents a mother, living (red carnation) or deceased (white carnation). This flower at the Shrine will become a symbol of love, gratitude and joy that our mothers have brought into our lives.



Prayer for Mother's Day Novena

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen, as we strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.

Mother of the Redeemer hold close to your heart all our mothers, living and deceased. Protect, bless and lead them to the joys of heaven now and forever.

AMEN

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Dear Shrine Committee,

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the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother or sister, but to fight my greatest enemy—myself. Make me ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so that when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame. (Native American prayer)

Let Us Act:

- Read the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Respond to calls for action letters or other interventions on behalf of indigenous people.

• Pray this prayer on behalf of the "first people" of your country, and for yourself.
The name, UNANIMA, merges three concepts: anima, a feminine life principle of healing, caring, and nurturing; UN, as we do our work at the United Nations; and UNANIMA, derived from the word unanimous, because we work together with one mind, heart, and spirit. In December 2005, UNANIMA International was officially accepted as an affiliated NGO of the United Nations Department of Public Information. Subsequently in June 2006, UNANIMA became associated with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations as an NGO in special consultative status.

Editor's Note: The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are celebrating their 100th year of service and was one of seven founding congregations of women to establish UNANIMA in December, 2001.

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Brescia University held its Distinguished Alumni Banquet on April 28, 2012 at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Since the inception of this prestigious recognition, Brescia has awarded more than 50 alumni with the Distinguished Alumni title. This award was created to honor those graduates who exemplify the elements that encompass The Brescia Difference: Respect for the Sacred, Devotion to Learning, Commitment to Growth in Virtue, and Promotion of Servant Leadership. Because of the breadth and scope of their life's work, the magnitude of their impact on the regional, national, and (often international scene), and their examples of service and leadership, alumni who receive this esteemed honor have distinguished themselves among their peers.

The 2012 Distinguished Alumni are Larry Conder '83, Sr. Ruth Gehres, OSU '62 and Terrance (Terry) Jones '68.

Larry Conder graduated from Brescia University in 1983 with a Business Administration degree. He went on to receive his Master of Business Administration from Murray State University. Larry worked for Texas Gas for 15 years before opening his own company, Paragon Gas Services, as an independent consultant for the Public Energy Authority of Kentucky (PEAK). He assists municipalities in acquiring their natural gas requirements.

Larry and his wife Rosemary live in Owensboro and have six children and ten grandchildren. Together, Larry and Rosemary are the owners of Riverwalk Properties, LLC. Over the past ten years, the Conders have purchased property in downtown Owensboro, focusing on revitalization.

They own The Crowne at 107, The Crème Coffee House, the Smith-Werner Building, 221 St. Ann Street, The Inquirer Building, and 122/124 West 2nd Street. Larry says he and his wife are committed to preserving the past in order to promote the future of the community.

Sister Ruth Gehres graduated from Brescia College in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She then went on to earn a Ph.D. in English from Saint Louis University in 1968. For nearly 30 years she served at Brescia in various capacities, including as English professor, Chair of the English Department/Humanities Division, and Alumni Director. In 1986 she started



The Brescia University 2012 Distinguished Alumni are Larry Conder '83, left, Sr. Ruth Gehres, OSU '62, center, and Terrance (Terry) Jones '68, at right. Brescia Photos

a nine year run as President of Brescia College. Afterward, Sister Ruth served at Saint Meinrad College, worked with the Sisters of Saint Benedict in Ferdinand, IN, and was the Assistant Director/Director of Communications for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph for six years.

Throughout her ministry at Brescia, Sister Ruth was involved in public relations and writing projects, including the founding of the Brescia NOW! magazine. She edited the college's Self-Study for Reaffirmation of Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1978), which was successful. She was also involved in writing projects in her Ursuline Congregation and in the local community.

Sister Ruth was one of the first three women invited to join the Owensboro Rotary Club. She served on the Owensboro Citizens Committee on Education and the boards of Leadership Owensboro and Junior Achievement, and on the Saint Meinrad Board of Overseers. A lover of music, she sang with the Owensboro Diocesan Choir and various choral groups. She was a member of the Owensboro Friendship Force and of the first Sister City Delegation from Owensboro to Olomouc, Czech Republic.

In July 2012 Sister Ruth will celebrate her 60th jubilee as an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph. Since 2007 she has ministered at Casa Ursulina, an educational, social, and spiritual ministry with

women of low income in Chillán, Chile. Terrance (Terry) Jones graduated from Brescia University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in History. He then went on to graduate from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1972. He is licensed to practice in both Kentucky and Florida. He currently practices in Orange, Park, FL specializing in marital and family law, appellate practice, bankruptcy, child custody, personal injury and criminal practice.

Terry served twice as president of the Clay County Bar Association and was Master of the Family Law Inns of Court for the Florida 4th Judicial Circuit. He is currently on the board of The Way Free Medical Clinic, past president of the Clay County Sertoma Service Club, past chair-

man of the Board for Clay County YMC, and past board member of the Clay County Mental Health Board.

He is the recipient of the 4th Judicial Circuit Pro-Bono Award for work with the Guardian Ad Litem Program (CASA) and the recipient of the Pro-Bono Award for Clay County. He has served on numerous political action and community service committees and provides volunteer legal service to local church and civic groups.

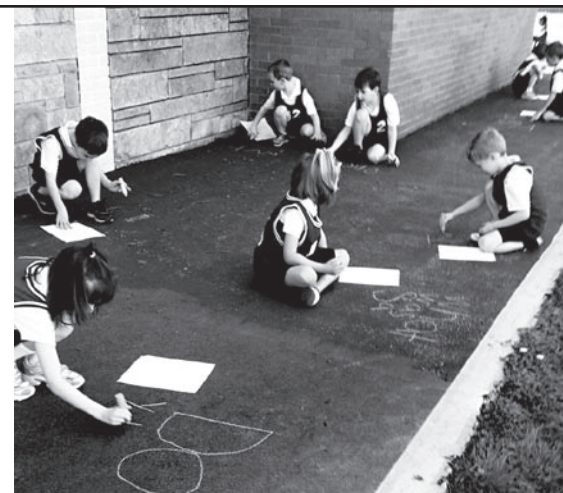
Terry has been married to Betty Downs Jones for 40 years and they have two children, Terrance Allen Jones, an architect in New York City, and Lauren Jones Chadwick, the Company Manager for the San Francisco Ballet.

Submitted by Tina Kasey.

In Our Catholic Schools

Chalk - Writing - Words

Mrs. Potts' Kindergarten students at the OCS Elementary K-3 Campus practice high frequency words using sidewalk chalk on a beautiful spring day. OCS Photo



MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May
 3 Reitz Memorial Seniors
 4 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
 5 **Yarn Spinners Day**
 8 C.M. School Prayer Day
 19-20 MSJ Alumnae Weekend
 30-31 Riney Hancock Workshop

June
 1 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
 4-6 Summer Camp for McLean County Children
 9 Associates and Sisters Day
 11-15 Girls Day Camp
 17-23 **Centering Prayer Retreat**
 24-29 Christian Leadership Institute (CLI)
 30-2 Private Family Reunion

July
 11-13 Community Days for Sisters
 14 Ursuline Sisters Jubilee
 14 St. Alphonsus Picnic
 15-21 **Women Religious Summer Conference and Directed Retreat**
 22-28 St. John's Youth (Michigan) for Owensboro Habitat
 23-27 **Spiritual Direction (Week 8)**

August
 3 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
 5-10 St. Francis de Sales Youth
 11 **Yarn Spinners Day**
 11 Private Wedding Reception
 17-19 Retrouvaille

September
 7 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
 9 Mount Saint Joseph PICNIC



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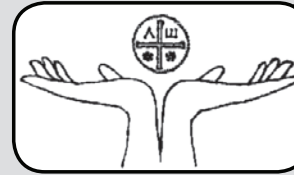
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- ♦ **Lectio (reading):** read the Word slowly
- ♦ **Meditatio (meditation):** reflect on the Word
- ♦ **Oratio (prayer):** respond to God from your heart
- ♦ **Contemplatio (contemplation):** rest in God

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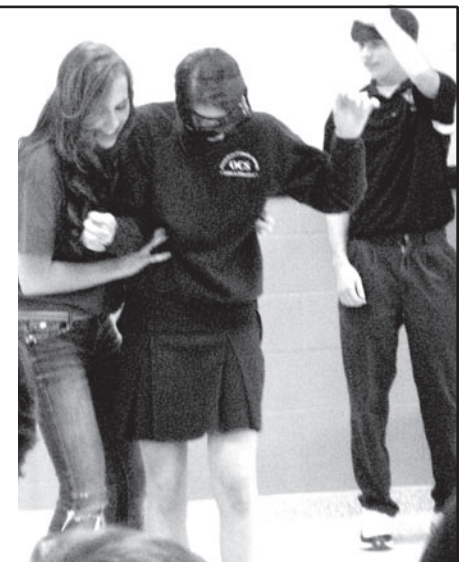
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In Our Catholic Schools

Drug And Alcohol Free
- A Life Choice

Academy for Young Leaders visited Owensboro Catholic Middle School to speak to students about all of the wonderful reasons to choose to be drug and alcohol free. Not only did AYL speakers give testimonies, they also performed skits to illustrate their message. Pictured here is Stephanie Hayden, AYL member on the left, assisting a student wearing goggles to illustrate the effects of alcohol.
 OCS Photo



Parish Celebrates 10 Years Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

A note from the writer: The following is part two of a two-part series. The first article, which appeared in the March 2012 issue, covered the formation and the past ten years of the perpetual Eucharistic adoration ministry at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. This article will look at the ministry today and attempt to peer into the future.

On January 6, 2012, parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville celebrated the tenth anniversary of their perpetual Eucharistic adoration ministry with 40 Hours of Adoration which spanned the weekend of Epiphany. During the solemn prayer service on the evening of January 6, Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, officially announced that the leader of the ministry, Lana Bastin, was stepping down and the ministry would be led by fellow parishioners Jenny and Bill Rush.

"I would like to thank Lana Bastin and recognize her for ten years of service to the Church by leading this parish in perpetual Eucharistic adoration. I know that for her it has been a labor of love," he stated, eliciting a round of applause from the congregation.

"I'm happy to announce that Jenny and Bill Rush have agreed to take over the leadership of this very important ministry," Fr. Meredith continued. "I promised them that they didn't necessarily have to lead for the next ten years," he quipped.

Bastin, who was instrumental in forming the ministry in the parish as well as leading it for ten years, felt it was time to step down as the ministry's leader. "That ministry is God's ministry, not mine," explained Bastin. "After ten years, it was time for new leadership. New leaders can maybe take it to the next level," she added.

While it may have felt like the right time for Bastin, that doesn't mean it was easy for her to relinquish the reins. "I think if you are blessed to be on the ground level of a project, it's like your child. You don't want to let go, but you know you need to let go," Bastin reflected. "I think that was the largest lesson I learned through all this; being obedient to start the ministry and being obedient to pass the ministry along." Learning that Fr. Meredith had asked Jenny and Bill Rush to lead the ministry



The Blessed Sacrament resides 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the adoration chapel at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Hopkinsville. For ten years, parishioners and members of the community have been participating in the perpetual Eucharistic adoration ministry at the parish. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

into the future reassured Bastin. "I think they were chosen by God," she stated matter-of-factly. "They have such a heart for the Church. They will do a beautiful job. I love this ministry and I want to entrust it to someone who will also love it, and I think they will," she concluded.

"I think they'll be wonderful at it," agreed Beverly Todd, a parishioner who has held an hour of adoration since the ministry began. "If they take on something, they're very committed to it."

"I asked them. I knew Jenny put flowers at the altar of adoration. I felt it would be good for a couple who both were committed and participated," explained Fr. Meredith. "They took it to prayer and thought about it. I appreciated the discernment they took to decide."

"This might sound a little crazy, but when the Holy Spirit moves someone to ask, you just know it's the right thing to do," commented Jenny. "When Father asked, I knew the Holy Spirit moved him to ask us. And we said 'yes.'"

The first priority for the new leaders was to fill hours which didn't have committed adorers and were being covered by volunteer substitutes. Simultaneously, the couple began their leadership by encouraging prayer partners. "Ideally, we would love everyone to have a prayer partner," announced Jenny Rush at the prayer service on January 6. "It's okay to sign up for an hour already taken," she urged.

Todd, who initially claimed she has never had a prayer partner, immediately recanted. "I can't say that I don't have a prayer partner, because Bill Folz is always here at 5 a.m.," said Todd with a laugh. "It's good if one can't make it, then the other can cover."

Shirley Pruntisch has had a prayer partner since day one. In fact, Pruntisch vividly remembers the first conversation she had with her prayer partner, MaryAnn Moore. "I had known Mary Ann. I saw a lot of her but didn't really know her," admitted Pruntisch. "When we were walking out of church the day they announced it, she asked what I thought about it. I told her that I didn't know if I could handle it. She said, 'How about we share an hour,'" Pruntisch recalled.

In the ten years Pruntisch and Moore have shared an hour, they have always been able to cover their hour. "Most of the time we pray together," Pruntisch said, "but when she's gone, I've been able to cover and when I'm gone, she has always been here. We have never had to call a substitute," Pruntisch proudly exclaimed.

Pruntisch has discovered an even greater advantage to sharing her hour of adoration. "We've developed our friendship and have become such close friends. She was my 'Rock of Gibraltar' when Karl died," Pruntisch said. "We have deepened our friendship and our ability to talk about our spirituality. It's great to have that kind of religious confidence. I'd like to encourage anyone who is close to someone to share an hour," invited Pruntisch.

"I'm blessed because I share the responsibility for that hour with Cursillo," said Mary Lee. "Robin and I have been prayer partners for nine and a half years," she added referring to her friend and fellow Cursillo mate, Robin Bilan.

In addition to sharing an hour with her prayer partner, Lee also likes to pray during hours for which she is not committed. "It's special here that I can just step in,

even if it's not my turn," she admitted. "I know of people who just pop in. I know teachers will pop down to the church during their planning period and say a quick prayer," said Lee, who is the third grade teacher at the parish school. "Some of us park in the bottom lot just to have the excuse to stop and pray on the way up to school. Fr. Baker used to say to the teachers that we are at school five days a week, so there is no reason we can't stop by once in a while," she added.

Most of the adorers who have devoted themselves to holding at least one hour during the 24-hour-a-day, seven days a week schedule believe that those who have not committed to an hour simply need to try. "If a person would just commit to perpetual Eucharistic adoration for an hour, just for a month or two months, I think they'll really find blessings in it," said Bill Folz. "I think if they just give it a chance they'll find things will change in their lives," he added.

"Their lives will not be the same," claimed Jenny Rush. "It's like having a date with a best friend, you know, one who listens and loves you any way."

"If you come to perpetual Eucharistic adoration, truly come, you will find that you need it. You don't want it. You need it," explained a parishioner who chooses to remain unidentified.

"I feel sorry for every parishioner who doesn't take an hour," Pruntisch said. "I'd like to take each one in here and ask them to sit for just a little while," she added.

"It seems like something everyone can do," claimed Lee. "I never thought I'd still be doing it ten years later, but if I have to miss, I feel like I'm really missing something," she added. "I really hope if somebody doesn't have a prayer hour, they will at least try it and if they feel that God is calling them to commit to a regular hour of prayer, that they will say 'yes.'"

"Your one hour of prayer doesn't have to be like anyone else's," explained Lee. "There's no wrong way to do the prayer hour. There are people who walk around the church. There are people who say memorized prayers. There are people who say free prayer. There are people who do spiritual reading. How you do it, how I do it, neither one is wrong or better. It doesn't have to be the same."

"They have to go and find it them-

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selves,” claimed Mary Dean. “The poem says it all,” she added referring to a poem she wrote several years ago. (See shaded box for poem.)

“I think everybody ought to do it,” said Dr. John Colby, a member of the community who is not Catholic, but has held an hour of adoration for nearly three years. “It’s more of a blessing to me than to anyone else.”

Just after taking over the ministry, Jenny Rush wrote and published the following plea in the parish bulletin. “Are you tired, sad or confused? Then come and sit with the Lord for one hour a week! He knows that you are busy. But can you really be too busy to sit with someone who gives His all to you? Search your heart and know that the hour that is given to Him will bring you such joy and peace and energy to face the toughest day. Come and share your fears, problems, and joys with Him who loves you so much. I personally can tell you that the peace and love that I experience with Him is like nothing that I have ever known.”

“If you think of one hour out of 168; he only asks for ten percent. He asks so little of us,” calculated Bastin.

“We talk about being practicing Catholics and that is how we practice, by praying,” explained Fr. Gerald Baker, pastor of St. Ann parish in Morganfield. Fr. Baker was the pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul when the perpetual Eucharistic adoration ministry began.

“To me, having a Eucharistic hour is a way of showing God that we’re trying to put our faith first,” claimed Vicki Kinnard. Known throughout the parish as an extremely busy individual, Kinnard still finds time to commit to her hour of adoration. “That’s why I chose 3 a.m. I knew all I’d be doing at 3 a.m. was sleeping,” she explained. “I knew it was a difficult hour. I knew it would be a difficult hour for me.

“I always put in a load of laundry before I leave and then put it in the dryer when I get home,” continued the mother of four. “That way I know something else is getting done!” she exclaimed. “It’s all about your attitude. Your faith is either your priority or it’s not,” Kinnard added.

“No one should say they are too busy. We do, but we shouldn’t.” said the anonymous parishioner. “Perpetual Eucharist

adoration isn’t dependent on me, it’s dependent on God. When we realize that, we realize we’re not too busy. I can say ‘I’m too busy. I’m too tired. I have an elderly dad.’ They are not obstacles. They are actually opportunities to run to God,” he said. “We can find some way to do all the other things we want. The other reasons are just excuses,” he added.

“The Pope said that excuses are lies,” commented Kinnard. “When you make excuses, you are lying about what you should have done.”

Whether it is used as an excuse or not, one very real concern for people is that they feel once they commit to an hour, they are locked into the hour without help. “It’s a fear of committing to an hour in the aspect that they may not be able to find someone to fill in for them if they have to be out of town or they’re sick or want to go on vacation,” said Bill Rush, explaining people’s hesitancy to commit to adoration. “They may not understand that there are many people who are willing to substitute,” he added.

“You’re never out there by yourself,” reminded Jenny Rush. “That’s why we have the hourly captains and division coordinators. They think there will never be anyone out there to help them, but that’s why we have the people who will take care of that hour.”

One of those people who are available to substitute is Franco Cincotti. Affectionately referred to by Bastin as a “super sub,” she claims that Cincotti “has never said ‘No.’” In fact, Cincotti prefers to substitute versus holding a specific hour. “When somebody’s in need, it’s more appealing to do it,” he said. Although he claims not to hold a regular hour, he shares two hours; one with the Knights of Columbus and one with another parishioner, John Soldo, who Bastin also considers a “super sub.” The hour Cincotti shares with Soldo is available for adoption.

“I’m always there when someone can’t make it. I’m the captain of that hour,” said Folz, confirming there is help for people who need it. Folz prays before the Blessed Sacrament most every morning from about 4:30 to 5:30 a.m.

For those who have overcome concerns about not finding substitutes or who simply decided to give adoration a try, few have expressed regrets. “You can be with God anywhere, but you’re with

him in an extra special way when you’re with him and his physical presence in the Blessed Sacrament,” said Lee. “Sometimes it’s like even the air in the bell tower is different. After Mass, I’ve been kneeling in the bell tower and when the priest passed me with the Blessed Sacrament it felt like the air vibrated, like an electric current. That hasn’t happened just once,” she claimed.

“I think about the

Lord being present on the altar. He is so selfless. He gives it all, all the time. When you are in his presence, you are more Christ-like if his light shines through you,” said Bastin.

“The tranquility and peacefulness that you find there, you can’t put a price tag on it,” said Pruntisch. “It’s a comfort to know you have that little spot in the world.”

“It’s such a peaceful place and saturated in the Holy Spirit,” said Colby. “Certainly the atmosphere in the church is different than anywhere else in town. There is just kind of a sweet, calm presence there. It gets you kind of settled down and prayerful. It helps you be able to focus on the Lord and your relationship with him.”

“It’s quiet there and you’re with Jesus,” said Folz. “There is no better place to pray than in front of the Blessed Sacrament.”

“I love going to our Church a night. It is so beautiful,” said Kinnard.

“I like it late at night,” said Cincotti. “It’s a very special moment. It’s very difficult to find time to reflect. We are always so busy. Being there is very special. It’s a time to connect with God.”

Parishioners who have been connecting with God in perpetual Eucharistic adoration for the past ten years hope to always have this ministry available at Sts. Peter and Paul. “I hope our church will always have the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day,” said Lee.

“Some people have said they would still come, no matter what, even if the ministry itself stopped,” said Bastin.

“I wouldn’t give this up for anything,

JUST ASK

By: Mary C. Dean

You do not know what you are missing
Just ask anyone who goes there
If you need something not found anywhere
This is the place to go
If you ache, if you hurt and do not know why
This is the place to go
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Whether you are lost or are solid as a rock
Even if you have no complaints, are full of love
And know nothing but bliss
This is the place to go
Just ask anyone who goes there.
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except my children,” claimed Pruntisch. “I’d get really angry if someone tried to take my hour away from me,” she added with a laugh.

When asked if she ever doubted the longevity of the ministry, Jenny Rush simply replied, “I never really gave it any thought. Because it is God’s ministry and I knew he would keep it going.”

“Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is not Sts. Peter and Paul’s,” insisted the anonymous parishioner. “It is the Lord’s and he is eternal.”

“It’s been sustainable and it’s been easy to be sustainable,” said Bastin. “We have never dropped below 96 percent of the hours adopted. That says a lot in this transient population with all of the military here.”

“I was delighted to learn of perpetual Eucharistic adoration here at Sts. Peter and Paul,” said Fr. Meredith, who was assigned to the parish last June. “It is pleasing that the care has been taken to make it safe and to have the depth of support in the parish and of the wider non-Catholic community. I’d be glad to think I was part of the support to continue.”

“I’m thankful for the faithfulness of the people of God at Sts. Peter and Paul parish,” expressed Fr. Baker. “I hope that it endures for many more years,” he added.

“In view of all the things going on right now with the Church and the government, we need perpetual Eucharistic adoration more now than ever. Especially now that Bishop Medley has called us all to pray and fast,” Jenny Rush implored.

“I will be happy I kept the Lord company on my judgment day,” concluded the anonymous parishioner.

24 May, 2012

Glenmary Sister Aida Badillo Makes Final Vows

By Stacey McCarty

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Aida Badillo was born in the US territory of Puerto Rico, and moved to the mainland in 1958. As a young mother struggling to make ends meet, her sons felt somewhat deprived because she could not afford to buy them expensive sneakers. She thought they would benefit from seeing some real poverty, and began exploring the possibility of becoming a missionary with the Maryknoll community since they accept families in their volunteer missionary program. Unfortunately, at the age of 40 she was past their age limit so she couldn't participate.

Aida felt strongly that she was being called to serve in some capacity, so she and her spiritual director, Sister Jeanette (who has since passed away), continued to look at different communities and opportunities over the course of several years. Sister Jeanette knew that age limits were changing and encouraged Aida not to give up. While Aida was interested in serving in a foreign Spanish-speaking country such as Mexico, in 1996 Sister Jeanette saw an ad from the Glenmary Sisters about their needs for bilingual women to serve in their Glenmary Sisters Lay Missioner program. Sister Jeanette pointed out that by serving in the home missions, Aida could travel to be with her now grown sons if needed, which she might not be able to do if serving in a foreign country. That was one aspect which convinced Aida to contact the Glenmary Sisters. She visited the Glenmary Sisters at one of their missions and liked what she saw and felt. She went through the application process to become a GSLM, and was accepted in 1997. She served in the Guthrie/Elkton mission area with Sisters Catherine and Bernadette for two and a half years. She felt the call to religious life at that point and prayed to God for a sign. Unexpectedly, one of her sons became ill so she moved back to Puerto Rico to be with him. Aida interpreted that as a sign that religious life was not what God had in mind for her at that time.

She stayed in Puerto Rico for 5 years, during which time her son recovered and joined the US Air Force. Aida still felt a strong need to serve, and contacted the Glenmary Sisters again. After a visit to Guthrie during Christmas of 2004, she rejoined the Glenmary Sisters Lay Missioner program. She sold her house and most of her belongings in Puerto Rico, and moved to Millen, Georgia where Sister Mary Ellen



Sister Aida Badillo at a reception after her Final Profession of Vows March 24, 2012.



Bishop William Francis Medley presides over profession of final vows at Blessed Sacrament Chapel on March 24, 2012.

is missioned.

During her time in Millen, Aida attended the Glenmary Sisters' Community Days in 2006. Again, she felt a strong pull to become a Sister. She talked it over with the community's Vocation Director, Sister Sharon Miller. After much prayer and discussion, they agreed that the time seemed right so Aida began the application process.

Aida discussed this big change in her life with her sons, and they are very supportive. At first they were concerned that they might not be able to call her or visit her as much as they were used to, but she quickly put those concerns to rest. She assured them she would be able to call often,



Bishop William Medley and Bishop-emeritus John McRaith Glenmary Sisters joined with Glenmary transitional Deacons, Glenmary Priests to congratulate Sister Aida after her profession of final vows. Glenmary Sisters Photos

and would be able to visit them as well as have them visit her. Once they realized their contact would not change, they gave her their whole-hearted encouragement. One of her sons lives in Connecticut with his beautiful wife and their precious 2-year-old son. Aida's other son recently returned from a tour of duty in Kuwait and is now stationed at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina.

All the necessary steps have now been taken, and Aida will join the Glenmary Sisters as a candidate on August 15. She will move to Owensboro to live and study in the Sisters' formation house. She is very excited about this new chapter in her life, and would appreciate your prayers for her as her life takes off in this new direction.

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St. Rose Of Lima Church Dedicates New Religious Education Center

On a sunny day, March 7, the children and donors from St. Rose of Lima in Cloverport officially dedicated St. Aloysius Hall. St. Aloysius is the patron saint of children, and the church celebrated his birthday 2 days later on March 9. The new facility was constructed inside an old garage and storage facility. Now five brightly colored classrooms welcome students in the religious education program. The parish has 36 students enrolled in the Wednesday night classes.

Community donors paid for most of the construction of the classrooms. 30 members of St. Rose of Lima parish volunteered their time and talent to construct the classrooms. It took just under 90 days to complete.

The names of all the donors, including those who gave time and talent, are listed on the bronze dedication plaque just outside the main entrance.

Following the blessing and recognition of all donors an open house was held. 80 people toured the new facility. A reception followed on the porch of St. Rose Hall.



Children of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Cloverport line up on March 9, 2012 to cut the 40' ribbon. Submitted Photo

Twenty Something Studio as sanctuary: a place of 'delight and rest'

May, 2012 25

By Christina Capecchi

Brother Mickey O'Neill McGrath can't help but grin when he talks about his art studio. It's been a long time coming for the 55-year-old Oblate of St. Frances de Sales who grew up drawing but wasn't able to commit to a full-time art career until 1994.

When the award-winning painter first visited the row house beside Sacred Heart Church in South Camden, N.J., three years ago, it was gutted. But Brother Mickey had a vision for what it could become, and so did the pastor of Sacred Heart, and soon lumber was arriving and electricians were wiring.

"From day one," Brother Mickey said, "it felt like home."

Now the first level is his gallery and the second level, his beloved studio. The tiled floor is checkered, black and white, and the walls are stacked with baskets of acrylic paint and buckets of paintbrushes.

His desk is arranged around the window, where northern sunlight streams in, illuminating his canvas. He paints in the morning, standing up, working in silence or to the hum of NPR. From his perch he can see Sacred Heart – watch the comings and goings of parish life, admire the bronze Our Lady of Camden statue and the wide-eyed bloom of hyacinth.

"It's my perfect little place," Brother Mickey told me. "This is like a little piece of heaven on earth for me. It's a studio, it's a sanctuary."

Part of the perfection comes from the absence of Internet. "A lot of people are afraid of silence," Brother Mickey said. "We can't hear the voice of God unless we're silent. With all our texting and email and blah blah blah, we're constantly doing and fussing. I find it's such a blessing anymore if I leave my house and realize I've forgotten my cell phone. It's, 'Thank you, Jesus!'"

The images that flow from Brother Mickey's paintbrush are full of whimsy and joy: mysteries of the rosary, scenes with saints, dark-skinned Marys. "All the big saints prayed before black Madonnas," he explained to me, "including St. Francis de Sales. They've always been associated with healing and new life... the blackness of conception, creativity, fertile soil, seeds growing underground."

For centuries, he said, images of black Madonnas have offered special solace to



"The Windsock Visitation" by Michael O'Neill McGrath, printed with illustrator's permission.

those struggling to conceive and to those in need of a fresh start.

Brother Mickey's first black Madonna remains his favorite: a rendition of the Visitation, the second joyful mystery of the rosary, whose feast we mark on May 31. In it we see young, pregnant Mary embrace her pregnant older cousin Elizabeth, arms intertwined, bellies touching.

To their left Brother Mickey painted a quote from St. Jane de Chantal, who co-founded the Visitation order of nuns with St. Francis de Sales: "This is the place of our delight and rest."

The painting, titled "The Windsock Visitation," hangs above the mantel in a North Minneapolis home occupied by Visitation sisters. They hang a windsock on their front porch to invite neighborhood kids over, a refuge in an impoverished area uprooted by a tornado last May.

What is your "perfect little place," your go-to getaway? A screened-in porch? An open balcony? The corner of a coffee shop?

One of the gifts of my 20s has been an appreciation for solitude and the spaces that nurture it. Each of us needs a place to pray and play, to design and dream. A place to recite ancient prayers or utter something spontaneous. A place to think deeply or let your mind go blank. Delight and rest.

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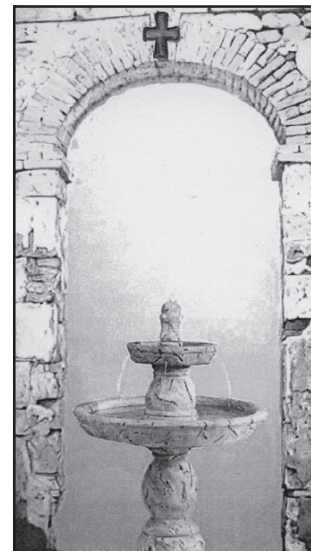
Night Out At The Edge The Religious Ed Classes of St. Sebastian/ St. Charles Churches enjoyed a night out at the Edge Ice Skating Rink April 11. The First Communion class made their First Communion on Easter Sunday and the whole group decided to go out and skate in celebration. Pictured: Front row left to right: Bailey Ferguson, Kamryn McMahon, holding Peyton McMahon, Declan Scott, Lillian Pinkston, Josie Pinkston, Sophie Anderson, Rachel Schutte & Becca Devins. Second row: Sarah Miller, Sandra Anderson, Sarah Schutte, Emma Hudson, Addison Horn, Matthew Miller & Bryce Durbin. Third row: Sarah Anderson, Sydney Ferguson, Ashley Vaught, Cooper Bishop, Hallie Hudson & Dylan McMahon. Back row: Aaron Durbin, Nick Murphy, Mary Ann Ellis, Logan Vaught, Cameron Vaught, Cassidy Ashton, Felicia Miller & Myla Scott. Photo by Warren Pinkston

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The CCC Collection supported this goal by funding a Virtual Pilgrimage to World Youth Day last year. In addition to the thousands of young people in attendance, there were many who could not travel to Madrid for the five-day event. The Virtual Pilgrimage, which was available on Facebook, allowed participants to create a virtual faith community through animated representations of themselves, or avatars. Avatars of people at home could connect with the avatars of those in attendance at World Youth Day, allowing for the exchange of videos, blog postings, and photos that ultimately brought the event to the digital world.

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Informed Consent Legislation Fails; House Leaders' Commitment to Bishops Broken



Archbishop Joseph Kurtz urges support for HB 274 . Photo by Father Pat Delehanty; Used with Permission.

Vatican Approves English and Spanish Texts for 'Blessing of a Child in the Womb'

WASHINGTON - March 26, 2012 - The Vatican has approved the publication of the "Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb," which will be printed in English and Spanish in a combined booklet and should be available for parishes by Mothers' Day. The U.S. bishops who collaborated on the development of the blessing welcomed the announcement of the recognition, or approval, by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome.

"I'm impressed with the beauty of this blessing for human life in the womb," said Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). "I can think of no better day to announce this news than on the feast of the Annunciation, when we remember Mary's 'yes' to God and the incarnation of that child in her the womb that saved the world."

"We wanted to make this announcement as soon as possible so that parishes might begin to look at how this blessing

might be woven into the fabric of parish life," said Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship. "Eventually the new blessing will be included in the Book of Blessings when that text is revised."

The blessing was prepared to support parents awaiting the birth of their child, to encourage parish prayers for and recognition of the precious gift of the child in the womb, and to foster respect for human life within society. It can be offered within the context of the Mass as well as outside of Mass.

The blessing originated when then-Bishop Joseph Kurtz of Knoxville, Tennessee (now archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky) asked the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities to see if a blessing existed for a child in the womb. When none was found, the committee prepared a text and submitted it to the USCCB's Divine Worship committee in March of 2008. It was approved by the full body of bishops in November 2008, and then sent to Rome for editing and final approval.



CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF KENTUCKY, Frankfort, Ky. - On March 28, HB 274, as amended by the Senate with the informed consent language of SB 102, was received in the House and sent to the Rules Committee. Three days remained in the legislative session, more than enough time to bring the bill to the floor of the House for concurrence.

Only one thing stood in the way of this bill being sent to Governor Beshear for signing: the 5 House Leaders. Our hope ran high. These 5 leaders had all promised the Catholic Conference in two separate meetings to bring this legislation to a vote of the membership. Two days scheduled for concurrence left plenty of time to see this bill pass.

After the two days scheduled for concurring in legislation lapsed without it being passed, the House and Senate adjourned for 10 days. Now only one day remained for this bill to pass.

On the morning of April 12, the very last day of the session, 200 supporters

gathered in the Capitol Rotunda to urge these legislators to keep the promise made to the bishops and let their members vote on this bill. Archbishop Joseph Kurtz led those gathered in prayer and expressed the need for the passage of this legislation so that women considering an abortion would have access to as much information as possible through a face-to-face meeting with a health care professional prior to agreeing to the procedure.

As the hours of the final day slipped away, hope for passage dwindled. At 11:59, the House adjourned sine die and HB 274 remained in Rules.

Sadly, the promise made to the bishops was not kept.

Interested people who want to get involved with the KY Bishops' legislative efforts can sign up for Catholic Conference of Kentucky updates and legislative alerts: Look online at <http://capwiz.com/ccky/mlm/signup/>

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"Thy Will Be Done"

Peter Rehwaldt, writing on the Pray Tell Blog <<http://www.praytellig.com/index.php/2012/03/28/blessing-for-an-unborn-child/>> , said...

"There ought not to be an assumption that every child in the womb will be born at all, let alone born healthy. Roughly one in four pregnancies end in a miscarriage (statistics run both

higher and lower, depending on the study), with the odds increasing for older women who are pregnant.

"If a woman whose pregnancy is blessed like this suffers a miscarriage, I would be concerned about how she would feel when she hears another blessing of another pregnancy of another woman. Will this rite stir up pain each time it is used? Similarly, will the woman who suffers a miscarriage after having had this blessing then suffer doubts about God and God's love for her?"

"A poorly worded blessing that assumes every pregnancy will end with a happy, healthy child could cause great spiritual damage when it runs into the reality of miscarriage. I would hope that the blessing carries a sense of mystery and "thy will be done" about the development of this new life in the womb."

Diocesan Rainbow Mass



The Diocesan Rainbow Mass was April 19, in the Sportscenter with Bishop William Medley presiding. All the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Owensboro were represented in the opening procession for the Mass, and in the seats of the Sportscenter. Of the student population, of 4,194, about 3,040 attended. Mel Howard Photo

Bishops Issue Call To Action To Defend Religious Liberty

May, 2012 29

- Urge strong lay involvement
- Outline threats to First Freedom at all levels of government and abroad
- Call upon dioceses to pursue religious liberty fortnight, June 21-July 4

WASHINGTON—The U.S. bishops have issued a call to action to defend religious liberty and urged laity to work to protect the First Freedom of the Bill of Rights. They outlined their position in “Our First, Most Cherished Freedom.” The document was developed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), approved for publication by the USCCB Administrative Committee March 13, and published in English and Spanish April 12.

The document can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/our-first-most-cherished-liberty.cfm>.

“We have been staunch defenders of religious liberty in the past. We have a solemn duty to discharge that duty today,” the bishops said in the document, “... for religious liberty is under attack, both at home and abroad.”

The document lists concerns that prompt the bishops to act now. Among concerns are:

- The Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate forcing all employers, including religious organizations, to provide and pay for coverage of employees’ contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs even when they have moral objections to them. Another concern is HHS’s defining which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty,
- Driving Catholic foster care and adoption services out of business. Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia and Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities adoption or foster care services out of business by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.
- Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services. Despite years of excellent performance by the USCCB’s Migration and Refugee Services in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its

contract specifications to require USCCB to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching. Religious institutions should not be disqualified from a government contract based on religious belief, and they do not lose their religious identity or liberty upon entering such contracts. Recently a federal court judge in Massachusetts turned religious liberty on its head when he declared that such a disqualification is required by the First Amendment—that the government violates religious liberty by allowing Catholic organizations to participate in contracts in a manner consistent with their beliefs on contraception and abortion.

The statement lists other examples such as laws punishing charity to undocumented immigrants; a proposal to restructure Catholic parish corporations to limit the bishop’s role; and a state university’s excluding a religious student group because it limits leadership positions to those who share the group’s religion.

Other topics include the history and deep resonance of Catholic and American visions of religious freedom, the recent tactic of reducing freedom of religion to freedom of worship, the distinction between conscientious objection to a just law, and civil disobedience of an unjust law, the primacy of religious freedom among civil liberties, the need for active vigilance in protecting that freedom, and concern for religious liberty among interfaith and ecumenical groups and across partisan lines.

The bishops decry limiting religious freedom to the sanctuary. “Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans,” they said. “Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith?”

“This is not a Catholic issue. This is not a Jewish issue. This is not an Orthodox, Mormon, or Muslim issue. It is an American issue,” they said.

The bishops highlighted religious freedom abroad. “Our obligation at home is to defend religious liberty robustly, but we cannot overlook the much graver plight that religious believers, most of them Christian, face around the world,” they said. “The age of martyrdom has not passed. Assassinations, bombings of

churches, torching of orphanages—these are only the most violent attacks Christians have suffered because of their faith in Jesus Christ. More systematic denials of basic human rights are found in the laws of several countries, and also in acts of persecution by adherents of other faiths.”

The document ends with a call to action. “What we ask is nothing more than that our God-given right to religious liberty be respected. We ask nothing less than that the Constitution and laws of the United States, which recognize that right, be respected.” They specifically addressed several groups: the laity, those in public office, heads of Catholic charitable agencies, priests, experts in communication, and urged each to employ the gifts and talents of its members for religious liberty.

The bishops called for “A Fortnight for Freedom,” the two-week period from June 21 to July 4—beginning with the feasts of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher and ending with Independence Day—to focus “all the energies the Catholic community can muster” for religious liberty. They also asked that, later in the year, the

feast of Christ the King be “a day specifically employed by bishops and priests to preach about religious liberty, both here and abroad.”

Members of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty include Archbishop-designate William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman; and Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington; Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap, of Philadelphia; Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of Atlanta; Archbishop John C. Nienstedt of St. Paul—Minneapolis; Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi, of Mobile, Alabama; Archbishop J. Peter Sartain of Seattle; Bishop John O. Barres of Allentown, Pennsylvania; Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas; Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix; Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Springfield, Illinois. Consultants include Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, Bishop Stephen E. Blaize of Stockton, California; Bishop Joseph P. McFadden of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Bishop Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne—South Bend, Indiana.

Bishops Offer Resource For Re-energizing The Faithful In Disciples Called To Witness: The New Evangelization

WASHINGTON—The U.S. bishops want to provide an opportunity for all Catholics to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, according to a new document from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). *Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization* focuses on reaching out to Catholics, practicing or not, who have lost a sense of the faith in an effort to re-energize them.

“Every Catholic has a role in the Church, and every Catholic is called to spread the Gospel,” said Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis. “But in order to evangelize, a person must first be evangelized. This is really the heart of the New Evangelization.”

The document examines what the New Evangelization is, its focus, its importance for the Church and how dioceses and parishes can promote it.

“The New Evangelization is a call to each person to deepen his or her own faith, have confidence in the Gospel, and possess a willingness to share the Gospel,” the document states. “It is a personal encounter with the person of Jesus, which brings peace and joy. The New Evangelization provides the lens through which people experience the Church and the world around them.”

The document highlights the call of Pope Benedict XVI to pursue the New Evangelization with renewed vigor and joy. It also provides dioceses and parishes with resources to assist Catholics in renewing their faith and sharing it with others.

The full text of the document is available online: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/disciples-called-to-witness/

Owensboro Christians Rally, Have Their Say: Preserve Our Religious Liberty

Report Compiled by Mel Howard

The Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), gathering for its March 2012 meeting, called for a nationwide prayer effort to support the ongoing struggle to protect religious freedom and conscience rights from various threats, including the coercive HHS contraception/sterilization mandate.

“Most importantly of all, we call upon the Catholic faithful, and all people of faith, throughout our country to join us in prayer and penance for our leaders and for the restoration of our First Freedom--religious liberty--which is not only protected in the laws and customs of our great Nation, but rooted in the teachings of our great Tradition. Prayer is the ultimate source of our strength--for without God, we can do nothing; but with God, all things are possible,” stated a March 20, 2012 release from the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development.

The USCCB release urged Catholic parish leaders: “To mobilize Catholics in this sustained effort of prayer, please share these prayer resources(posted at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/resources-on-conscience-protection.cfm.) with your parishes, Catholic organizations and agencies as quickly as possible.”

The Catholic Press reported that the March 23 rally for religious freedom idea drew 54,000 people to 143 nationwide protests, bringing out people who had never before showed up in any kind of protest rally. People were united in their desire to see religious freedom restored to the United States by ending the president’s contraception coverage rule. People learned about where the rallies would be and when through the various social media: blogs, Facebook, Twitter, and on Christian Radio.

Catholics around Owensboro rallied with Right To Life of Owensboro and area Christians for a March 23 rally in Owensboro’s Moreland Park, one of only two in Kentucky dioceses that day. The noon rally opened with a welcoming by Rachel Evans, Right To Life of Owensboro, co-sponsor with Birgit Jones of the Diocesan Gospel of Life Committee. Then Richard Murphy, Diocesan Director of Social Concerns and Gospel of Life Committee, read a letter from our Bishop William Francis Medley and a prayer shared from



Father Jerry Baker delivered a spirited oratory for the March 23 Rally for Religious Freedom in Owensboro’s Moreland Park. Father Baker noted the many sacrifices which American service persons make daily to preserve this nation’s freedoms. Photo by Mel Howard



Rachel Evans, a co-sponsor of the March 23 Religious Liberty Rally in Owensboro, welcomed over 300 people to the noon rally in Moreland Park. Photo by Mel Howard

the USCCB to “be used in solidarity with the bishops call to penance and prayer to restore religious freedom and conscience protections.”

Bishop William Medley’s statement was as follows: “Greetings to all of you who gather today to assure that our voices are heard as we stand up for religious liberty in our nation. Pilgrims and immigrants have come to our land and our nation for more than 300 years to be assured the freedom to practice their faith according to conscience. This noble experiment in human history stands as one of the hallmarks of the tradition and accomplishment of the

United States of America.

“At this moment in history conflicting interests seek to compromise that religious liberty. In keeping with another revered American tradition, all over the country today citizens gather to voice our concern about the unresolved questions of religious liberty and the enforcement of mandates from the federal Department of Health and Human Services. People of faith, leaders of Churches are not asking for special or extraordinary privileges. Rather we ask that our churches continue the responsibil-

ity of acting in good conscience.”

Mr. Murphy then read a Prayer for Religious Liberty from the US Catholic Bishops Offices in Washington, D.C. petitioning God to bless all assembled for this rally as they vigilantly speak up for religious liberty in a clear and unified voice “for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us.”

Next on the rally’s agenda came these: • Star Spangled Banner - Jenny Beth Willis, Owensboro Catholic HS sophomore; • The Pledge of Allegiance led by students from Maximilian Montessori Academy; • A message given by Fr. Gerald Baker, St. Ann Parish, Morganfield; • “Proud to be an American” - Christianne Bueler, Bellevue Baptist Church, Owensboro; • An inspiring message – Pam Hemmersback, River City Church, Owensboro; • “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” - Lydia Mills, Catholic Middle School/Lauren St. Clair, homeschooled; A message from an area pro-life physician, Dr. Eddie Prunty, Greenville; • A letter from our US Congressman, Brett Guthrie; • Singing of “God Bless America” led by Fr. Baker; • A message and call to action – Dana Goodlet, executive director of Right to Life of Owensboro; • Closing prayer – Jamus Edwards, pastor of Pleasant Valley Community Church.

Rally co-sponsor Birgit Jones posted her observation of the event on the Catholicistas blog March 23 after the rally. She commented, “Many of the participants stayed for quite some time afterward to discuss the HHS Mandate and where to go from here. Our attendance count was at least 300 citizens, eager to preserve our religious liberty!”



Birgit Jones, right, with Cami Frey together held a poster expressing the March 23 rally’s stand with the US Catholic Bishops call for prayer and penance to support the struggle for religious liberty. Photo by Mel Howard

Sophia Award Nomination

The 14th annual Sophia Awards Mass is Sunday, September 30, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Henderson, Kentucky. A reception will be held in the parish hall following Mass.

Sophia Awards are a way to honor our senior citizens who have given so generously to the Church of Western Kentucky. Who would you like to receive the Sophia Award from your parish? Sophia Award recipients are nominated by individuals from the parish. (Please, only one nomination per person.) The person receiving the most nominations from their parish, will be a Sophia Award recipient for 2012. Every parish in the diocese can participate in this process. If all parishes participate, we can have as many as 79 Sophia Award winners!

The nominee(s):

- must be sixty-five years of age or older;
- should be an outstanding example of their Catholic faith;
- can be lay, a member of a religious community or ordained (priest or deacon);
- a married couple can be nominated and receive the award jointly;
- can be homebound;
- can be nominated based on past outstanding contributions;
- may be nominated posthumously.

I would like to nominate: _____

Address: _____

Parish: _____

Information about the person(s) being nominated (Why I think he/she should receive the award): _____

Signature: _____

Please return this form by July 15, 2012 to: Cathy Hagan, Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301-2130, or e-mail it: cathy.hagan@pastoral.org., or submit it on our website at: www.rcdok.org/sophia

Past Owensboro Diocesan Sophia Award Winners

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Mike & Rose Clark, Francis & Ethel Watrous, Charles E. Speaks, Bill & Joy Bach, Ben & Thelma Crump, J.B. Cecil, Dennis & Betty Keller, Joseph S. Payne, Bill & Martha Hayden, Barbara Mattingly, Ann McIntyre, Gerald & Helen McCarty, Sr., Joe & Lahoma Stinnett, Herman & Ernestine Barr.

Bishop Soenneker Home

Sr. Mary Katherine de Ronde.

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro

Phillip & Joyce Moorman, Margaret Ferguson (Posthumous), Louise Johnson, Dorothy Fulton, Benjamin Franklin Adams, Georgia Holland, Jim McCarter, Bernice Williams, Jean Higgs, Shelby Webster, Frances L. Johnson, Donald Moorman, Robert Hagan.

Carmel Home, Owensboro

Fr. Joseph Rhodes.

Christ the King, Madisonville

Richard & Ruth Dale, Ann Lynn, Garth Gamblin, Mary Michael Albin, Joe & Daisy Rocha, Larry & Rita McBride, SuzAnne Wilson, Eddie & Rae Ballard, Bernard & Rita Rich, Louise Renfro, Juanita Hurst.

Christ the King, Scottsville

Bill & Nancy Wooldridge, Alfred & Joyce Wheeler,

Sr., Carol Wheat, Richard & Mary Douglass, Bob & Sandy Blencoe, Jack & Diane Beeckler, John & Dell Hall, Stanley Chmiel, Robert Rothermyer.

Holy Cross, Providence

Dorothy Bellew, James Bumpus, Monica Papineau.

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

Joseph M. & Mary Catherine Crews.

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Fr. J. Edward Bradley, Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, Mariam L. Smith, Agnes & John Marchand, Ann L. Hargis, Jean Pagragan, Mary Ann Thrasher, Dotty Liles, Donald P. Metzger, Gloria O'Nan, Robert & Elizabeth Drury, R.C. & Alice Cobb, Mary Louise Raleigh.

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Don & Judy Dobernic, Nellie & George Cornett, Lois Schwitzgebel, Ray & Helen Grudzielanek, Tom & Mary Gaietto, Patricia Shanahan, Richard & Cindy Gensler, Harry & Sylvia Spicer, Harold & Stephanie West, Ray & Elizabeth Cossey, Walter & Sara Pudlo, Eugene & Gladys Faller.

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Jane Pfeifer, Eleanor Renshaw, Joseph W. Castlen, Jr. (Posthumous), Clara Evrard, Joe & Sue Riney, Joe & Rita Wedding, Mary Carol Hanekamp, Joseph Cilia, Sue Hill, Jean Gaffey, Joe Lauzon, Mary J. Sims.

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Patsy Barber, Edna Clark.

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Jean Mattingly, Shirlene Quinn, Leonard & Linda Thomas, Pat & Donna Ogle, Bob & Joann Ogle, Houston & Betty Brickey, Mary Maxine Beavin, Francis Hagman (Posthumous), Diddy Hagman, Victor & Barbara Hagman, Isabel Crenshaw, Denis & Martha Wheatley, Dan & Shirley Hagman, Martha Gammon.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Ralph Thomas, Gertrude Hamilton, Judy Thomas, Wanda Hargis, Joan Collins, Ray Haragan (Posthumous), Doris Haragan, Marion Mattingly, Sr. Mary Irene Cecil, Bev Zabek, Josephine Spalding, J.L. Fulkerson.

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Mamie McDaniel, Linda L. Jackson, James E. Roberts, Arnold Boarman, Bill & Rita Elder, Ruth T. Conkright, Donna M. Stuerzenberger, Bernadette Howard, Betty Joe Kaelin, Earleen Jones, Bob & Lois Sims.

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Fr. Martin Mattingly, Fletcher Holeman, Paul J. & Ruth Stevens.

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Rosemary Lane, Sr. Mary Jude Cecil, Clifford & Pat Robinson, Mattie J. Walker, Amelia Greenlee, LaVera Lowry, Emmitt Walker, Ina McCauley Sowell, William J. & Sara Payne.

Sacred Heart, Hickman

Jimmy Ray Blanton, David Lattus, Johnnie Lattus, Patricia Cooley, Mary Theresa Ward, Hugh Lattus (Posthumous), Doris Lattus, Peggy O'Connor, Glenda Cochrum, Katie Lattus McNeil (Posthumous), Sr. Joan Walz, Sr. Mary Agnes Vonderhaar, Anthony Kuppe, Anita Youree, Grace Wright, Rosa Kaufman, Mary Kaufman.

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Juanita Carneal, Lucille Thurmond.

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Alvin & Mary Lyon, Eddie & Judy Espy, Thomas & Rose Danhauer, William T. & Cecilia Buckman, Margaret Thomas, Eugene Wolfe, Miladean Wolfe (Posthumous), Donald & Ellen Buckman, Roy & Carolyn Rowley, Francis & Mary Crowds, Alma McBride, Sue Mary Wedding, Ruth Helen Espy.

Saint Agnes, Uniontown

Jack & Sue Miller, Michael D. Guillerman, James Yates, Jimmy & Carolyn Duncan, Annette McBride, John C. Greenwell, Bernard & Geraldine French, Benedict & Rita French, Fred & Mary Eckman, Joseph L. & Betty Lou Nally, Pat & Peggy Thomas, Helen Willett, Anna Clements, Agnes Utley, Patricia Buckman, Doris Bumpus (Posthumous), Irene Tapp.

Saint Alphonsus, Saint Joseph

Cecilia R. Clouse, Tony Hayden, Joseph L. Coomes, Joe Paul & Joyce Warren, Mary Louise Blandford, Francis & Thomasine Clouse, Bob & Janette Warren, Frank Hayden, Jean Murphy, F.G. & Winnie Riney, Bobby Head.

Saint Ambrose, Henshaw

Orval & Christine Day, Mary B. Gibson, Frances Lucille Russelburg, Christine Weber, Joseph & JoAnn Sheffer, Gary & Rosemary Snyder, Homer & Clemie Dossett, George C. & Evelyn Henshaw, LeRoy & Ann French, Carroll Martin.

Saint Ann, Morganfield

Jim Scott, Rose Mary Austin, J. Parvin & Mildred Moore, Jean Hancock, Franklin & Agnes Hancock, Adrian & Mary Wolfe, Frank Livers (Posthumous), Tommy & Rose Danhauer, Jim Smith, Ron & Janice Brashear, Harold & Kathy Thomas, Herschel & Hattie O'Nan, Ray French.

Saint Anthony, Axtel

William & LaVerne Vincent, William Clark, Marquita F. Campbell, Maxine Hinton, William & Merline Long.

Saint Anthony, Browns Valley

Larry & Gennie Payne, Imogene Hayden Stull, Judy Hamilton, Maurice & Duppy Payne, Simon & Rita Wink, Ruth M. Alvey, Chalmus & Mary Agnes Henderson, Norbert & Helen Rose Smith, Albert Nall, William & Alicia Wright, Mike & Theresa Rose McCarty.

Saint Anthony, Peonia

Glen & Etta Pierce, Pauletta Grant, Clifford & Margie Higdon, Estella Jarboe, Rebecca Jacobs (Posthumous), Lawrence & Ruth Powell.

Saint Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Donald & Barbara Shipley, Lois Tashjian, Maurice & Alice Hustedde, Tom Fusco, Helen Krivan, Bill Rodgers, John Jacob.

Saint Augustine, Grayson Springs

Charles & Catherine Kely, George & Treacy Smith, Edwina Stinson, Norma Robinette, Evelyn Mudd, Charles & Lillian White.

Saint Augustine, Reed

Connie Mills, Robert & Delores Purgeason, John & Martine Murphy, Daniel Ralph, Posey B. & Violet Newman, Betty Davis, Martha Miller, Silas & Catherine Simon, Anna Mitchell.

Saint Benedict, Wax

Geneva Childress, Quintin & Mildred Johnston, Antoinette Meredith, Nellie Eversman, Rosaline Johnston, Carmel & Odaline Clemons.

Saint Charles, Bardwell

Ron & Dawn Kupper, LaVerne Elliott, Mary Teresine Thompson, Clifton Hayden, Joe & Rosie Hayden.

Saint Charles Borromeo, Livermore

George & Carol Rhodes, James L. & Marie Logsdon, Clyde & Georgene Poole, Joseph Shultz, Gerth & Mary Meyer.

Saint Columba, Lewisport

Robert & Alice Fallin, James & Lillie Lanham, Stewart & Joyce Howard, Eva Marsch Howard, Jack & Imogene Allard, Frank Pooser (Posthumous), Dorothy M. Pooser, George & Betty Allard, Eileen Basham, Rose Froehlich, Norbert Danhauer, Ben & Lou Fleck.

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Saintly Sleuths Search Sanctuary for Symbols

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - The season of Lent brought a whole new challenge to the students of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Hopkinsville this year. Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, developed the "Saintly Sleuths' Saints Search" game (somewhat similar to a scavenger hunt) for students from third through eighth grade. Throughout Lent, the students spent much of their free time in church searching for answers to the twenty-two clues provided by Fr. Meredith.

"It got the kids to look very closely at all the images and symbols in this church which is rich with symbolism," explained Fr. Meredith. "And it was something that interested me," he added.

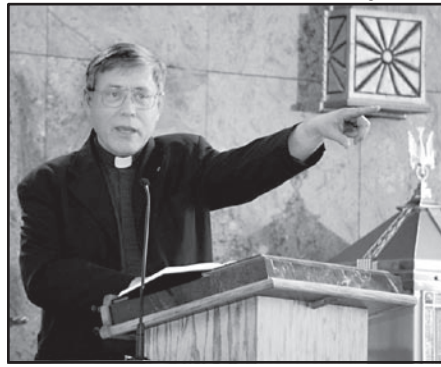
The object of the game, of course, was to find the same number of items that Fr. Meredith found when developing the game. It didn't take long, however, for many students to identify symbols or objects that Fr. Meredith missed in his early calculations. "I'll change my numbers if you can show me where," promised Fr. Meredith.

"Search high, search low, search all around inside Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Maintenance rooms and restrooms are not included in the search. Everywhere else counts," explained the rules of the game, as written by Fr. Meredith.

On Friday, March 30, the game was brought to a conclusion. Fr. Meredith invited all the children and their teachers to join him in the church on that Friday afternoon to announce the answers to the clues. At times it was hard to determine who was having more fun: the students, the teachers, or the pastor.

The clues for the game varied greatly from seemingly simple to highly complicated. For example, the eighth clue on the list seemed innocent enough. It read, "Stars shine bright above at night. How many stars adorn this church?" With answers ranging from 266 to 357, Fr. Meredith claimed he had found 327 stars in the church. "It's complicated, isn't it?" Fr. Meredith asked.

Another clue, which again seemed simple, grew more complicated as the game progressed. "Slither, slither, there's a snake. Where's the sneaky serpent (2 places)?" challenged the clue. Early on in the game, students quickly found more



Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, read clues and provided answers for a "Saintly Sleuths" game he created for the children in the school in grades three through eight. The object of the game was to find as many symbols and objects in the church as Fr. Meredith found when creating the game. Here Fr. Meredith points toward an object for which a student had a question. Photo by Dawn C. Ligibel.

than the original two indicated on the list of clues. "When I wrote this I only found two, but there are more," he teased, when revealing the answers.

One clue which created a bit of controversy related to the parish's patron saints. "How many times each may one find St. Peter and St. Paul in Saints Peter and Paul?" prompted the clue. Children from one class argued that both St. Peter and St. Paul appear on the Bishop's ring. "If he (the Bishop) were here, I'd count it," Fr. Meredith said with a conclusive laugh.

The clue with the largest discrepancy in numbers involved angels. "Angels are all about, but how many are to be found?" asked the clue. Some classes shouted out numbers far below Fr. Meredith's answer, while some claimed to have found many more. "If you can demonstrate where the others are to be found," Fr. Meredith conceded that he would credit them with the higher number.

Another seemingly simple clue also became complicated. "Saint Peter has the door keys to heaven, but how many doors does the church have?" After noting that several students counted cabinet doors found in the sacristy, Fr. Richard exclaimed, "I mean people doors! These are physical objects, how can they differ?" he asked with a laugh. "You don't count both sides," he addressed one student, "just the door," he explained.



Molly Bennett, a third grade student at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Hopkinsville, patiently waits to be called on by her pastor during an answer session on Friday, March 30, for the "Saintly Sleuths" game Fr. Richard Meredith created for school children in grades three through eight. Photo by Dawn C. Ligibel.

"Okay, let's go with the critters," Fr. Meredith said as a segue into the clue written as: "God made all creatures, the great and the small. What non-human animals may be found portrayed or represented in our church?"

"Let me name the critters and see if you have them," Fr. Meredith said. "When I say the animals, raise your hand if you found them. Oh, this is good," Fr. Meredith said with a big smile.

"Where's the rooster?" Fr. Meredith asked. Most of the students responded with the resounding answer, "Sacristy!"

After concluding the list of animals, Fr. Meredith asked if anyone found any animals other than the ones he found. One student raised his hand and said he had found a cow. "Children of God, that is not a cow. That is an ox!" Fr. Meredith exclaimed.

A few of the clues required more than just searching from the students. One required a bit of discernment, while another called for some research. The clue calling for discernment read, "The Holy Spirit appears as a dove, but how many times and

where?" After naming the doves depicted as the Holy Spirit, one student claimed there was another. "There is another picture of a dove in the Bishop's room?" Fr. Meredith asked. "Is it the Holy Spirit?" He then assured the student that he would investigate the possibility.

The clue requiring research was both lengthy and somewhat complicated. "Latin is the official language of the Roman Catholic Church. There are Latin inscriptions on the Altar, the Ambo, the Tabernacle pedestal, the Credence Table, the Baptismal Font, in the Sacristy, and two other places. For each: What is the Latin inscription? What is the English translation? What is the source of the inscription?" Not much discussion ensued from his explanations of the Latin text.

"I think the kids really enjoyed that," noted Principal Sarah Kranz at the conclusion of the answer session. "I know he did," she said with a laugh referring to Fr. Meredith.

After reading all the clues and announcing his final numbers, Fr. Meredith explained that he would verify any additional symbols located by the students and then he would tally up the final numbers to determine the winning class.

In the event of a tie, he announced that he had already developed tiebreaker clues. In fact, he appeared to revel in the opportunity to share his new clues with the students. "I'm going to read to you the tiebreakers. Listen to this," he said. One of the more interesting tie breakers was: "There is a seam in the tiles centered under the baptismal font. When followed into the church, where does it terminate?"

Although many students worked individually, in pairs or in small teams to locate the items described in the clues provided by Fr. Meredith, the final numbers were submitted by class. "I'm going to add up all the numbers and whoever is closest, wins," explained Fr. Meredith.

After tallying all the numbers and verifying the additional symbols and objects the students located, Fr. Meredith declared the fifth grade class as the overall winner. In addition to being awarded the title of "winner," the students were also treated to an ice cream party after Easter. Students in the eighth grade came in second and those in fourth grade came in third place. Students in these classes were also treated to ice cream.

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Bishop Medley Dedicates New Addition To Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

By Charlotte Paez

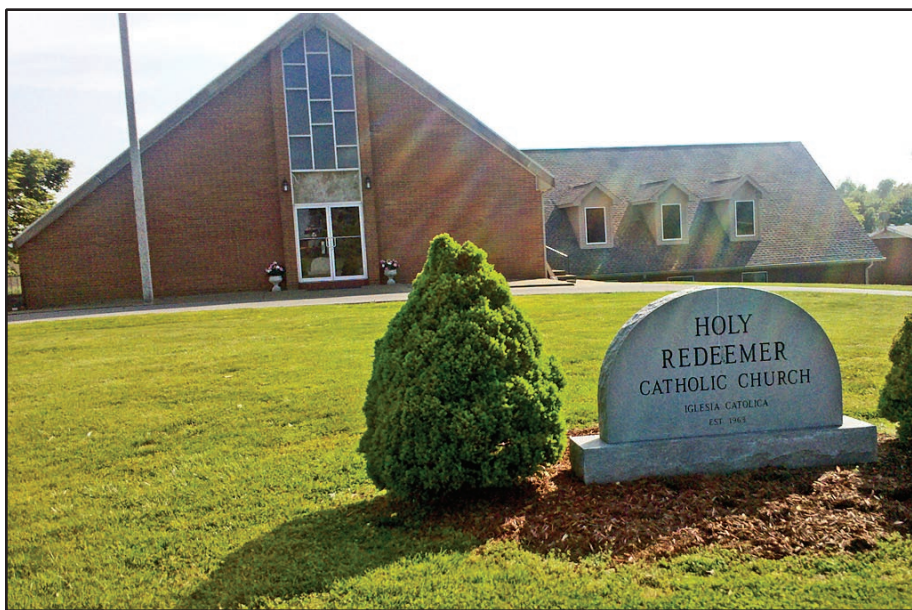
BEAVER DAM, Ky. - In 2006, prompted by the growth of Holy Redeemer parish, Fr. Eric Riley, Pastor, asked some members of the parish with experience in building to form a study committee to look at the feasibility of a church renovation, a parish hall renovation, or a separate building to best serve the needs of the parish. Space for parish gatherings and activities, as well as the need for additional CCD classrooms was the top priority.

After the committee decided on the best course of action for our parish, Brian Clements, an architect from Bowling Green, presented design options based on our budget, wants, and needs. Upon receiving approval from the Diocesan Building Committee, the parish began a capital campaign, a commitment of 5 years, to procure the funds needed to proceed with the building project. Many members of the parish whole-heartedly dedicated their time, talent, and treasure to make this endeavor a reality.

On March 25, 2012, Bishop William Medley and Fr. Jean Rene Kalombo celebrated with us the dedication of the "Rev. Eric D. Riley Family Center." It was a very happy and well-attended event, celebrating the efforts of everyone involved in this beautiful addition to our parish facilities.



The new Paris hall for the Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam was dedicated March 25, 2012 by Bishop William Medley. Photos by Charlotte Paez



Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Beaver Dam, Ky.

El Obispo Medley dedica nueva expansión a la Iglesia Católica del Santo Redentor

Por Charlotte Paez

BEAVER DAM, Ky. - En el año 2006, motivados por el crecimiento dentro de la parroquia, El Párroco de La Iglesia Católica del Santo Redentor, Padre Eric Riley, le pidió a algunos miembros de la parroquia, con experiencia en construcción, que formaran un comité, para estudiar dentro de las posibilidades de una renovación a la Iglesia, al salón parroquial, o una edificación por separado que le pudiera cumplir con las necesidades de la parroquia. Espacio para las actividades y reuniones de la parroquia, al igual que cumpliera con las necesidades de salón de clases adicionales, para las clases de formación religiosa, las cuales eran de mucha prioridad.

Después de que el comité decidiera en el mejor plan para la parroquia, el arquitecto Brian Clements, de Bowling Green, presento opciones de diseño basadas en el presupuesto y nuestras ideas y necesidades. Luego de recibir la aprobación del Comité Diocesano de Construcción, la parroquia dio inicio a una campaña de recolección de recursos económicos, un compromiso económico de 5 años, para recaudar el monto de dinero suficiente, para proceder con el proyecto de construcción. Muchos miembros de la parroquia le dedicaron de todo corazón, su tiempo, talento y recursos económicos, para convertir esta iniciativa en una realidad.

En Marzo 25, del 2012, el Obispo William Medley y el Párroco Padre Jean Rene Kalombo celebraron con nosotros la dedicación del "Centro Familiar Reverendo Eric D. Riley". Fue un momento muy feliz, el cual contó con una gran asistencia de los feligreses, para culminar los esfuerzos de todos los involucrados en esta bella expansión a las instalaciones de nuestra parroquia.



Bishop Medley assisted by Fr. Jean Rene Kalmobo, Pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, reads from the prayer of blessing.



Father Jean Rene Kalombo, center, directing the assembly to begin the service.

Hopkinsville Physician Shares Faith with Students

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Having read the book *Night*, by Elie Wiesel, the eighth grade students at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Hopkinsville found themselves more curious after reading the book than they were before. Focused on one man's experience during the Holocaust, the book raised many questions in the students' minds both about the Holocaust and the Jewish faith.

"The class did a book study on *Night* and wrote research papers on topics related to that book," explained Sharon Suddeath, English teacher for the middle school. "They were eager to learn more about Judaism," she added.

"A couple of people told me that Dr. Kaye was a practicing Jew. Not many live in Hopkinsville, and we wanted someone from the community," Suddeath explained. "Their (the students') knowledge of the religions in the world is limited and this helps expand that knowledge," Suddeath said.

"This, to me, is a sign of good things in the world," began Dr. Mitchell Kaye, a local physician and surgeon, on Tuesday, April 4, 2012. "We don't share identical belief systems, but that's why we're here today," he elaborated.

"I see this as a privilege to be invited to speak with you," Dr. Kaye continued. "I'm interested in hearing what you think as well. I really am," he added during his opening remarks.

As a preface to his talk, Dr. Kaye touched on his qualifications. "I'm not a clergy man. I'm not a rabbinical scholar. I'm just a regular Jewish guy," he explained. "But, I have done this before. I feel a responsibility to do this, although I may not have all the answers you need. I will discuss Judaism from the viewpoint as a practitioner, an American practitioner.

"There are not many Jewish people in Hopkinsville," Dr. Kaye continued. "The list is short. In fact, we are the only Jewish family in Hopkinsville that I know of," he claimed.

"Judaism is a religion," Dr. Kaye began to teach. "It is not a nationality. It is not a cultural identity. It's a diverse group. Jews live all over the world.

"What does it mean if you say you're Jewish?" he asked rhetorically. "We believe in one God. It was the first religion to accept and make a belief in one God.

3,000 years ago, that was heresy. Heresy means to be contrary to the prevailing beliefs. Monotheism was a new idea," Dr. Kaye explained.

"We believe in one God and we believe in an invisible God," he continued. "In a Catholic Church you see many physical representations of God. In a synagogue there are no physical representations of God. That's a difference," he observed.

"The Jewish bible is the same as your first five books. My Genesis is the same as your Genesis. We just stop after the first five books," Dr. Kaye taught. He went on to explain that those first five books are called the Torah. He then explained what the Talmud is and how it differs from the Torah. "The Talmud is written by humans. The Torah is written by God," he said. Dr. Kaye then taught about the different languages used in the Jewish faith as well as defining other common words such as rabbi and synagogue.

Switching to more of a history lesson, Dr. Kaye spoke about the state of Israel. "In 1948, Israel was made into a state and Hebrew was voted as the official language. It was a dead language before that time. It's the only language I know of that was brought off the shelf into recirculation," he commented.

Dr. Kaye then touched on how Jewish people worship. "Judaism is less formal than Catholicism," he said. "There is no Pope. There are no priests. There is no chief synagogue. There is no head synagogue. We simply must have a quorum to have a formal prayer service. Like any other religion, there are some who are very conservative and some who are more liberal and the rest are somewhere in between. I'm a tweener," he admitted.

"What are the differences between Judaism and Catholicism?" Dr. Kaye asked to the silent and respectful students. "The basic difference is the Messiah," he said. "Jewish thinking around the time of Christ, a couple of hundred years before and after, was centered on a redeemer. It was rough back then. It certainly wasn't a good place to be a subject. People were suffering back then. So much thought was focused on a redeemer.

"A point of separation between Judaism and Christianity is Christ. You believe in Christ as a redeemer, the savior. I believe he was a great teacher. That's the point of departure. That's my opinion. I'm not a scholar," he added.



Dr. Mitchell Kaye (back row, center) met with eighth grade students at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Hopkinsville on April 3, 2012, to discuss the Holocaust and his Jewish faith after the students read the book *Night*, by Elie Wiesel, and spent time researching the Holocaust. Dr. Kaye is a physician and surgeon as well as one of the only practicing Jews in the community. He considered the invitation to speak to the students "a beautiful thing and a privilege." Photo by Dawn C. Ligibel.

"So we have some things in common and some things not in common. What do we do with that?" he asked. "I'm hoping for tolerance. Tolerance is a beautiful thing. I respect your church and your beliefs. Yes, we have differences. As long as there's not a difference that violates basic human rights, I hope we can respect those differences. I see coming to Sts. Peter and Paul as a privilege," he reiterated.

Narrowing his talk to the main subject of the book, Dr. Kaye then commented about the Holocaust. "The major event in the Jewish religion in the past 100 years was the Holocaust. The most important thing I can say about it is this: It was a real thing. I never thought I'd have to say that, but there are people who are trying to dispute that historical fact.

"How do I know it's real?" he again asked rhetorically. "I know people who have been through it. I have many relatives who survived." Dr. Kaye then explained how his father was born in a village very closely located to the village where the author of *Night* lived. "What would have happened to my dad if he'd stayed there?" Dr. Kaye asked. "If my father had stayed, I wouldn't be here."

"I've struggled with the Holocaust my whole life," Dr. Kaye admitted. "I didn't live through it, but it has affected my life. This is a big issue for the Jewish people. How do we look at God after this? This is as degraded as a person could become.

What happens to people when treated this way? What do you do after something like this happens? How can I believe in God after something like this? Some people never came back. How do you become human after an experience like that?" Dr. Kaye revealed questions many people had asked after the Holocaust.

"I think hatred is the wrong path," Dr. Kaye answered emphatically. "That's what my paper is about," he said referring to a paper he had written and brought along to share with the class. "My paper is about forgiveness. All you really need to know is you should never treat people like this."

"The Holocaust was not unique to the Jewish people, unfortunately," Dr. Kaye continued. Holocaust is the Jewish name for that event, but it didn't happen to Jews exclusively. During World War II, the Nazis exterminated about 25 million people. They killed their own people before they killed anyone else. If you were not Aryan, you may not have survived. It was real."

Dr. Kaye then shared with the class several articles used in his faith. "My wife had me bring all this stuff," Dr. Kaye said with a laugh. He passed around a prayer book, a prayer shawl, a chalice and a yarmulka. "Do I look like a Pope?" Dr. Kaye teased when he placed the yarmulka on his head. He also held up a menorah and explained when and why it was used.

At the end of his presentation, three

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St. Thomas More Parish Celebrates New Members ...

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) group met each week beginning August, 2011 to prepare individuals to join the Catholic Church. The Easter Vigil was a special day for these twenty-one Candidates and Catechumens as they professed their faith and experienced full communion

with the Church at St. Thomas More during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 7, 2012. Eleven Catechumens were baptized and ten candidates were confirmed during this special celebration. This was the first year that the parish offered an RCIA for children by Youth Minister, Nicole Strasser, who worked with the youngsters covering an age-appropriate curriculum that paralleled that of the adults.

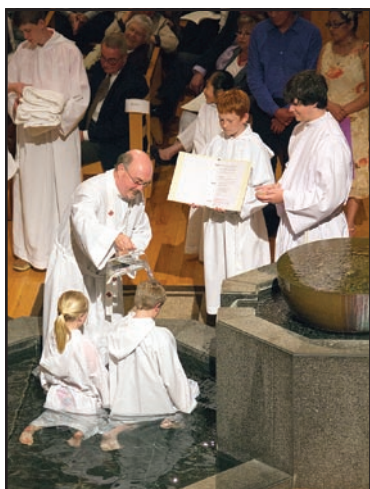
New members and sponsors: row 1: Patrick Reck, Kylee Cole, Chiara Doran, Brianna Doran, Evelyn Cooper, Carrie Bell, Jack Bell, Dana Hernandez, Ivan Aburto; row 2: Lily, Caylor Jennifer Hardlicka, Nicole Strasser, Marty Ryan, Connie Poat, Mary Lynn Thompson, Esteban Gembe, Fabiola Companur, Lila Alcantara, Roberto Alcantara, Fr. Pat Reynolds; row 3: Nicole Doran, Angela Schipp, Andy Brady, Geni Lasoski, Adrienne Gleeson, Faith

... And the Sacred Triduum

Holy week is a time for reflection and prayer at St. Thomas More beginning with the procession on Palm Sunday. This blessed week marked the celebration of the Sacred Triduum providing a very special time for parishioners to participate in worship as they prayed and contemplated the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, observed the passion and death of Christ on Good Friday, and remembered our salvation through fire and water, and welcomed many into the Church during the Easter Vigil. For the very young, an Easter egg hunt was also held after the 11:00am Mass.



Barber, Sam Thompson, Sam Bell, Chris Bell; row 4: Addison Sheppard, Mary Kay Sanders, Stephanie Sheppard, Sr. Lucy Bonifas, Claire Crouch, Andee Ferguson, Tonie Hatton, Karen McConnell, Blake McConnell, Adam Granitto, Emily Hoover; row 5: Jim Sanders, Tim Sheppard, Pat Cairney, Michael Logan, John Stone, Steve Shoulta. Not pictured: Johann Loaiza-Alvarez, Giannina Loaiza-Alvarez, Erik Hays, James Kimble, Celeste Kimble, Alexis Parra. Photo submitted by Missy Eckenberg.



Above, left, Easter Vigil Baptisms; above, center, Good Friday veneration of the cross; above, right, Palm Sunday procession into the church; lower, right, Holy Thursday washing of the feet; lower left, Easter blessings by Fr. Pat before the egg hunt.



Photos by Dom Amato

St. Thomas More Church Choir Makes a Pilgrimage to Italy

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By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - Forty-one pilgrims left Paducah early March 8, 2012 to travel to Italy led by Pastor, Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds and Director of Music and Liturgy, Jim Hess. The group landed at the Rome airport and traveled to the picturesque City of Assisi where Fr. Pat celebrated Mass at the Basilica of Saint Francis with the choir singing.

The next day began with Solemn Mass at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome with Fr. Pat concelebrating and the St. Thomas More Church choir providing the principal music. The group visited the Church of St. Peter of the Chains to see the chains in which St. Peter was brought captive to Rome and the statue of Moses one of Michelangelo's greatest masterpieces. The group visited the Ancient Roman Forum and Coliseum, proceeding next to St. Peter's square at the Vatican for the noon Papal Blessing from his apartment window followed by a formal public concert by the choir at the Church of St. Ignatius.

The next morning, Fr. Pat celebrated Mass at the Tomb of St. Peter with Deacon-candidate Terry Larbes, followed by a tour of the Vatican including the Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo's Pieta, and for some, a trip to the top of the Vatican. The highlight of the trip was a Papal Audience and blessing of those in attendance and their religious articles on Wednesday, followed by a visit to the Catacombs on Thursday where early Christians secretly practiced their religious rite and buried their dead.

Top, the group at the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi; two pictures in center, the choir performs at the Church of St. Ignatius; lower left, the Pope Benedict XVI waves to the Paducah pilgrims; a view from the dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

Photos submitted by Missy Eckenberg



Rest In Peace, Sister Robert Ann Wheatley, OSU



year of religious life.

A native of Cloverport, Sister Robert Ann was born Mary Esther Virginia, the daughter of the late Robert E. and Mary Anna Beavin Wheatley.

Sister Robert Ann was an excellent cook and quilter, skills she learned from her mother. She loved sharing the good news of God's love with all those she ministered to, and she was a great University of Kentucky Wildcat fan.

An educator for more than 30 years, she ministered throughout the Diocese of Owensboro: St. Anthony, Peonia (1942-45); St. Charles, Bardwell (1948); St. Benedict, Wax (1948-51); St. Paul, Leitchfield (1951-54,

Maple Mount - Sister Robert Ann Wheatley, 91, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Easter Sunday, April 8, at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 72nd

1968-69); St. Lawrence, (1959-60); St. Anthony, Axtel (1960-62); St. Elizabeth, Curdsville (1963-64); St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro (1969, 1981); Precious Blood, Owensboro (1970-71); St. Joseph, Central City (1973-74); Immaculate, Owensboro (1975-80), and St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho (1985-86). She also taught in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in Nebraska and New Mexico. From 1986-89 she served as the Motherhouse librarian at Maple Mount. She retired to the Motherhouse in 1993.

Survivors include a brother, Adrian Wheatley, Hawesville; nieces, nephews and cousins, and the members of her religious community.

Services were on April 11 at Mount Saint Joseph Chapel, with burial in the convent cemetery at Maple Mount. Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in memory of Sister Robert Ann Wheatley may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

Paoli Peaks Annual Ski Trip



The Union County Catholic high school Parish Religious

Education held at St. Agnes, Uniontown students, and guests attended their annual trip to Paoli Peaks Midnight Madness Ski Trip on Sunday, February 19, 2012. While sustaining only a few bruises, all reported having a great time at this annual



event. In the picture at left are, from left, Ross Roberts, Olivia Kramer, Raley McGraw, Paige Alvey, and Brice Mackin; in the picture below are, from left, Courtney Mackey, Jessica Padgett, Jacob Mackey, and Chris Rippy. Photos by Lark Buckman; submitted by Janet Butler.

Rest In Peace Sister Helen Ann Stuart, OSU



Maple Mount — Sister Helen Ann Stuart, 89, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died April 15 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 63rd year of religious life.

A native of Saint Raphael in Daviess County, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Minnie Stuart. After health problems prevented her from joining the convent, she credited devotion to Our Lady of Fatima with a miracle when she was given a second chance to enter religious life in 1949. She went on to be a devoted educator for 34 years.

Sister Helen Ann taught at St. Joseph School, Mayfield, 1955-60, Precious Blood School, Owensboro, 1961-62; St. Joseph School, Leitchfield, 1962-66, St. Alphonsus School, St. Joseph, 1966-76

and St. Romuald School, Hardinsburg, 1983-85. She served in the Brescia College curriculum library in Owensboro in 1983. Sister Helen Ann also taught in schools in Louisville, Jeffersontown, and Loretto. From 1985-2002, she ministered as the switchboard operator for the Ursuline Motherhouse. She retired in 2002, and was devoted to the Powerhouse of Prayer.

Survivors include a sister, Martine Greenwell of Albuquerque, N.M., her sister-in-law Agnes Stuart of Owensboro, nieces, nephews, cousins and the members of her religious community.

The funeral Mass was April 19 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery. Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements.

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

Saintly Sleuths *(Continued from page 33)*

tion, the students enjoyed the opportunity to act as sleuths in their church. "It was fun because you had to have experience and know where the religion is in the church," explained Shane Ethridge, a fifth grade student.

"I liked it. It was fun," said Molly Bennett from the third grade. "It gave us a chance to explore the church and learn more that we don't know about," she added.

"It was fun and quite mysterious," claimed fourth grade student Madison Benford. "I enjoyed finding a lot of things and finding out the exact numbers of what Father found."

"It gave them the opportunity to realize and visually see all the symbols that have spiritual meaning," noted seventh grade teacher, Rochelle Dickerson. "Some even gave up their recess to find things," she exclaimed.

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Sister Regina serves as Superior of Torrance Convent, Provincial Leadership for the Sisters of Notre Dame. She has Master of Arts degrees in English Literature and Theology and is a certified spiritual director and retreat presenter.

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Greetings from Bani.

By Father Stan Puryear

Holy Week has now passed, yet life continues to be a flurry of activity. Given that the parish consists now of 16 different communities where Mass is celebrated, rather than trying to celebrate the Triduum in each locality, Easter Mass is being offered in each community during the Octave of Easter. After this, it's off to the United States for family time and to visit the Paya diaspora living in Boston.

Holy Week in the Dominican Republic begins a bit early: the Friday before Palm Sunday is known as the Friday of Sorrows. In Paya, we began the Friday morning with an hour-long strenuous hike up Peravia Hill (or Mount). My original plan for ascending the route was to get behind a few elderly ladies who would walk very slowly, thus meaning that I would not exert myself and be seen as a very patient and caring priest. Little did I expect these dear elderly ladies in their skirts and sandals to climb the hill as if they were walking next door to visit an old friend they hadn't seen in years. They left me behind, getting through three decades of the Rosary before I made my staggering appearance. Once I caught my breath, we celebrated Mass just as the sun was coming up over the horizon.

Later that day, a seven-station Way of the Cross of Our Lady of Sorrows is held. In Baní, the center of the diocese, well over 15,000 people participated in a four-mile Way of the Cross. In Paya, those who could not get to the event in Baní went to the town of Catalina for a one-mile Way of the Cross. I chose the latter, given that I was still worn out from the morning mountain climb. Also, Catalina has been the one community where people have not as well responded to having a priest present, so I hoped that seeing the priest participating in the Way of the Cross there might encourage a bit more participation. Though we began with 40 persons at the beginning, by the time we reached our final station, the crowd had grown to well over 150.

After the Friday of Sorrows was past (and the Advil and Absorbine Jr. had worked their magic), we began earnest preparations for a retreat for the adults of the parish – or as they like to call themselves: “youth with accumulated years”. Two retreats for the youth of the parish had brought together young adults with incredible results. Youth had gone back to their respective communities and started prayer groups and began actively participating in liturgical and paraliturgical services. Seeing the vitality resulting from the retreats, the youth with accumulated years requested a retreat. As the “accumulated” group had worked hard to provide the retreats for the youth, it was only fair that the youth return the favor. And they did an incredible job, from pro-



Celebrating Mass on the Friday of Sorrows on the Hill of Peravia. Photos submitted by Fr. Stan Puryear

viding music to cooking and serving a meal.

Two days of rest provided plenty of time for preparations for the Triduum. An interesting contrast between the Diocese of Owensboro and the Diocese of Baní is that the Chrism Mass is celebrated here on Thursday morning at the Cathedral, thus leading to all of Holy Thursday bringing an emphasis on the ordained priesthood. At the Chrism Mass here, with the renewal of commitment to ordained ministry, priests congratulated one another for having completed another year of priesthood. The Chrism Mass reminds priests that we are an extension of the pastoral role the bishop of the diocese exercises, and the celebration of Eucharist and Foot Washing on Thursday evening reminds the priests of the unique role we play in the Church and especially the need for humility and holiness in fulfilling that role. In Owensboro, the Chrism Mass is a gathering of the entire diocese around our bishop pastor and a reminder that through baptism we are all called to be active participants in the Church. Personally, I find that both approaches, though different, are very good and very joyful.

One other big difference between the two Chrism Masses is the offering of gifts. Here in Baní, each parish brings to the Chrism

Mass the Lenten Collection for the Poor along with locally grown and/or produced food. Because different crops grow better at different altitudes and we have such a difference of terrain, we get quite a variety of fruits and vegetables. Some bring the food in boxes, others in bags, others in baskets, and members of the parish bring the food forward at the Presentation of the Gifts. Immediately afterwards, the diocesan seminarians borrow priests' trucks to distribute the food to homes for orphans and for the elderly. Meanwhile, priests gather for a meal and worry about whether our trucks are going to be returned to us in good condition. (Though I like the part about the priests gathering for a meal, the anxiety about our vehicles is a part I think we can do without in Owensboro.)

Good Friday is a very long day in the (future) parish of Saint James the Apostle in Paya. Given that we have 16 different locations where Mass is celebrated and there are 14 Stations of the Cross, beginning at 7am, the Parish Way of the Cross begins, with a station prayed in each of the different locations. With an Introductory Prayer and a Final Blessing, each location gets included. This year, the local mayor loaned us the town's bus so that all those who wanted to make



Foot Washing on Holy Thursday.

all the stations could do so. Unfortunately, two of the stations involve crossing a bridge that cannot accommodate the bus, which left pickup trucks as the only transportation.

Everyone's favorite part of Good Friday is the youth reenacting of the Stations of the Cross. A great deal of time and creativity goes into the production and all are moved by the experience. This year, I was scolded by the “director” of the drama for causing the Women of Jerusalem to have a case of the giggles. Scolding aside, the three-hour walk around town always leads to the powerful scene of Jesus being lifted up on the Cross. After that experience, the Easter Vigil would have been a bit anti-climatic had it not been for rain beginning and forcing the overflowing crowd of more than 400 into a chapel that was built to hold no more than 200 persons. But it was beautiful to see those more than 400 dancing in Easter joy during the final song after I had told them to “Go in peace. Alleluia. Alleluia.” And then there was the song after the final song, and the song after the song after the final song... the dancing and celebration lasted for nearly an hour.

Easter Sunday, with five Masses, marked the beginning of celebrating Easter Mass in each of the many communities during the Octave of Easter. Although all the Stations of the Cross and congratulatory messages on priesthood and dancing for an hour in joy were wonderful, for me, the most memorable moment of Easter took place on Easter Monday during Mass in the community of Catalina Arriba: at collection time, I noted an eleven-year-old boy holding a 20-peso bill (worth about 50 cents US). When the collection came to him, he asked the lady taking up the collection to make change for him, receiving four 5-peso coins in exchange for his 20. He then proceeded to put his 5-peso coin in the collection basket and have the remaining three coins to his three friends so that they, too, could deposit their 5-peso coins in the collection basket. What more could express the meaning of Easter?

Marriage Celebrations for June 2012 *(Continued from page 40)*

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Norman & Phyllis Powell, 50
Donald & Sharon Speaks, 50
Noel & Mildred Stribling, 50
Billy Ray & Mary Jane Thomas, 51
Birdie & Judy Vowels, 40
Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Lauris & Michele Ackerman, 25
Stan & Pam Pressgrove, 25
Pat & Nancy Pattison, 40
Robert & Elizabeth Crowe, 52
Robert & Theresa Hoyt, 50
Richard & Shirley Jakel, 56
James & Ann Meador, 53
Anthony & Marie Meffert, 59
Albert & Helen Skees, 58
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Donald & Gloria Tharp, 53
Elbert & Bonnie Tindle, 53
Charles & Marita Bozarth, 55
Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
Kevin & Trudi Laumas, 25
Thomas & Cathy Vessels, 25
Larry & Carol Jagers, 40
Jerry & Charlotte Mischel, 40
Thomas & Barbara Hagan, 56
Edwin & Barbara Merimee, 55
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Saludos desde Baní.

Por el padre Stan Puryear

Ya se ha pasado la Semana Santa, pero la vida sigue llena de actividad. Dado que la parroquia ahora incluye 16 diferentes comunidades donde se celebra la Misa, en lugar de celebrar el Triduo Pascual en cada localidad, la Misa de la Resurrección se ofrece en cada comunidad durante la Octava de Pascua. Después de esto, me voy para los Estados Unidos para visitar a mi familia y a la diáspora de Paya viviendo en Boston.

La Semana Santa en la República Dominicana comienza un poco temprano: el viernes antes del Domingo de Ramos es conocido como el Viernes de Dolores. En Paya, comenzamos el viernes por la mañana con una subida vigorosa de una hora del Cerro de Peravia. Mi plan original para ascender la ruta era ponerme en la fila detrás de unas señoras mayores que andarían muy lentamente, lo que se resultaría en no caminar rápidamente mientras todos me vieran como sacerdote paciente y cuidadoso. Lo que no esperaba era que estas señoras mayores en sus faldas y sandalias subieran al Cerro como si ellas caminaban a la próxima casa para visitar a un amigo que no habían visto en años. Me dejaron atrás, y ya habían rezado tres décadas del Rosario antes de que yo llegara. Una vez podía respirar, celebramos la Misa cuando el sol subía en el horizonte.

Más tarde ese día, se celebra una Viacrucis de siete estaciones de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores. En Baní, el centro de la diócesis, más de 15,000 personas participaron en un Viacrucis que era más de cuatro kilómetros. En Paya, los que no podían llegar al evento en Baní viajaron al pueblito de Catalina para una Viacrucis de algo más que un kilómetro. Elegí este último, dado que todavía estaba desgastado desde la mañana, y además, porque Catalina ha sido una comunidad donde las personas no han respondido a tener un sacerdote presente, por lo que confiaba que viendo el sacerdote participando en el Viacrucis allí podría fomentar la participación. Aunque empezamos con 40 personas al principio, al llegar a la última estación, la multitud había crecido a más de 150.

Después del Viernes de Dolores, comenzamos preparativos para un retiro de los adultos de la parroquia – o como les gusta llamarse a sí mismos: “Jóvenes con años acumulados”. Dos retiros para jóvenes de la parroquia habían salido exi-



Celebrando la Misa el Viernes de Dolores en el Cerro de Peravia.

tosos, con resultados sorprendentes: jóvenes regresaron a sus respectivas comunidades comenzando grupos de oración y grupos de participación activa en las actividades litúrgicas y paralitúrgicas. Viendo la vitalidad resultante de los retiros, los jóvenes con años acumulados pidieron un retiro. Como el grupo “acumulados” había trabajado duro para ofrecer los retiros para la juventud, era justo que los jóvenes devolvieran el favor. E hicieron un trabajo increíble, dirigiendo la música y cocinando y sirviendo la comida.

Dos días de descanso eran suficiente tiempo para los preparativos para el Triduo. Una diferencia interesante entre la Diócesis de Owensboro y la Diócesis de Baní es que la Misa Crismal se celebra aquí el jueves por la mañana en la Catedral, así que todo el Jueves Santo pone énfasis en el sacerdocio ordenado. En la Misa Crismal aquí, con la renovación del compromiso al ministerio ordenado, los sacerdotes felicitaron mutuamente por haber cumplido un año más del sacerdocio. La Misa Crismal recuerda a los sacerdotes que somos una extensión de la función pastoral del obispo de la diócesis, y la celebración de la Eucaristía y el Lavatorio de Pies del Jueves Santo recuerdan a los sacerdotes del papel singular que tenemos en la Iglesia – y especialmente la necesidad de humildad y santidad en el cumplimiento de esas funciones. En Owensboro, la Misa Crismal es un encuentro de toda la diócesis alrededor de nuestro pastor obispo y un recordatorio de que a través del bautismo estamos todos llamados a ser participantes activos en la iglesia. Personalmente, creo que ambos enfoques, aunque diferentes, son muy buenos y muy alegres.

Otra gran diferencia entre las dos Misas Crismales es el Ofertorio de los Dones. Aquí en Baní, cada parroquia trae a la Misa Crismal la colección cuaresmal para los pobres junto con alimentos localmente cultivado y producido. Como diferentes cultivos crecen mejo-

res a diferentes alturas y tenemos diferencia de terreno, tenemos una variedad de frutas y verduras. Algunos traen la comida en cajas, otros en bolsas, otros en canastas, y los miembros de la parroquia llevan la comida en una procesión en la Presentación de los Ofrendas. Inmediatamente después, los seminaristas diocesanos usan los camiones de los sacerdotes para distribuir los alimentos a hogares para huérfanos y ancianos. Mientras tanto, los sacerdotes se reúnen para una comida sin tratar de

preocuparse demasiado que si nuestros camiones van a ser devueltos a nosotros en buen estado. (Aunque me gusta la parte de los sacerdotes reunidos para una comida, la ansiedad de nuestros vehículos es parte que podemos omitir en Owensboro).

El Viernes Santo es un día muy largo en la Parroquia (futura) Santiago Apóstol en Paya. Como tenemos 16 diferentes lugares donde se celebra la Misa y hay 14 Estaciones de los Viacrucis, comenzando a las 7 am, comenzamos el Viacrucis parroquial, con una estación en cada ubicación. Con una oración introductoria y una bendición Final, cada lugar se incluye. Este año, el alcalde local nos prestó el autobús del pueblo para que todos aquellos que querían hacer todas las estaciones podrían hacerlo. Lamentablemente, para llegar a dos de las estaciones, hay que cruzar un puente que no puede acomodar el autobús, así que la camioneta mía era el único transporte.

La parte del Viernes Santo que les gusta a todos es el Viacrucis juvenil. Una gran cantidad de tiempo y creatividad entra en la producción, y todos quedan impresionados por la experiencia. Este año, me regañó el “director” del drama por hacer reír a las mujeres lloronas de Jerusalén. Por todos modos, el paseo de tres horas por todo el pueblo termina con

la poderosa escena de Jesús levantado en la Cruz. Después de esa experiencia, la Vigilia Pascual habría sido un poco anticlimática si no hubiera sido por la lluvia comenzando y obligando a la multitud desbordante de más de 400 personas dentro de una capilla que fue construida para contener no más de 200 personas. Pero fue hermoso ver los más de 400 personas bailando de alegría durante la canción final después de que yo les había dicho, “Pueden ir en paz. Aleluya. Aleluya.” Y después de la última canción, cantaron y bailaron otra canción... y después, otra, y otra, y otra... por más que una hora.

El Domingo de Pascua, con cinco Misas, marcó el comienzo de la celebración de la Misa de Pascua en cada una de las comunidades durante la Octava de Pascua. Aunque todas las Viacrucis y los mensajes de felicitación en el sacerdocio



Lavatorio de los Pies el Jueves Santo

y bailando durante una hora en alegría fueron maravillosos, para mí, el momento más memorable de la Pascua pasó el Lunes de Pascua durante la Misa en la comunidad de Catalina Arriba: al momento de la colección, noté a un niño de once años con un billete de 20 pesos (vale unos 50 centavos de dólar estadounidense). Cuando la colección llegó a él, le pidió la dama tomando la colección hacer cambiar para él, recibiendo cuatro monedas de 5 pesos a cambio de sus 20. Entregó a la colecta una moneda de 5 pesos, y repartía los otros 3 monedas a sus tres amigos para que ellos también podrían depositar sus monedas de 5 pesos en la canasta de la recolecta. ¿Qué más podía expresar el significado de la Pascua?

Retiro Cuaresmas Hispano 2012

El pasado 31 de Enero la comunidad Hispana de la Iglesia del Santo Nombre en Henderson, Kentucky participaron en el Segundo Retiro Cuaresmal. Los participantes pudieron ser parte de una serie de charlas de reflexión que les ayudaron a mejorar su entendimiento de los símbolos cuaresmales y a prepararse para la Semana Santa que empezaría la semana siguiente. Canciones de Martin Valverde amenizaron el retiro creando una atmosfera de oración y de mucho recogimiento espiritual. Al terminar, los participantes del retiro tomaron parte del Viacrucis viviente en las estaciones localizadas en el bosque de la capilla de Santa Margarita, recordaron cada una de las

estaciones guiados por las reflexiones que nos heredó el Beato Juan Pablo II. El Padre Anthony Shonis estuvo presente durante el retiro, respondiendo preguntas de los participantes a cerca de los temas que fueron tocados en el retiro, como la importancia de la oración y darnos tiempo para mejorar nuestra relación con Cristo.



Trino carrying the Cross / Trino llevando la Cruz.

Fotos y artículos de Abraham Brown

nueva alegación, sin importar si es un incidente de hace años atrás o uno reciente, ese Concejo ofrece consejo al obispo después de que se hace un informe a las autoridades civiles y una investigación independiente haya terminada. Como diócesis, somos comprometidos proteger a los niños, hacer escrutinio y educar a nuestro personal y voluntarios sobre cómo prevenir y cómo manejar situaciones, y mantenernos responsables en este trabajo. Algunas víctimas se han presentado a través de los años, pero en respuesta a estas acciones, fue descubierto que había más víctimas de abuso sexual dentro de nuestra diócesis. La diócesis ha identificado sacerdotes contra quienes alegaciones sustanciales han sido establecidas. Ellos pueden ser identificados en nuestro Directorio Diocesano en www.rcdok.org bajo el encabezado de "On Restricted Assignment". El Beato Juan Pablo II dijo en 2002 en una reunión con los Cardenales de los Estados Unidos, "No hay lugar en el sacerdocio o en la vida religiosa para los que harían algún daño a un niño." Sus palabras se hicieron la piedra angular sobre la cual las pólizas nacionales y diocesanas han sido construidas.

La Diócesis de Owensboro de igual forma ha querido ofrecer servicios de consejería y apoyo a los que han sido víctimas de abuso dentro de nuestra iglesia. Mientras continuamos luchar para la seguridad de nuestros niños, nunca podría borrar el dolor y el escándalo del abuso pasado. Todavía damos la bienvenida a la oportunidad de ofrecer sanación y justicia para las víctimas que

Hispanic Lent Retreat 2012

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Last January 31st the Hispanic Community of Holy Name Parish in Henderson participated in the Second Lent Retreat. The participants took part in a series of talks that helped them reflect and understand the symbols present during the Liturgical season of Lent and to be prepared and be part of the celebrations of Holy Week which were to begin the day after the retreat with Palm Sunday. Inspirational songs by Martin Valverde created a prayer atmosphere and a time for spiritual peace and quietness. After the talks the participants participated in the Live Way of The Cross at the Stations located in the back of St. Margaret's Chapel, praying each station with the help of the reflections from Pope John Paul II. Father Tony Shonis was there answering questions from participants about the topics that were discussed during the retreat: the importance of an active prayer life and the time we dedicate to better our relationship with Christ.

Susana Solorza carrying the cross / Susana Solorza llevando la Cruz

Diez Años de Ambiente Seguro *(Viene de la página 4)*

todavía no han reportado su abuso.

Desde 2002, el crisis del abuso sexual dentro de la Iglesia que llegó a ser anunciado por los medios de comunicación en los Estados Unidos ha hecho que salieran a la luz otros escándalos similares en otros países incluyendo Irlanda, Bélgica, Austria, y Alemania. Las conferencias episcopales de estos países con frecuencia miran al principio constructivo de los Estados Unidos para formar sus propias respuestas.

A través de los siglos la Iglesia Católica ha aguantado escándalos de corrupción y pecado. Pero ningún escándalo en la historia de la Iglesia Católica en nuestra nación ha sido más grande que este. Las fallas de la Iglesia han costado la inocencia de niños y a algunos le ha costado su propia fe. Y como cualquier pecado, el daño a las relaciones no se puede reparar en una sola noche. La credibilidad se restaura con acciones positivas y con la penitencia.

Este aniversario renueva nuestro compromiso a los que están sufriendo y a mantenernos vigilantes. Pedimos a nuestro Señor que nos bendiga con vocaciones santas, que perdone nuestros pecados y que nos haga un pueblo que le agrade.

Una palabra de agradecimiento va a Sarah Patterson, Archivista Diocesana, quien ayudó con la investigación para este artículo.

Que Dios les bendiga a todos,
Suyo en Cristo,

+ Reverendísimo William F. Medley,
Obispo de Owensboro

Los Nombramientos Sacerdotales De La Diócesis De Owensboro Del 2012

Párrocos

- Baker, Pbro. Jerry: Párroco de la Parroquia de Santa María del Bosque, Whitesville, Kentucky efectivo el 12 de Junio del 2012.
- Byrd, Pbro. Freddie: Párroco de la Parroquia de Santa Ana, Morganfield, Kentucky efectivo el 12 de Junio del 2012.
- Hayes, Pbro. Marty: Párroco de la Parroquia de San Martín, Rome, Kentucky efectivo el 12 de Junio del 2012.
- Hohman, Pbro. Steve: Párroco de la Parroquia de San Pablo, Leitchfield, Kentucky y la Parroquia de Santa Isabel, Clarkson, Kentucky efectivo el 12 de Junio del 2012.
- Johnson, Pbro. Dave: Párroco de la Parroquia de San Pedro de Antioquía, Waverly y la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón, Waverly, Kentucky efectivo el 12 de Junio del 2012.

Otros Nombramientos

- Byrd, Pbro. Freddie: Vicario Episcopal a la Escuela Católica del Beato Juan Pablo II efectivo el 12 de Junio del 2012.
- Shonis, Pbro. Tony: Director, Formación Continua de los Sacerdotes efectivo 12 de Junio del 2012.
- Whistle, Pbro. Brad: Vicario Episcopal a las Escuelas Católicas de Owensboro efectivo el 1 de Febrero del 2012.

Diez Años de Ambiente Seguro en Nuestra Diócesis



+ M o n s e ñ o r
William Medley,
Obispo de la
Diócesis
de
Owensboro

Mis queridas hermanas y hermanos,

Este Junio marca el 10mo aniversario del Estatuto para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes adoptado por la Conferencia Episcopal Católica de los Estados Unidos (USCCB). En el año 2002 los obispos de los Estados Unidos se enfrentaron con la verdad

devastada que el abuso sexual de menores en la Iglesia Estadounidense había sido mucho más extenso que alguien podría haber imaginado antes. El USCCB reconoció también que en muchos lugares había fallas por parte de los obispos y líderes eclesiales en tratar y corregir esta vergüenza. Los obispos fueron acusados de proteger la imagen de la iglesia a expensas de las víctimas.

En los meses después de la adopción del Estatuto nuestra Oficina Diocesana de Ambiente Seguro fue establecida. Cada diócesis en el país también estableció servicios para las víctimas del abuso sexual y entrenamiento para todos los trabajadores y voluntarios de la Iglesia. Aunque recordar la necesidad de tal oficina puede causar tristeza, tomamos este tiempo para reflexionar sobre lo que la Diócesis de Owensboro y la Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos ha llevado a cabo en estos últimos 10 años para proteger a nuestros niños.

Mucho antes de que el escándalo llegara a proporciones nacionales, en 1985 bajo el liderazgo del Obispo Juan McRaith, nuestra diócesis fue una de las primeras en adoptar y publicar pólizas tratando los casos de abuso sexual y el tratamiento de los miembros del clero acusados. Aunque no habían casos abiertos del abuso sexual en ese entonces, el Obispo McRaith tomó este paso inicial para demostrar la seriedad del asunto y una posición proactiva hacia ello. Todos los clérigos fueron requeridos firmar a un formulario para confirmar que entendían la póliza. Aun en medio de revelaciones tan atroces sobre el abuso en la iglesia, estudios exhaustivos han encontrado que los incidentes del abuso en la iglesia se bajaron dramáticamente después de que la conciencia fue aumentada y los programas educativos fueron inaugurados

en los 1980's.

En 1992 la Conferencia Episcopal Católica de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) estableció 5 principios para responder a las acusaciones del abuso sexual por el clero:

1. Responder con prontitud a todas las alegaciones del abuso donde hay una creencia razonable que el abuso ocurrió.
2. Si tal alegación es apoyada por suficiente evidencia, aliviar al acusado con prontitud de sus deberes pastorales y mandarlo para la evaluación médica apropiada e intervención.
3. Cumplir con las obligaciones de la ley civil con respeto al incidente y cooperar con la investigación.
4. Contactarse con las víctimas y sus familias para comunicar tu compromiso sincero para su bien estar espiritual y emocional.
5. Dentro de los confines de respeto para la privacidad de los individuos involucrados, trata el asunto lo más abierto posible con los miembros de la comunidad.

Con la publicación de estos principios y un entendimiento creciente que esa es una preocupación de todos. La Diócesis de Owensboro revisó sus propias pólizas y empezaron a requerir que todos los que trabajan en las parroquias firmaran el formulario que afirma que entienden estas pólizas. Otra faceta de la implementación del Estatuto es que los niños y jóvenes en nuestras escuelas, educación religiosa y programas juveniles católicos sean expuestos a educación apropiada para su edad para asegurarnos que estén consientes de lo que constituye comportamiento abusivo. El reporte más extenso de casos de abuso sexual por el clero en el principio del siglo 21 hizo que el USCCB en 2002 renovara su compromiso de proteger a los niños y establecer medidas preventivas. La Conferencia estableció pólizas que cada diócesis debe hacer para tratar el asunto. Procedimientos detallados fueron desarrollados para remover sacerdotes, hacer escrutinio de los seminaristas, hacer revisiones obligatorias de antecedentes criminales como también programas educativas para sacerdotes, maestros, ministros parroquiales y voluntarios, poniendo énfasis en su responsabilidad de proteger al inocente y vulnerable del abuso. Ese mismo año todos los obispos se pusieron de acuerdo en

Calendario del Monseñor Medley para Mayo del 2012:

1 de Mayo	8:00 a.m.	Misa Escolar, San José, Bowling Green
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Santa Inés, Uniontown
2 de Mayo	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, San José, Mayofield
3 de Mayo	10:30 a.m.	Día del Presbítero, Centro Pastoral Católico, Owensboro
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, San Leo, Murray
5 de Mayo	5:30 p.m.	Confirmación, Cristo Rey, Madisonville
6 de Mayo	1:00 p.m.	Misa, San Pablo, Leitchfield, Aniversario de 200 años
7 de Mayo	5:00 p.m.	Vísperas y Cena con Sacerdotes y sus Padres, Parroquia de la Santísima Madre, Owensboro, Evento de Jubileo
8-9 de Mayo		Reunión Provincial, Louisville, KY
10 de Mayo		Junta de la Mesa Directiva de la Conferencia Católica de Kentucky Louisville, KY
12 de Mayo	10:00 a.m.	Graduación de la Universidad de Brescia, Riverpark Center
13 de Mayo	8:30 a.m.	Confirmación, San Alfonso, San José
	2:00 p.m.	Graduación, Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro, Centro Deportivo, Owensboro
14 de Mayo	5:30 p.m.	Cena de Agradecimiento de Líderes Catequéticos Pastorales/Ministros Juveniles, Centro Pastoral Católico, Owensboro
15-17 de Mayo		Instalación del Arzobispo William Lori, Baltimore, MD
17 de Mayo	7:00 p.m.	Graduación, Escuela Preparatoria de la Trinidad, Hines Center, Owensboro
19 de Mayo	7:30 p.m.	Graduación, Escuela Preparatoria de Santa María, Paducah
20 de Mayo	10:00 a.m.	Confirmación, Santos Ángeles Guardianes, Irvington (Central Standard time)
21 de Mayo	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité del Personal Sacerdotal, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes. CPC, Owensboro
22 de Mayo	10-3 p.m.	Horas de la Oficina en Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes
23 de Mayo	2:00 p.m.	Misa, Campamento de Gasper River, Misa del Personal del Verano
24 de Mayo		Misa y visita a la Prisión Estatal
26 de Mayo	10:00 a.m.	Ordinación, Misioneros de Glenmary Home, Fairfield, Ohio
	6:00 p.m.	Concierto Hispano, Escuela Preparatoria de Condado de Daviess, Owensboro, Evento del Jubileo
27 de Mayo	11:00 a.m.	Confirmación, Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmación, Santo Nombre de Jesús, Owensboro

Calendario del Monseñor Medley para Junio del 2012:

2 de Junio		microFEST, Campamento Católico de Gasper River
3 de Junio	10:30 a.m.	Misa, Promesas de los Diáconos Permanentes, Cristo Rey, Madisonville, Evento del Jubileo
	5:30 p.m.	Misa Multicultural y "Fiesta", Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson, Evento del Jubileo
9 de Junio	2:00 p.m.	Día de Asociados – Hermanas, Monte San José, Maple Mount
10-15 de Junio		Reunión de los Obispos de la Primavera, Atlanta, GA
17 de Junio	8:00 a.m.	Confirmación, Sts. María y Santiago, Guthrie
	10:30 a.m.	Confirmación, Santa Susana, Elkton
23 de Junio	5:30 p.m.	Misa, Dedicación de la Capilla, Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah
24 de Junio	12:00 p.m.	Misa, Sagrado Corazón, Waverly, Aniversario de 200 años
	6:00 p.m.	Profesión Final, Sr. Debra Ann Bailey, Hermanas del Cordero de Dios, Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción, Owensboro
26 de Junio	6:30 p.m.	Misa, Instituto de Liderazgo Cristiano, Monte San José, Maple Mount
		Calendario del Monseñor Medley para Julio del 2012:
19 de Julio		Congreso de Católicos Negros, Indianápolis, Indiana
21 de Julio		Noche de Fe y Familia en el Parque de Beisbol, Bowling Green
27 de Julio	9:00 a.m.	Misa, Día de Desarrollo Profesional, Directores y Maestros de las Escuelas Católicas, Cristo Rey, Madisonville

implementar el Estatuto para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes.

La importancia de proteger a nuestros niños hizo que la diócesis estableciera la

Oficina de Ambiente Seguro en el año 2002 para suplementar el trabajo del Concejo Diocesano de Revisión del Abuso Sexu-

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Las Peripecias De Un Joven E Inexperto Cura 8vo: La visita a Jolikalum: Los Sacramentos

Por. P. José C. Jiménez

Quiero escribir esta nota para motivar a mis hermanos y hermanas, sobre todo hispanos, a acercarse a recibir los sacramentos. En muchas ocasiones he escuchado que desean esperar para volver a: México, Guatemala, el Salvador, Honduras, etc... (y la lista de los países de dónde venimos es interminable) para celebrar con sus familias los sacramentos de bautizo, comunión y confirmación de sus niños. Y los niños ya crecieron, y siguen sin sus sacramentos, igual que los papás sin el matrimonio porque esperan volver y están que el siguiente año y el siguiente año y nunca llega ese siguiente año.

Recuerdo de cuando llegué a la parroquia de San Pedro, En Chenalho, Chiapas. Un mes después llegaron los hermanos de la parroquia de San Pablo, en Chalchihuitan, diciendo que el párroco de Chenalho es también de Chalchihuitan, lo cual me lo confirmó el Sr. Obispo y, así es como empecé a atenderlos.

Una de mis primeras visitas fue a Jolikalum, pequeña comunidad que se encuentra enclavada en las montañas de los altos de Chiapas. Fue necesario manejar tres horas y dejar el vehículo en otra comunidad y caminar unas 4 o 5 horas después. De ida pura subida, de regreso pura bajada, en pequeños caminos donde caminan los caballos y mulas. Quiero aclarar que tocó iniciar a caminar bajo la lluvia y conforme subíamos, en medio de la niebla. Pienso que como a las 6:00 am se quitó la lluvia pero no la niebla. Iniciamos a caminar muy temprano de tal manera que estuve a las 8:30 am en la comunidad. Durante el camino me explicaban que siendo de las comunidades muy lejanas de la parroquia el anterior párroco (tenía más de 2 años y medio expulsado) no había llegado desde hacía más de 4 años por la situación de violencia vivida. Ellos dijeron que tenían preparados algunos bautizos, primeras comuniones y matrimonios. Le pedí al obispo la delegación para poder confirmar a los que estuvieran preparados. Lógico, iba a sentarme a confesar primero de la celebración Eucarística.

La capilla era muy pequeña, hecha de tabla y láminas como techo. No tenía piso firme, era de tierra. Tenían una cocina comunitaria para sus eventos, como en esta ocasión. La capilla tendría unos 12 a 15 metros de largo y unos 6 o 7 metros de ancho.

Mi sorpresa fue que me encontré con gente venida de diferentes comunidades alrededor, quienes sabiendo que Jolikalum iba a tener la Santa Misa vinieron para participar. Comunidades que estaban desde media hora hasta 4 horas de camino. Estamos hablando que había cientos y cientos de personas.

Lo primero que hicieron fue darme de comer para aguantar la larga jornada que me esperaba. Había música tradicional tanto en la capilla como en la cocina comedor. La gente iba y venía de un lado para otro. Todos trataban de saludarme para mostrarme su afecto y agradecimiento por haber llegado hasta allá. Después de comer fui a la capilla y organicé los bautizos de niños. Eran más de 130 bautizos, de todas las comunidades presentes. Los catequistas trataban de ayudarme haciendo paso en medio de la gente. Después de casi dos horas y media, salieron para compartir los alimentos que cada uno de los papás de los niños habían llevado y así celebrar la fiesta de los bautizos. Unos comían de pie, otros sentados sobre plásticos de nylon, porque había lodo por todos lados, incluso dentro de la capilla. Al medio día continuó lloviendo, la gente tan solo se puso sus plásticos sobre las cabezas y continuaron en sus lugares donde estaban. Nadie corrió para esconderse o para resguardarse, nadie se fue, todos seguían en su ir y venir. Yo, me senté a confesar por cuatro horas y al terminar de nuevo, para mí, volver a comer y prepararme para la Santa Misa, en la cual tendríamos más bautizos de adultos, confirmaciones, primeras comuniones y matrimonios. Más de dos horas de nuevo.

Ya se había hecho de noche, estaba fría la noche. Ellos continuarían celebrando con su cena y un poco de baile. Yo por mi parte volví hacia el carro y a mi parroquia. Otros catequistas, distintos a los de la mañana me acompañarían hasta el carro y regresarían esa misma noche, al amanecer, casi igual cuando yo estuviera llegando a mi parroquia. El camino muy mojado, la lluvia y la niebla no nos dejaban ver pero ahí íbamos, de regreso, contentos de haber cumplido nuestra misión. Dos hermanas religiosas, un servido y tres catequistas. Ese regreso ya lo conté hace mucho tiempo, una historia chistosa, ya no lo haré hoy.

Comentamos las cosas buenas vividas, y pregunté sobre las otras comunidades ¿Por qué vinieron hasta acá? La respuesta fue fácil de entender: “Porque no han tenido Misa por mucho tiempo, menos los otros sacramentos, por eso fue la gran fiesta para nosotros sin

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asunto ha sido torcido y distorsionado y mal representado por los partidos políticos y los medios de comunicación.

Hay preguntas, asuntos y valores complejos en peligro. Déjenme claramente decirlo – la Iglesia Católica, bajo el liderazgo de nuestros obispos, simplemente está pidiendo ejercer la libertad de religión, una libertad dada por Dios y un derecho humano. A pesar de las torcidas al tema que le han dado los partidos políticos y los medios de comunicación, los Católicos no están pidiendo un privilegio especial o extraordinario. Ahora, puede ser que hay preguntas y discusiones importantes sobre el papel de las mujeres en nuestra Iglesia, pero la Iglesia no está involucrada en una guerra contra la salud de la mujer.

Las reglas propuestas por el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos sugieren que el gobierno puede definir lo que es ser Católico – lo que constituye una razón para ser una escuela, hospital u orfanato católico. Eso no se trata de los anticonceptivos. Sí, la Iglesia Católica sigue firme con enseñanzas importantes sobre la dignidad humana y la concepción y el plan de Dios – y tal vez en las generaciones recientes no hemos catequizado adecuadamente o escuchado a nuestra propia gente. Pero este asunto público para la Iglesia no se trata de los anticonceptivos. Se trata de nuestra libertad. Se trata de la conciencia.

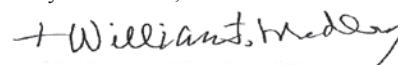
Como un pueblo ungido, llamado a cuidar a los humildes, los corazones heridos, y los desterrados de muchas formas – pedimos la libertad para ser un pueblo de esperanza y promesa. Violaciones de la libertad de religión no son limitadas a un asunto o a una ideología o un partido político. Hay lugares en este país donde los legisladores estatales lo han hecho un acto criminal para las Iglesias Católicas, agencias e individuales continuar sirviendo a los inmigrantes a nuestro alrededor. Lo raro, en la política y en los medios de comunicación, es que cambian en sus posiciones sobre la libertad religiosa. Aún con todos nuestros defectos, la Iglesia Católica es constante sin cambiar su mensaje.

Ha habido momentos en la historia de nuestra nación que nuestra Iglesia Católica ha subestimado sus derechos y libertades y las obligaciones que estos conllevan. No hemos ejercido esta libertad para ser el primero en condenar la esclavitud, la represión de las mujeres, guerras injustas, pobreza escandalosa en un país de plenitud. Y tristemente para protegerse a sí misma, la Iglesia por un tiempo se extravió de la ley con esconder el abuso en nuestra institución. Tal vez la lección para nosotros es que hay que tomar nuestra posición firme a favor de nuestras libertades como institución religiosa para recordar que llevamos credibilidad a este debate cuando podemos ilustrar la forma en que siempre hablamos por los que tal vez no tienen una voz: los por nacer, el inmigrante, el pobre, el preso condenado a muerte.

Sí, todos nosotros tenemos que dar voz a nuestra preocupación sobre la libertad religiosa para nosotros mismos o todos los ciudadanos. Y sí, a veces nuestras voces individuales pueden ser desafíos a la institución de la Iglesia cuando no están listas de proclamar al evangelio.

Somos un pueblo ungido, un pueblo escogido, el Pueblo de Dios, llamado a hacer eco del mensaje de Jesús: que las palabras del profeta Isaías se sigan cumpliendo en nuestro escuchar.

Suyos en Cristo,



Monseñor William F. Medley, Obispo de Owensboro

importar la lluvia, Jesús se hizo presente en medio de nosotros, y los de Jolikalum fuimos los afortunados”.

Al recordar esta historia quiero decirles a tantos hermanos y hermanas que muchos de ustedes tienen la oportunidad de recibir los sacramentos sin tener que esperar tanto tiempo. No pierdan la oportunidad ni el tiempo de vivir en la gracia de Dios. Si Cristo dio su vida y resucitó fue para que tú y yo vivamos en gracia. Los sacramentos son vida, son gracia, son bendiciones, acérquense. No se hagan ilusiones ni evadan sus responsabilidades de volver a sus países para recibir los sacramentos, no esperen tanto tiempo. Pascua de Resurrección es un buen tiempo de volver a Cristo. Feliz Pascua de Resurrección, Feliz Pentecostés que ya viene.

Rev. P. Jose C Jimenez Director Espiritual Diocesano del Ministerio Hispano Pastor Asociado Parroquia de Santos Jose y Pablo Owensboro, Ky.



Por el padre Richard Meredith

Cada año cuando el clima se torna más cálido y la ropa de invierno se guarda hasta el próximo invierno, preparo y ofrezco algunas opiniones respecto a la “modestia”. Esta, por supuesto sería mi primera incursión en la contienda de la moda aquí en Hopkinsville. Presento lo siguiente como enseñanza pastoral y como maestro me comprometo a practicar lo que enseño pero admito que no soy un ejecutor de la ley ni un policía. Tan solo pido que por el amor a Dios y al prójimo, los parroquianos observen estas normas. El atractivo verdadero de una persona no se encuentra en lo “atractivo sexual”, sino en la bondad por la cual él o ella manifiesta la imagen de Dios. La belleza de los valores sexuales es muy real y su verdad se encuentra en el santo servicio del amor y de la vida fiel. En contraste, el “sex appeal” o “atractivo sexual” en nuestra cultura se refiere a la tentación de la lujuria. El ser humano merece más, mucho más.

La virtud de la modestia defiende la dignidad personal del hijo de Dios. Ejerce la valorización positiva de la dignidad humana de uno mismo y honra la dignidad humana de otros como personas. Honra al Creador que nos hizo, cuerpo y alma, a imagen divina. El vicio opuesto deshonra a Dios, a sí mismo o a otros a través de la lujuria, la manipulación, el abuso u otra forma de falta de respeto. Cada vez es más claro para mí que la enseñanza Católica sobre la modestia tiene que ver con honrar la dignidad de la persona encarnada que somos. Mientras que la vestimenta en sí puede ser una forma de exhibición, de disfraz o incluso de protección al medio ambiente, esta sirve sobre todo como auto presentación de quien usa y tiene que ver con el honor además de cualquier dignidad. Cuando el ropaje y la indumentaria son modestas proclaman el “Soy una persona creada por la bondad de Dios, bella en los ojos de Dios y debo ser respetado y valorizado. Debo de no ser usado o tratado como una cosa”.

La vestimenta nos ayuda a ver y apreciar a una persona, como ser humano, en lugar de simplemente ver al cuerpo humano como una cosa u objeto para nuestro uso y placer. A mi parecer, el problema con la modestia es la carencia

de un sentido de bondad inherente, de bondad personal y valorarse uno mismo y a otros. El utilizarnos nosotros mismo, nuestro propio cuerpo como objetos para incitar la lujuria es deshonoroso. Demuestra una triste ansia y mala comprensión del amor. El ser humanos, cuerpo y alma, fue hecho bello por Dios. Es su belleza la que debe ser honrada y amada. No es para ser vendido, comprado, exhibido o consumido para saciar la lujuria. Dicho esto afirmo: la norma universal de la Iglesia es “ser siempre modesto”.

Ante Dios el ser humano es sagrado y hermoso. Esto es especialmente revelado en la encarnación del Verbo. Los valores cristianos fluyen de la reverencia a Dios y reverencia al ser humano querido por Dios en Jesucristo. Por lo tanto vístase y compórtense modestamente, así que en una moda modesta para la iglesia, escuela, trabajo, etc. En estas diferentes situaciones los requisitos varían pero la modestia siempre es aplicable.

Los padres son responsables por velar la modestia de sus niños y adolescentes. Por favor no abandonen ese papel dado por Dios. Den el ejemplo y trabajen con sus niños. La vestimenta considerada modesta para la iglesia utiliza los principios que he señalado anteriormente. Como de uso práctico cuando uno asiste a la iglesia, recomiendo lo siguiente y lo exijo a los ministros litúrgicos o cuando representa a la parroquia. Cuando utilizan pantalones cortos o faldas, el dobladillo apenas debe estar arriba de la rodilla cuando está de pie. “Pantalones bien cortos” no son apropiados para nadie, niños, adolescentes o adultos. Abdomen, pechos, bustos y espalda deben estar cubiertos. El torso desnudo o descubierto es totalmente inaceptable para la iglesia. Calzones y otros tipos de ropa interior, que tristeza que tengo que decirlo, no deben ser expuesta a la vista. Hombros deben de estar cubiertos. Tiras o cintas no son suficientes. Para la mayoría de los cristianos de hoy, los brazos descubiertos parecen presentar ningún problema si el resto está cubierto. Esto excluye una gran cantidad de ropas casuales, deportivas, y “trajes de noche” en la iglesia. La moda actual, continúa bajando la línea del busto y exponiendo el escote de las mujeres. La exposición se agrava cuando la mujer se inclina o se agacha. Por favor tenga cuidado y cúbrase mejor. De igual forma la ropa debe ser un poco más suelta que

apretada, de modo que cubra más que sobre acentuando el contorno del cuerpo. En otras palabras, la ropa exterior no debe ser pseudo piel. Tampoco los padres deben vestir a los pequeños con estilos que sean inmodestos para un adolescente o adulto. Esto enseña malos hábitos.

En cualquier circunstancia, es la responsabilidad de cada persona, la mía también, de mantener una mente modesta, casta y caritativa. Padres, ayuden a sus hijos, Adulto y jóvenes, ayudémonos discretamente unos a otros. La meta es siempre y primordialmente la caridad y honor con respeto de la dignidad de uno mismo y de los demás. Ciertamente, tanto los adultos como los adolescentes que sirven como ministros en la iglesia deben cerciorarse de vestir modestamente antes de salir de casa. Es de bondad cristiana el tener respeto y modestia por los demás. Ahora, tenemos el caso especial de una boda.

Sé que muchas novias y damas de honor hoy día usan vestidos o trajes con los hombros descubiertos, incluso la espalda. Mientras que estos estilos tendrán un argumento a su favor en el mundo secular, no son apreciados en la iglesia. En la iglesia, la modestia requiere que se cubran dignamente tanto la novia como las damas de honor. Los abrigos de hombro pueden y deben ser usados en la iglesia

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la luz y proclamar un año feliz lleno de los favores de Dios. Sin importar si hemos respondido a esta vocación con nobleza o si hemos fallado, la mayoría de nosotros hemos celebrado las libertades de este país de los Estados Unidos de América para vivir según nuestras conciencias y de hablar de la verdad con poder. Los primeros colonizadores establecieron colonias y nuestra nación basado en principios de la libertad. Muchos llegaron a esta tierra – y todavía lo hacen – porque estas libertades han sido violadas en otras tierras y naciones. Aún en medio de las primeras colonias se requería un respeto de la libertad. Los primeros pioneros Católicos de Kentucky no cruzaron las montañas y atravesaron los ríos peligrosos porque este páramo era la tierra prometida. Ellos soportaron estas dificultades para encontrar un lugar de libertad, un lugar donde ellos podrían dar culto a Dios y vivir como Dios los había llamado.

En la historia del mundo no hay otra nación que ha asegurado mejor estas libertades dadas por Dios al pueblo. Se ha

para cubrir lo que los vestidos más reveladores exponen. La novia y la belleza de su cuerpo deben ser honradas. El novio está a punto de jurar: “Te amaré y respetaré por toda la vida”. Ella va a prometer lo mismo al novio. Siendo esta la circunstancia, ¿la presentación inmodesta de la novia expresa la verdad de la promesa que se va a jurar ante Dios? Aun y especialmente en el matrimonio la lujuria y el honor no pueden coexistir.

La modestia durante el verano es un reto de la temporada. De los estilos harapientos a los elegantes retan la virtud. Reconozco y respeto la queja de que es casi imposible encontrar modas modestas. Aun así ante Dios no podemos vencernos a una moral económicamente inducida. La modestia de la mente y la imaginación es un continuo desafío moral, dada nuestra naturaleza humana caída y confrontando el contenido lascivo de los estilos, de películas, televisión, internet, música, publicaciones, y todos los otros medios de comunicación hoy en día. Sin embargo, la caridad, la castidad y la modestia pueden prosperar a través del sacrificio por la gracia de Dios. Rezo para que esta gracia del Espíritu Santo pueda guiarnos a todos los fieles cristianos a dar testimonio de la virtud cristiana en nuestros días.

visto fallas obvias en vivir nuestro credo de la libertad...cientos de años de esclavitud humana, aún discriminación racial y étnica evidente, la represión de mujeres, guerras de imperialismo y de codicia, la hostilidad hacia los inmigrantes. Pero estos nobles ideales se han mantenido firmes a través de la colonización y han sido consagradas desde la Declaración de Independencia de nuestro país y la adopción de estos principios en nuestra constitución ha sido un modelo para todo el mundo.

Pero hoy, en estos tempranos años del siglo XXI, hay que hablar sobre los esfuerzos para restringir nuestra libertad de religión. Hay algunos que definen la libertad de religión como una libertad de dar culto. En otras palabras, todos pueden ir a la iglesia que él o ella escoja y pronunciar sus oraciones y cantar sus himnos. Pero la libertad de religión significa que no podemos ser obligados a violar las enseñanzas de nuestro Dios e Iglesia. En las últimas semanas de este debate épico, el

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3 de Abril del 2012



El obispo
William F.
Medley

Estimados hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En la mañana del Jueves Santo, el 14 de Abril de 1938, el Obispo Francis Cotton presidió la Misa Crismal en la Catedral de San Esteban. Fue la primera Misa Crismal celebrada en Owensboro, en Kentucky Oc-

cidental. Una nueva diócesis había sido creada de los 32 condados de Kentucky occidental solamente unos meses atrás. Uno puede suponer que la mayoría de los 40 sacerdotes de la nueva diócesis (quienes se pusieron el nombre “los cuarenta santos mártires”) asistieron – esto tal vez pudo haber sido una experiencia rara para muchos de ellos en los años anteriores. Antes de 1938 tendrían que haber viajado a Louisville para compartir este ritual. Y viajar a Louisville en 1938 – antes de que las carreteras de Western Kentucky, el Pennyryle, el Audubon, el Purchase y el Natcher existieran – hubiera sido imposible regresar a sus parroquias lejanas con tiempo para celebrar la Misa del Jueves Santo para su pueblo.

Esta noche celebramos la Misa Crismal número 75 en la Diócesis de Owensboro. 75 veces el Obispo Cotton, el Obispo Soeneker, el Obispo McRaith o su servidor nos hemos reunido con los sacerdotes y el pueblo para celebrar estos antiquísimos ritos, en las palabras de la oración inicial para, “ser testigos de tu Redención”. En el año que viene reconoceremos con frecuencia eventos y rituales que están sucediendo por la 75 vez mientras celebramos el jubileo de la gracia y bendición de Dios.

Como en los setenta y cuatro encuentros previos, los sacerdotes de esta Iglesia local se renovarán su compromiso al servicio sacerdotal – resolviendo de nuevo estar más unidos con el Señor Jesucristo y más conforme a Él; ser administradores responsables de los misterios de Dios en la Santísima Eucaristía; y siendo maestros fieles siguiendo a Cristo Cabeza y Pastor.

Como en tiempos de antaño, el carácter de la Misa Crismal anual se enfoca en los que comparten el sacerdocio de Jesucristo por la virtud del sacramento de las Sagradas Órdenes. Las poderosas plegarias por las cuales invocamos al Espíritu Santo

para santificar estos óleos comunes para propósitos sagrados, también subrayan el vínculo de todos los sacerdotes con Cristo el Sumo Sacerdote.

Pero las bendiciones de estos óleos también reconocen lo sagrado y la dignidad de todos los que comparten en el sacerdocio común de Jesucristo por la virtud de su bautizo. Muchos de ustedes aquí presentes encontrarán estos óleos en una forma sacramental en el año que viene. El encuentro aquí de cientos de personas de a través de Kentucky occidental sigue siendo un tributo al Obispo Juan McRaith quien tuvo la visión del poder simbólico y de sustancia cuando llamó a la Iglesia



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conjuntarse aquí donde nunca tenemos que preocuparnos si habrá suficiente espacio. Sí, el Centro Deportivo por esta hora se hace una Catedral provisional – con mucho trabajo y esfuerzo humano. Pero no son los pisos de mármol ni los vitrales que santifican nuestras iglesias, aunque son nobles y aunque elevan nuestros corazones y mentes a Dios. No, es el pueblo reunido aquí. El pueblo de Dios. Una familia – nuestras hermanas y hermanos.

En los meses que vienen algunos serán ungidos con el Óleo de los Enfermos; otros todavía no saben que la cruz de la enfermedad se presenta muy pronto.

Muchos más adultos, niños y bebés, serán tocados con el Óleo de los Catecúmenos que los traiga “un entendimiento más profundo del Evangelio...y que los ayude aceptar el desafío de la vida Cristiana.

El Santo Crisma – por el cual el Señor dispensa la vida y amor a todos – tocarán cientos de personas e indirectamente a miles de nosotros. Adultos que serán confirmados en la Vigilia Pascual serán ungidos con este óleo. A través del año una parte de este Crisma será distribuido en la forma de una cruz en las frentes de cientos de jóvenes en su confirmación. En unos meses esta Crisma será derramada con plenitud sobre el nuevo altar de la Catedral de San Esteban para consagrarlo para uso sagrado. Y ese altar se convierte en la mesa espiritual del banquete de más de 60,000 Católicos de nuestra Iglesia.

Para un extraño aquí esta noche, lo que hacemos con estos óleos tal vez pareciera casi igual a los ritos paganos. Pero con 2000 años de lucha y fe, creemos que nuestro Dios espléndido actúa a través de lo ordinario – agua, pan y vino, óleo. Y las bendiciones de Dios afirman que nuestra fe es verdadera. Somos un pueblo ungido.

¿A qué son llamadas las personas ungidas? La Palabra de Dios lo manifiesta claramente. Somos llamados llevar un buen mensaje para los humildes, para sanar los corazones heridos, para anunciar a los desterrados su liberación, y a los presos su vuelta a

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