

Parishes Ready for ARISE Together in Christ/Levantate Process in Diocese



Fr. John Meredith listened at table as Blessed Mother Parish team members plan for the upcoming first season of Arise/Levantate. Photo by Tom Rhodes

During the month of April, 2012, parish ARISE/Levantate teams throughout the Diocese of Owensboro met for workshops in evangelization.

ARISE Together in Christ parish teams are looking ahead to a September Sunday for participants to sign up for Season One. Faith sharing groups will begin in October. Participants may sign up for a group during a weekend to be announced in their parish.

Pope John Paul II used the term new evangelization. Sister Ethel-Marie Biri, SSND, described the new evangelization as an awakening within a person in which ones own personal encounter with Jesus stimulates one's own conversion to Him. One can't hold this inside, Sr. Ethel-Marie explained. Because of that encounter and conversion to Jesus and being filled with His Good News, a Catholic Christian feels impelled to reach out to others.

"What happens," she said, "is that the person in their home, in their workplace,

in their daily activities begins to go out and let themselves evangelize and be evangelized."

During the evangelization workshops held at ARISE Together in Christ parish teams reflected on these questions:

- Is my faith's fervor slowly, slowly dying?
- Is Evangelization something I'm not



even trying?

• Would I like to do some faith sharing? Or would I find it – should I say it – overbearing?

Parish teams agreed that with just a little of motivation, parishioners could will accept their pastor's friendly invitation.

ARISE Season 1 might be just what Western Kentucky Catholics' spirits need.

Evangelization workshops were asked:

- Are there times when your faith is in doubt?
- And you're not sure what life's all about?

It might help to share with people who care. Meeting in small groups can help participants

find out.

ARISE Season 1 is open to anyone. Only 90 minutes a week for 6 weeks can change your life. You may sign up for a group in your parish on the weekend to be announced in your parish bulletin.

Parish teams went home after the evangelization workshop to begin planning their parish's first season of the new spiritual renewal process that is sweeping the Diocese of Owensboro– ARISE Together in Christ. This process offers the opportunity for new friendships, stronger faith, and a deeper relationship with God through prayer and the Scriptures in a small-group setting.

A Calendar of Events In The Diocese

• **The Mass of Inclusion** on Sunday, August 5 at 2:00 PM at Blessed Mother Church, Owensboro, celebrates the many different ways we are all made in the image of God. This is an Owensboro Diocesan 75th Jubilee Event.

Please turn to page 9 for more Upcoming Events in the Diocese.

ARISE TRAINING SESSIONS September 10 - 13

ENGLISH SESSIONS

DATE	TIME	PLACE
MONDAY September 10, 2012	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Blessed Mother OWENSBORO
TUESDAY September 11, 2012	10:00 AM - noon	St. Mary of the Woods WHITESVILLE
TUESDAY September 11, 2012	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Holy Spirit BOWLING GREEN
WEDNESDAY September 12, 2012	6:30 - 8:30 PM	St. Thomas More PADUCAH
THURSDAY September 13, 2012	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Holy Name HENDERSON
THURSDAY September 13, 2012	6:30 - 8:30	Christ the King MADISONVILLE

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In Jubilee Year, Diocese of Owensboro Initiates Arise, Together in Christ



Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

My dear friends,

At the Chrism Mass on April 3, 2012 the Diocese of Owensboro initiated our year-long observance of a jubilee year. On December 9, 1937 Pope Pius XI created the diocese, separating the western third of the commonwealth of Kentucky from the Archdiocese of Louisville. Bishop Francis Cotton, a Kentucky native, was named the first bishop and charged with establishing the structures of the local church. On December 8th of this year we will observe an event as the centerpiece of our celebration of 75 years of God's graces

with an 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Owensboro Sportscenter.

When planning for this jubilee got underway, it was important that many facets of church life be celebrated. One focal element of our observance will be launching Arise, Together in Christ. This parish centered process for spiritual renewal will build upon important renewal efforts of the last thirty years: Renew in the mid-1980's and Renew 2000 at the turn of the millennium Arise will begin this Fall of 2012 and continue through five Spring/Fall seasons.

Our pastors and other church leaders attest that previous programs of parish-centered parish renewal have created generations of new leaders and invited thousands to a deepened relationship with

Jesus Christ, Our Lord. All 79 parishes of the diocese have signed on to be a part of the effort. Some parishes may have only a handful of participants and larger parishes may have hundreds.

All active Catholics will be engaged during the seasons as Arise will touch many facets of parish life through Sunday homilies, small faith-sharing groups, family and individual prayer, perhaps a parish mission, or special workshops to heighten our responses to young adults.

The embrace of the Diocese of Owensboro to Arise corresponds very well with the life of the universal church. Pope Benedict XVI will assemble representative bishops and leaders from around the world this October for a Synod to explore the new evangelization. The Holy Father is

asking the Church universal to look seriously at itself and assure that the Gospel message of Jesus is still proclaimed boldly and innovatively. This Synod will likewise celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council on October, 1962.

The first of August finds all of us looking to summer's end and the different pace of life that the Fall season brings. Please pray for the success of Arise and consider how you might strive to revitalize your faith and that of your family.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar for August 2012:

- August 1 6:30 p.m. Feast Day Mass, St. Alphonsus, Owensboro
- August 2 11:00 a.m. Priest Age Group 2 Gathering/Luncheon
5:00 p.m. Campus Minister Gathering
- August 4 2:00 p.m. Opening Prayer, Fancy Farm Picnic
- August 5 2:00 p.m. Mass of Inclusion, Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro Jubilee Event
- August 6 11:00 a.m. Priest Age Group 6 Gathering/Luncheon
- August 7 9:00 a.m. CPC Staff Mass and Meeting, CPC
1:00 a.m. Provincial Tribunal Welcome, Catholic Pastoral Center
- August 8 11:00 a.m. Priest Age Group 4 Gathering/Luncheon
- August 9 Catholic Conference of Kentucky Executive Board Meeting, Louisville, KY
Provincial Meeting, Louisville, KY
- August 10 Provincial Meeting, Louisville, KY
- August 11 5:30 p.m. Mass, Diocesan Young Adult Group, Christ the King, Madisonville
- August 12 1:00 p.m. Mass, 5 Year Anniversary, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center
5:00 p.m. Rural Life Celebration, Sportscenter, Owensboro Jubilee Event
- August 14 12:00 p.m. Meeting, Religious Superiors of the Diocese
- August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 18 11:00 a.m. Seminarian Picnic, Paducah
- August 18 4:30 p.m. Mass, Diocesan Faith Formation Leaders, Mount St. Joseph
- August 19 3:00 p.m. Mass, Fancy Farm Deanery Faith Formation, St. Jerome
- August 20 9:30 a.m. Personnel Board Meeting, CPC
1:30 p.m. Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
- August 21 9:00 a.m. CPC Staff Mass and Meeting, CPC
- August 22 11:00 a.m. Priest Age Group 3 Gathering/Luncheon
- August 26 2:00 p.m. Mass, Black Catholics, Blessed Sacrament Chapel Jubilee Event
- August 28 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Paducah Office, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
- August 30 11:00 a.m. Priest Age Group 5 Gathering/Luncheon



American Cancer Society Honors Lourdes during Special Ceremony

PADUCAH, Ky. - (Friday, June 1, 2012) – Lourdes Hospital's Relay for Life team has earned the worldwide ranking as one of the top five fundraising teams in the world, out of 250,000 relay teams. Lourdes is also the top Relay for Life fundraising team in the state of Kentucky. National representatives from the American Cancer Society presented the Lourdes team with a special award today for their hard work. This year's Lourdes' Dancing with Our Stars dancing competition raised a record-breaking \$220,500. Additional fundraisers bring the Lourdes total to \$224,587 with monies still coming in. Seated: Christina Fields, Kay Fields, Suzanne Farmer, Rita Bailey, Chris Hayes, Samantha Taylor Standing from left: Scott Dillard, Stephanie Elder, Mark Rhodes, Leslie Heath, Cindy Erickson, Chris Sims, Reuel Johnson, Becky Walker, Kathe Aydlotte, Ayron Corbitt, and Abby Harvey Submitted by Suzanne Farmer, Lourdes Public Relations Coordinator.

St. Jerome Parish Publishes "The Catholic Settlement" to Mark Parish's 175th Anniversary

FANCY FARM, Ky. - For the 175th Anniversary of St. Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm, KY, the Parish chose to update the history of the community as well as the families of the Parish and community. In calling for the update, Fr. Darrell Venters, pastor since 2009, stated, "The family is the domestic church, and the history of a parish is the history of the people as they live out their role. Families evangelize each other through their common life, and in turn witness to their neighbors the gospel and Christian values. An updated history book will reflect all the contributions the families have made to this community."

Taking A History Book of St. Jerome, Fancy Farm, KY 1836-1986, compiled by Brother Leo Willett, as a model, and Brother Leo's research of the community and families, a committee, headed by Cynthia Elder, researched events and changes over the last 25 years.

Throughout the new book, "the Catholic settlement", A History of St. Jerome Church 1836-2011, are excerpts of



"The Catholic Settlement", a History of St. Jerome Church 1836-2011, is being presented to the Fr. Darrell Venters and the St. Jerome Church Parish Council by Cynthia Elder and Denis Wilson, members of the editorial committee who updated the history of St. Jerome Church on the 175th Anniversary of the Parish in Fancy Farm, KY. Submitted photo

memories and stories of parishioners and community members throughout the years. Additionally, there are stories of "Profiles in Faith".

"These stories and writings are about people who have helped

us along our faith journey," explained Cynthia Elder, editor of the most recent publication. "They are stories of how we got where we are, and how we have survived all these years as a Catholic community," she continued.

The book, available from St. Jerome Church in Fancy Farm, is being printed by www.lulu.com. It is available as a hard copy, soft copy or even as an e-book. "The good thing about this publication method is that you can order one copy or one hundred. The Church does not have to keep an inventory of them," Elder commented. "There are many people outside our community who are very interested in our heritage for one reason or another. This means of publication makes it easier for those people to order the new history book."

Join us for 2012 Reflection Days

- Aug. 3 - "Women of the Gospels 2"
- Sept. 7 - "Women in Early Church"
- Oct. 5 - "Mary in the Gospels"
- Nov. 2 - "Spectacular Women 1"
- Dec. 7 - "Spectacular Women 2"



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

First Friday of each month

\$15 fee
includes lunch

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

Reflection days will be led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU. To register, call Kathy McCarty: (270) 229-4103, ext. 802 or email kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

2012 reflections will focus on: **WOMEN IN SCRIPTURE: HOW DO WE RELATE?**



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Diocesan Review Board Members Ready to Respond to Calls

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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.

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64th Annual Raffle & Barbeque

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 602

Sycamore Street, Owensboro, Ky

Saturday, August 4, 2012

Flea market open 8:00 am until 1:00 pm—
games, silent auction and raffle ticket sales
open 9:30am until 3:30 pm

Serving BBQ chicken and pork with fixins'
from noon-4:00 pm. Call (270) 926-4741 for
further information or for food orders

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TRAINING PROGRAM

2012-2014

Registration is now open for the next program, which begins the week of Oct. 22, 2012.

The mission of this program is to prepare people for the ministry of spiritual direction and to enhance the skills of experienced spiritual directors, in the spirit of Saint Angela Merici. Participants will meet for eight weekly sessions over a two-year period. The Spiritual Direction Training Program at Mount Saint Joseph began in 2004. More than 35 people from across the U.S. have completed the program.



TOPICS AND DATES

Spirituality	Oct. 22-26, 2012
Spiritual Direction	Jan. 14-18, 2013
The Inner Journey	April 15-19, 2013
Prayer and Scripture	July 22-26, 2013
Theology.....	Oct. 14-18, 2013
Ethics of Spiritual Direction	Jan. 13-17, 2014
Supervision	April 7-11, 2014
Case Studies and Retreat	July 21-25, 2014

Each weekly session will be led by a team of trained spiritual directors. Presence at all sessions is required to receive a certificate.

To register or for more information, contact
Sheila Blandford: 270-229-4103 ext. 804
sheila.blandford@maplemount.org

A brochure can be found at www.msjcenter.org

(Limited scholarships are available. Contact Sister Ann McGrew: 270-229-0200)



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The
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Aug. 15, 2012

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.



• Hohman, Rev. Steve: Pastor of St. Paul Parish, Leitchfield, Kentucky and St. Elizabeth Parish, Clarkson, Kentucky effective June 12, 2012



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



• Joseph, Rev. Jojo – pastor of Sacred Heart, Russellville, Kentucky effective June 12, 2012.



• Marydasan, Rev. Joosa: Pastor of St. Edward, Fulton, Kentucky, St. Jude, Clinton, Kentucky, and Sacred Heart, Hickman, Kentucky effective May 21, 2012.



• Puthenpurackal, Rev. Jegin: Pastor of St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley, Kentucky and St. Augustine, Reed, Kentucky, effective May 21, 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

Posted by the Bishop's Office on July 12, 2012

PAROCHIAL VICAR

• Geraci, Rev. Kenneth, CPM: Parochial Vicar of St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, Kentucky, effective July 16, 2012.

Marriage Saving

During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time to discuss the presentation in the privacy of your room. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug. 17-19 call (270) 683-1545 ext.346 or email: sherryvincent@insightbb.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org. Find us on Facebook: search Retrouvaille of Owensboro.

DOES YOUR MARRIAGE NEED HELP?

Go to: www.retrouvaille.org or email sherryvincent@insightbb.com.

In Owensboro, call: 270-683-1545 ext.346.

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

History

Catholics have been present in Henderson County since the early 1800s when 10 Catholic families were reported to be living here. In 1824 Father Elisha J. Durbin was sent to western Kentucky to minister to the faithful. For many years, he offered mass in various homes in the town. In 1861, Henderson's first catholic church, St. Louis, was built on the corner of Ingram and Third streets.

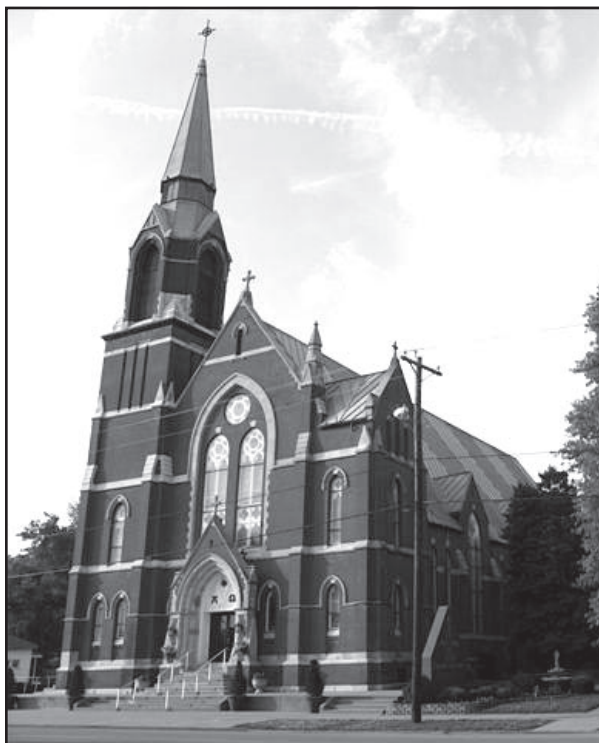
The current Holy Name church was the dream of Fr. Thomas Tierney, who expected it to be the diocesan cathedral some day. It took five years to build and the first mass in it was celebrated in 1891. The total cost was \$50,000. In 1986 when the parish celebrated their centennial, the stained glass windows alone were valued at \$750,000.

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth taught in parish schools since 1872 when

**Holy Name of Jesus Church,
Henderson**

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fours sisters arrived at the request of Father Jenkins, St. Louis' 3rd pastor. The order served the parish until 2000 when the last sister left the parish. Today, the parish now has one Ursuline teaching at the school.

With the fewer numbers of religious, however, have come greater numbers of lay people serving the parish in various ministries. In 2012, Holy Name has 1,565 families registered, with 4,035 members. Of those, 1,822 serve in various ministries. The school now extends an entire block of Second Street and includes a parish hall/cafe/teria for gatherings of various civic and religious organizations. The church block includes all parish offices. St. Margaret's Chapel, a separate facility, is located on the north end of town. The Catholic cemetery on the south end of town still retains the name of St. Louis Cemetery.

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 511 Second Street, Henderson, KY 42420. 270-826-2096 www.holynameparish.net

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4 p.m.; Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Spanish, 5:30 p.m. Youth



St. Stephen, 2007-2012

Editor's Note: The photos and articles for this parish history feature published during the 75th Jubilee Year for the Diocese of Owensboro is compiled and submitted by the Diocesan Archives Office.

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

History

The Earlington Catholic Church dates back to 1847 when Father Elisha Durbin offered Mass in a local home. On December 11, 1872 Immaculate Conception Church was formally established and the first church was dedicated in August 1873. At this time the congregation had approximately 30 families. In September 1875 four Sisters of Loretto opened a parochial school in the church and four Sisters of Charity of Nazareth took over the school in 1890.

A new church was consecrated on May 31, 1888 to accommodate the 450 parishioners. The three tower bells, along with the Stations of the Cross and a pipe organ (the last two eventually replaced) were donated to the church by a "reverent gentleman" from Belgium. In October 1888 the townspeople placed a very fine clock in the tower, thus allowing the town to benefit from the striking of the bells.

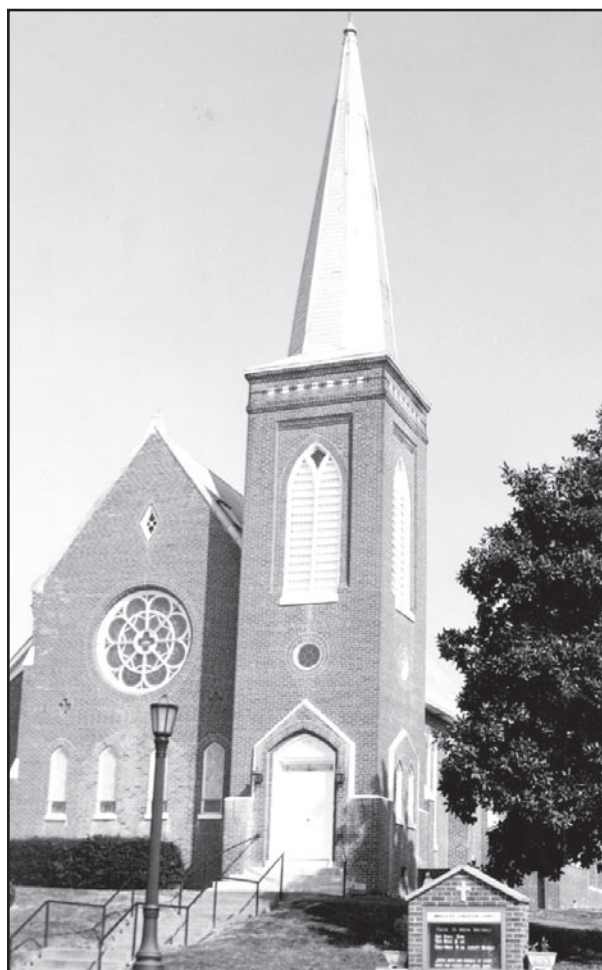
The pipe organ was often used on special occasions by the first pastor, Father Coenen, who entertained with delightful organ recitals, and is said to have written a number of Mass compositions. In the spring of 1894 the stained glass windows were installed in the church.

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph came to the school in 1914 and continued their service until the closing of the school in 1978. At that time it was moved to Christ the King School in Madisonville. The parish hall was completed in the summer of 1985 and was dedicated by Bishop McRaith.

Immaculate Conception Parish, 112 S. Day Street, Earlington, KY 42410-1523. 270-383-4743

Mass Schedule: Sunday: 8 a.m.

Immaculate Conception Church, Earlington



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

Nazareth Picnic Sisters of Charity of Nazareth

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Saturday, August 25, 2-8 p.m.

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Chicken Dinner and all the trimmings - adults \$8 and children 12 and under -\$5

St. Ann, Morganfield History

St. Ann Catholic Church in Morganfield was erected in 1876 and dedicated in March 1878. St. Ann School opened in 1912, staffed by four Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. In 1958 it reached an enrollment of 379. As with many rural Catholic schools, enrollment declined and by 1976 was at 255 students. The school year of 1985 would be the last year the Sisters of Charity would run St. Ann School. In 1989, St. Agnes School in Uniontown was closed and the students were transferred to St. Ann. The school had fifteen teachers (including two Ursuline Sisters) and two aides.

In 1997 the parish constructed a 16,000 square foot parish hall. The hall included space for the parish offices, a main hall, an activity room, cafeteria and kitchen. In 1999-2000 the church underwent an interior renovation which included cleaning of the stained glass windows, new light fixtures, restoration of the Stations of the Cross, and the replacement of the sanctuary crucifix with a new larger one.

In 2012 a county-wide capital campaign was started to build a new Catholic School to be named John Paul II Catholic School. St. Ann also contains a nine and a half acre cemetery consisting of 5,500 burial plots in five sections. Fourteen priests have served as pastors of St. Ann Roman Catholic Church.

St. Ann Parish, 304 S. Church Street,

Cursillo

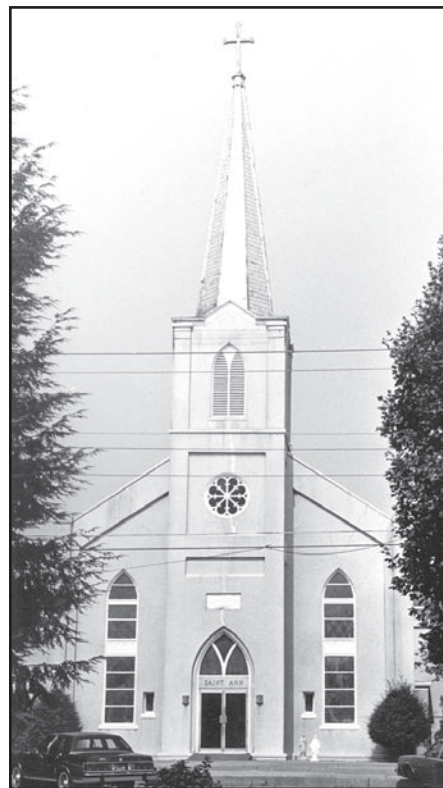


My name is Bob Davis. I began living my Fourth Day at the Men's 65th Cursillo weekend in March 2007 in the Diocese of Owensboro at Hawesville, KY. This

makes me a Cursillo neophyte considering that there were 64 weekends before mine. There sure must be hundreds of Cursillistas in the diocese of Owensboro.

At the June Ultreya, we were visited by Cef Aguillon, Jr. who is the National English Coordinator for the USA Cursillo Movement. He gave an uplifting and informative PowerPoint presentation titled: "Cursillo Basic Overview: Purpose, Mentality, & Methodology". The main thrust of his presentation was on the methodology of Precursillo, Cursillo Weekend, and

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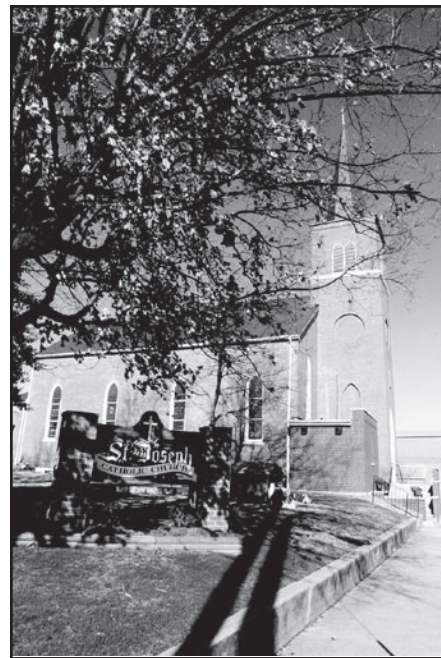


St. Ann Church, Morganfield
Morganfield, KY 42437. 270-389-2287
<http://www.st-annrcc.com/>

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.; Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Reconciliation. Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Anytime by appointment.

St. Joseph, Leitchfield



St. Joseph Church, Leitchfield

History

Catholics were gathering in Leitchfield starting in 1840. In 1869 the community began acquiring property for a church. The railroad connecting Elizabethtown with Paducah brought more Catholics, particularly the Irish, to the neighborhood. A parochial school was opened from 1875-

1880 and was taught by two graduates from Nazareth College, but closed due to low enrollment. It was reopened in 1948 with the Sisters of St. Francis teaching. Eventually the Ursuline Sisters of Mount

St. Joseph took control. In 1970 the school was closed and the school building was demolished in 1991 to make way for the new parish center, which was dedicated that year.

Many priests served St. Joseph Parish, one of the most notable being Father Louis Beruatto, who became pastor in 1908 and remained for forty-eight years. In 1956 he returned to his native Italy.

St. Joseph has a long history of devoted pastors, sisters and laity who have served the parish. It is grateful for their example as we move forward in our mission to spread the Gospel.

St. Joseph Parish, 109 West Walnut Street Leitchfield, KY 42754. 270-259-3028
http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=135

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m.



St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Postcursillo which these constitute as a : Person is searching for Christ, Person is encountering Christ, and Person is following Christ. In discussion with Mr. Aguillon we learned about the Cursillo Movement as a primary apostolic call to vocation and commitment. I think that we would all agree that God has called us to a special vocation through the Cursillo Movement, but this is not a new call. It is the same call made at Baptism, Confirmation and renewed each time we celebrate Eucharist and any of the other sacraments.

Any call from God begins with an act of conversion, a turning back to Him. This turning back is always a commitment. The problem is with the word "commitment." The lack of commitment is not just a symptom within religious circles. It pervades our entire society. The thought of a lifetime commitment to anything seems ridiculous to many people. One of the problems with making a commitment is that it involves

responsibility, and responsibility often sounds like a burden that imprisons us and is seen as a duty. When empowered by the Spirit, our duty toward God can be both a joy and a blessing. In order to make a commitment to do God's work and answer His call, we need to enter into a special kind of relationship with God where we are able to work with Him jointly and completely. This kind of commitment we call a covenant. Whatever we give to God, whether in our Parish, in a given ministry or the diocesan Cursillo Movement --- it should be 100%. God does not say, "You are my people, I am your God--- most of the time, some of the time, 50% of the time." He is our God all of the time! We are His people all of the time! God never gives less than 100%, so why should we shortchange God?

It is important to simply ask ourselves what was asked of us at the beginning of the our Cursillo weekend--- What/Where is

my Ideal? Where does my commitment to God and the Church fit into my life? If we say that the Cursillo is our primary apostolate, then it must be primary. It cannot be simply a hobby when it fits into our busy schedule. Whatever we commit to Christ should be given all of our efforts. Ongoing conversion is essential for the Cursillo. Thus, our life of Piety, Study and Action is essential to our living out our Fourth Day and doing the work of Evangelization. Group Reunion and Ultreya are also essentials for Cursillistas because these help to sustain and support our threefold life in Christ. Part of this ongoing conversion is a continual commitment to service, to each other and to the work of the Cursillo, which is the work of Christ and His Church.

If you would like to know more about the Cursillo Movement, let's become friends by emailing me at : bob1davis@att.net. Cursillistas, this neophyte Cursillista hopes to see you at the next Ultreya.

St. Martin, Rome

History

In 1873 Father Ivo Schacht, pastor of St. Stephen in Owensboro, organized the townspeople of Rome into a new parish and had a church built. Served by priests from surrounding parishes, St. Martin was given its first pastor in 1891. The second pastor, Father Louis Herberth, served from 1896-1922. He was responsible for the beautiful stained glass windows that were donated in the early 20th century by the parishioners. These beautiful stained glass windows are still in the church to this day.

In 1912 arrangements were made for the parish school to open, taught by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph. An increase in enrollment required the construction of a larger school just eight years later. With the school and parish both increasing in number, a new church was completed in 1957, a new rectory in 1964, and a new school in 1966.

Celebrating 75 Years of Parish Life in Western Kentucky

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St. Martin Church, Rome

Over the years the participation of parishioners has increased greatly. They have served as parish council members, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and religious education teachers.

St. Martin Parish, 5856 KY 81, Owensboro, KY 42301. 270-685-0339
http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=141

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4 p.m. Nov. - March; 5 p.m. April - Oct.;
Sunday: 7 a.m.



St. Martin, pray for us.

Catholic Committee on Scouting Plans Retreat Campout

The Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Committee on Scouting will hold its Annual Retreat Campout on the weekend of August 17-19, 2012 at Rushing Creek Campground at the Land Between the Lakes. The theme for the weekend is "Hike, Pray, Fish." The event is for Webelos II and Boy Scouts with BSA adult leadership guidelines being followed. The cost for the weekend is \$25.00 per person, which includes camping fees, patches, Cracker Barrel and all meals.

Consult the diocesan website at www.rcdok.org/ministries/scouting for a schedule of the weekend as well as what to bring. The required registration forms for adults are Form B, Form D 4 or 5, and Form E. Youth should bring Form A, Form 3, and Form D 3. All forms can be downloaded and printed from the website listed above. For additional information contact Jeff Hedges at 270-925-7254 or jeffh431@roadrunner.com.

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady



St. Mary of the Woods Church, McQuady

History

In 1870 under the direction of the Reverend Nicholas Ryan, the mission of St. Mary was established. Until this time, the people of the newly established mission attended Mass at the surrounding parishes. As soon as possible the members of the mission erected a little frame church. Religious services were held once a month and the people attended Mass and received the Sacraments. Families came to church by wagon, horseback or sully. After Mass the families would get together and exchange the local news.

In April 1908, St. Mary of the Woods was given its first resident pastor, Father John Francis Knue. When Father Knue came to St. Mary there was no rectory. He built a parish house and a church with the help of the parishioners. The stone for the church was quarried from the Sheeran farm and hauled to the church site by wagon and team. Underneath the church is a basement which served as a place for meetings and celebrations. The church was completed in 1910 and on November 6 it was dedicated.

In the late fall of 1922 St. Mary School opened with four Dominican Sisters. It was in 1932 that the high school closed and St. Mary became totally an elementary school. In the fall of 1959 a new school was built and in May, 1967 the school closed.

St. Mary of the Woods Parish, 4711 Hwy 105 S. McQuady, KY. 270-756-2093

http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=145

Mass Schedule: Sunday: 8 a.m.



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.

Join us from **6:30—8 p.m.** on the following dates:

August 7th
September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th - Election Day!

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(Bl. John Paul II: *Rich in Mercy* #15)

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley History

Two local gentlemen, John Gaw and N.M. Lancaster, were responsible for the idea of having a church built in Stanley. In 1873 this was accomplished for the cost of \$4,000. It was not until 1880 that the parish was given its first pastor, Father T.P. Faunt. A second church was built in 1922 and is still in use by the parish. The basement was divided into classrooms, which were used until a school and convent for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph were built in 1952. Declining enrollment led to the closure of the school in 1984.

The church underwent a renovation in 1972. A beautiful wooden reredos (an ornamental wall or screen that rises behind the high altar of a church, forming a background for it) was installed and the side altars were removed. The old St. Peter Cemetery on Overstreet Road (known as Lancaster Cemetery) has long since been out of use and a larger, well-kept cemetery is located about a mile from the church.



St. Peter of Alcantara Parish, 81 Church Street
Owensboro, KY 42301.
270-764-1983
<http://www.stpeterand-staugustine.com/>



St. Augustin. pray for us.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov; Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

St. Peter of Alcantara Church, Stanley

Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville

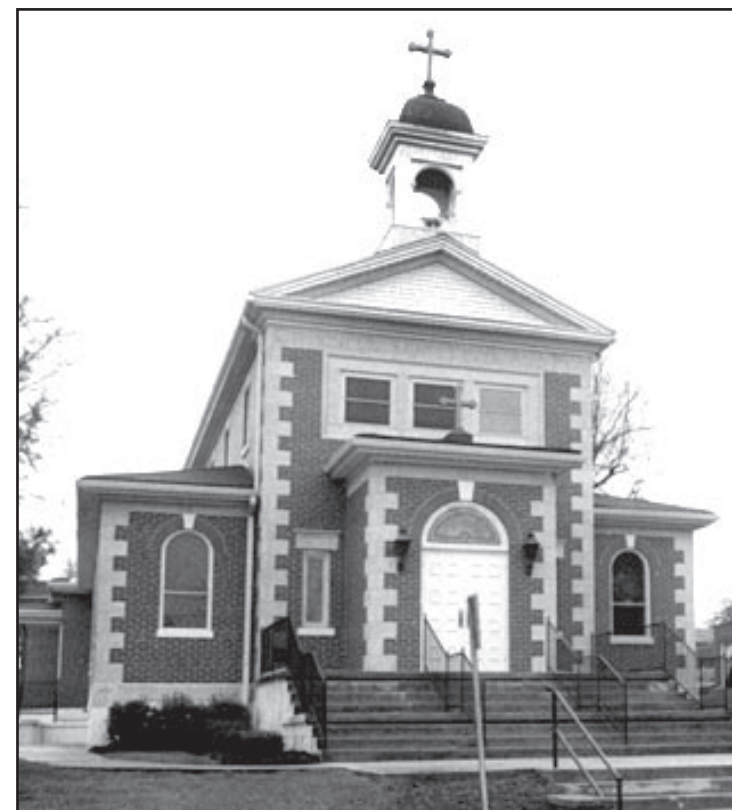
History

Beginning as a missionary church in 1866, Sts. Peter and Paul became an independent parish in 1878. The original church, built in 1872, measured 20' x 40'. The second building stood from 1927 until May 2001, when it was removed to make room for a larger church completed in November 2002. The footprint of the current church covers the land area of both the original 1872 church and the 1927 church and rectory.

In gratitude for earlier generations, many treasured elements of the old buildings were incorporated into the new church. One such element is the altar which is currently in the bell tower. Hand carved in 1898, the altar resided in both previous church buildings.

The parish school, which opened in 1947 with fifteen students, continues to educate students throughout Christian County. Offering preschool through eighth grade, the school maintains its strong Catholic identity while its students achieve some of the highest test scores in the county and state.

This Catholic identity is also evident in the many ministries alive in the parish which reach out to its own families and to those in the community. One example of this outreach involves hundreds of people blessed with food donations made by parishioners throughout the year. Another vibrant ministry is perpetual Eucharistic adoration which has been thriving in the parish for ten years.



Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Hopkinsville

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, 902 E. Ninth Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240. 270-885-8522 <http://www.stsppchurch.org/>

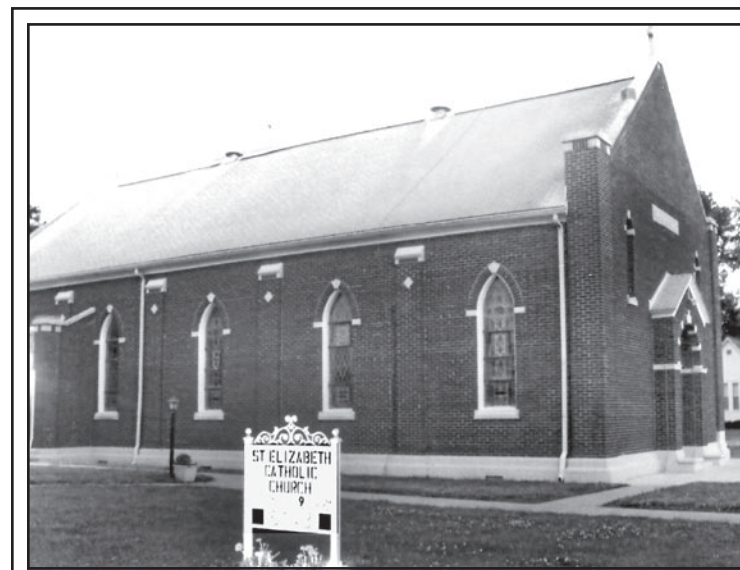
Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5 p.m.; Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.;

Mon - Sat 8:00 am & Wed 5:30 pm

Misa en Español: dom. 2:00 & 10:30 pm jueves - 5:30 pm.

Reconciliation : Saturday: 2-4 pm. Wed: 4:30 pm; Español: 2do, 4to & 5to Sab. a las 3 pm



Celebrating 125 Years

Saint Elizabeth Church in Curdsville will be celebrating the church's 125th anniversary on Sunday, September 16, 2012.

For information, email stelizabeth@att.net or call 270-229-4134

A Calendar of Events *(Continued from page 1)*

• **A Day of Prayer with Saint Angela Merici** will be offered at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on August 11, 2012, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-4103 ext 802 or look online at www.msjcenter.org.

• The next **Spinning Day** at Mount Saint Joseph is Saturday, August 11, 2012. Sessions begin at 10:00 am. Future Date: November 10, 2012. To register, call Kathy McCarty at 270-229-4103 ext 802 or look online at www.msjcenter.org.

• **Tenth Annual Rural Life Celebration** The Diocesan Rural Life Committee invites you to attend the tenth annual Rural Life Celebration scheduled for August 12, 2012 from 5:00 till 7:00 PM at the Owensboro Sportscenter. This event celebrates the connection between the production of our food and fiber and those of us that enjoy the fruits of our farms and fields. This year the event is part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Diocese of Owensboro.

• **A retreat day "Teach Us To Pray"** that will be held at Mount Saint Joseph on August 18 sponsored by the Offices of Faith Formation, Planning & Parish Services and Youth Ministry. This retreat day will fulfill the spiritual formation piece of the CREDO (Certification for Religious Educators of the Diocese of Owensboro) process for catechists and youth ministers, but it is open and beneficial to all who wish to accomplish what St. Catherine of Sienna spoke of when she said, "By humble and faithful prayer, the soul acquires, with time and perseverance, every virtue."

• Lourdes Foundation opened its **Charity Golf** registration for Lourdes Foundation's 13th annual Charity Golf Open, featuring Marquette Transportation, title sponsor. The outing will be hosted at the Country Club of Paducah on Monday, Aug. 27, with two tee times offered at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Register by Aug. 10 by calling 270-444-2353 or visit www.eLourdes.com.

• "The **OCHS class of 1977** is having a reunion at Immaculate Parish Hall on Sept. 1, 2012. If you are or know a member of that class that does not have an invitation, please call Teresa Brown at 270-925-3039. Leave a message if she doesn't answer and she will get back to you."

• The **Marian Conference** hosted by the Diocese of Owensboro will be held at the Owensboro Riverpark Center on September 8, 2012, from 8:00 am to 7:00pm. The conference is a 75th Diocesan Jubilee event. Contact Lisa Englert (270)993-8896 or Rachel Evans (270)570-2170 for information.

• **Saint Elizabeth Church in Curdsville** is celebrating 125 years of parish life Sept. 16, 2012. For more information contact the parish office at stelizabeth@att.net. Call 270-229-4134.

• **St Pius X Parish Mission featuring Richard Lane**, EWTN TV evangelist from Sept. 23-26, 2012, at 3418 US Hwy. 60 East, Owensboro. For information, look online at <http://stpiustenthparish.org>.

• **Youth Rally For Life** will take place on Friday October 19, 2012, at the Owensboro Sportscenter. The rally is for middle and high school youth throughout the diocese. It will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will end with a balloon rosary launch. There will be music by Maria Spears and speakers that include Julia Holcomb, former fiancée of Steven Tyler, Kelly Clinger, former back-up singer to Brittany Spears as well as her husband and others. Mark your calendar....more info to follow!!

• **Diocesan Family Day**, Saturday, October 20, 2012, 11:00am-7:00pm at Gasper River Catholic Camp & Retreat Center. Please contact Tami or Charlotte in the Family Life Office to confirm attendance. (270) 683-1545 or tami.urcia@pastoral.org.

• **The Annual Marian Retreat Weekend** at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center is October 20-21, 2012 with Msgr. Bernard Powers, Retreat Director. Contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-4103 ext 802 or look online at www.msjcenter.org.

• **A Fall Women's Retreat** at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center is scheduled for Nov. 10-11, 2012. Retreat Directors are Sr. Ann McGrew OSU and Sr Marietta Wethington OSU. Contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-4103 ext 802 or look online at www.msjcenter.org.


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• Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph 2012-2013 **Quilt Club Tickets** are now available. New Quilt Club Drawings begin October 5, 2012. For information call 270-229-4103, ext 278 or email tiffany.orth@maplemount.org

• **A Thomas Merton Retreat**, "Bringing Light to the Darkness," will be held at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center Nov. 17-18, 2012. Retreat Director is Brother Dan Kenneth Phillips. To register, call Kathy McCarty at 270-229-4103 ext 802. A flyer can be found at www.msjcenter.org.

• **March for Life 2013**: Forty Years after Roe v. Wade. The Diocesan Gospel of Life Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the March for Life on January 25, 2013. Plan to make reservations by December 10, 2012. \$50 per registration and mail your check to: Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, Attention: Richard Murphy. All travelers are asked to have their final payments in by January 10, 2013.

• **Retrouvaille**. Does your marriage need help? Go to: www.retrouvaille.org or email sherryvincent@insightbb.com. Call 270-683-1545 ext.346 to find out about Retrouvaille weekends.



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10 August, 2012 **Unplanned Pregnancy – Help, Encouragement, Support and Hope Is A Phone Call Away**

By Delores Turnage

Call the Opportunities for Life Helpline at 1-800-822-5824, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Twenty five years ago the Bishop's of Kentucky created the Opportunities for Life Ministry Helpline to assist people who are in unplanned pregnancy situations. The Helpline is staffed by trained volunteers who provide information and referrals to places in the community to help the caller get the help they need to make Life Affirming choices. Most of the callers to the Helpline are in abortion vulnerable situations. This simply means they have conceived a baby that has not been planned and they are in situations which are less than ideal for them to continue the pregnancy.

The caller may be the pregnant individual, a boyfriend, friend, husband, mother, father, or grandparent. Callers are seeking help and someone to talk to and THAT is what the Helpline Volunteers do bestLISTEN.

Opportunities for Life (OFL), in the Owensboro Diocese, is coordinated by Brenda Thomson. A member of St. Pius X parish. Brenda became involved with the Helpline in 2000. At that time, Brenda, a registered nurse, was a full time wife and mother of two small children. She was looking for a way to volunteer but still be at home with her children. She picked up a brochure about the Opportunities for Life Ministry at Mass one Sunday at St. Pius X.

Brenda says, "I felt called to this ministry because life, children, and motherhood are all close to my heart." She received the required training and became a Helpline volunteer. She was able to answer calls at home at times that she was available based on her family's schedule. Eventually, Brenda was asked to assist with the training of new volunteers and to serve on the Opportunities for Life Advisory Board. In 2010 Brenda became the Regional Program Coordinator.

In addition to managing the OFL Helpline and the volunteer base, she recruits and trains new volunteers in the Owensboro Diocese and the Archdiocese of Louisville. Brenda indicated that she feels a passion for this ministry and the work that it does with women who are in difficult situations. She also added, "Being a volunteer with OFL has profoundly



Brenda Thomson accompanied by her two of her four children, Ryan and Kayla. Michael, Jessica, and husband, Mickey, not shown. Tom Rhodes photo.

impacted my own life. Through listening and offering assistance to callers in time of crisis, I have been able to see the work of the Holy

Spirit in this life affirming ministry. Most of the women who call the helpline do not want to have an abortion, but because their situations are often so complex and abortion is legal, they see it as a solution to their problem. We are able to offer them real support and help to see that they have options.

The Opportunities for Life (OFL) Ministry is one of the Dioceses' best kept secrets to both people who need the service and to people who may have a passion to volunteer. Brenda, along with Peggy Sheiko, the other Regional Program Coordinator located in Lexington, are in the process of developing a marketing plan to get the word out that the OFL Helpline is available to anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. Your help in passing the word about this ministry would be greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for a wonderful volunteer opportunity that you can do from home, when you are available, and have a passion for life and helping others, this may be just what you are looking for. This ministry has so much to offer those in need, as well as those who are seeking a volunteer opportunity. To get more information about the Helpline Ministry or to volunteer, please call 1-888-496-3638 or check out HYPERLINK "http://www.opportunitiesforlife.org" \t "_blank" www.opportunitiesforlife.org.

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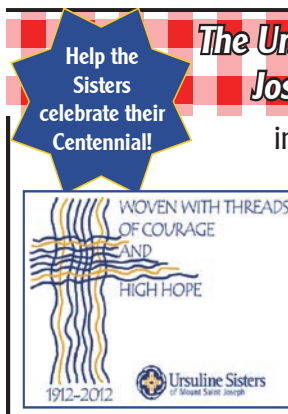
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Christian Leadership Institute

The Christian Leadership Institute returned to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center the week of June 24-29. This is the 24th year for the program of the Diocese of Owensboro, which seeks to build Christian leadership skills in high school students. "There were 15 teenagers from across the diocese working on communication skills, seeking consensus, forms of prayer and developing their own liturgy and programs," said Melinda Prunty, an Ursuline Associate and director of youth ministry for the Diocese of Owensboro. At the end of the week, the students come up with a project to complete when they return home.



Students in the Christian Leadership Institute fill out a survey to help them learn about whom they are and what they hope to be. MSJ Photos



Melinda Prunty, standing, directs three small groups during the Christian Leadership Institute on June 26 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Prunty is the director of the Office of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Owensboro.

Go Wherever God Leads

By Edie Keeney

PADUCAH, Ky. - Pauline Lytwymczuk was 16 years old in 1942 when she was forcibly taken from her family home in the Ukraine by the German forces occupying her country. Her brother was taken 2 years later and was forced to build roads and dig mass graves for the Jewish people that the Germans killed. Pauline was put into a cattle car with other teenaged girls and taken to Germany where she and the other teens were forced to work in an underground munitions factory. The girls lived in crude wooden buildings without water and lavatories, 16 girls to a building. They slept on wooden planks with one blanket that was infested with bugs that constantly covered them with bites. The food was rationed and was never enough to ease the constant starvation that they lived with, cried and talked about. They worked in the factory from 6AM until 6 or 7PM making bombs for the Germans. Pauline worked in the German munitions factory from 1942 until 1945 when the American's liberated them.

During those years, when the American planes would fly over the area, the sirens would sound and the teens would be taken to a basement that was located under the factory that was full of bombs. "Even now when the sirens are tested every month I remember what I went through all those years ago," Pauline commented. She also remembered, "During the last part of the war when the Germans knew that the Americans were coming, the officers ordered the guards to force all of us into a large rooms; there were thousands of us, and the guards were pushing and shoving



From left: Ken and Irene Reisling, Pauline Lytwymczuk, Edie Keeney Photo

everyone into these rooms, they were gas chambers. Their intent was to turn on the gas and kill everyone. The guard that was supposed to take us to the gas chamber told us to run and hide in the cemetery until the fighting stopped. He saved all of our lives."

Pauline explained, "The Americans put us into displaced persons camps according to what country we were from and it was then that we were able to be Catholics again. It was always my faith that kept me going. The Germans were going to kill all of us. Without God I would never have made it. Catholic Charities helped us and we were able to go to Mass. I met John Lytwymczukmy, my husband there. We had a Catholic wedding and our 2 children were born there and were baptized there. We stayed there for almost 4 years. Catholic Charities found a sponsor for us in Louisiana. Irene was 3 years old when we came to America. We were only

allowed one suitcase for all the 4 of us." Irene said, "I remember the ship and being on the ocean." The conditions were poor; they lived in a 1-room shack at the edge of a rice field where John worked. There was no water or a bathroom. They lived there for 6 months and during that time Catholic Charities looked for and found another sponsor in southern Indiana. They lived on a Doctor's childhood family farm working the land for room and board and a small salary. No one could speak English. Pauline remembered, "It was so hard when the lady of the house would take me to the store. I would try to say what I wanted but we could not understand each other. I learned English from my children. They would talk to each other and I would listen when they read from their books." They stayed there for 2 years. Later the family became naturalized USA citizens.

Through their church they met other Polish families who had gone through the same experiences with the Germans and they became family for each other. Irene and her brother went to Mater Dei School in Evansville, Indiana. That is where she met Kenneth Reising. Irene became a nurse and worked at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. When Irene's father died in 1994, Pauline moved in with Irene and Ken. The family moved to Paducah in 1998 when Ken retired and for several years she worked at Western Baptist Hospital. The family are members of Rosary Chapel where Irene is a Parish Nurse. She volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul and visits people in the hospitals and in their homes. She says, "I go wherever God leads me." She and Ken share that ministry. Ken makes 'Prayer Quilts' out

of denim jeans that can no longer be sold at St. Vincent. They have scripture verses that Irene sews onto the quilts. The quilts are given to people who are having health problems or going through some difficult problems. Irene makes quilts. During the recent Paducah Quilt show one of her machine quilted wall quilts won 2nd place. She works several days a week at her 2 quilting machines. "Now I call myself a 'Quilter,'" Irene said.

"My Mom has such strong faith. When my brother was 5 years old he was running with scissors and fell sticking the point in his eye. The doctors told the family that nothing could be done. The eye would have to be removed. He was scheduled for surgery but he got sick and the surgery had to be delayed. Mom prayed constantly and she said that God would heal his eye. His eye was covered with a patch and when the doctor removed it the day the surgery was to be done it was healed. He had no problem with his vision and never had to wear glasses. Mom has that kind of faith. There isn't a day that goes by that Mom isn't setting in her chair praying for an hour before she does anything else and on her knees at night before she goes to bed she prays. She says that people can't get anywhere without God. Life is nothing without God. She passed her strong faith on to us. Without this faith we all would not be the people we have become. Mom taught us not to waste anything, to live simply and to help others when you can. To just be there for others when you can, with your concern and friendship. Ken looks up to Mom. He has such a wonderful relationship with her; it is like she is his Mom too."

12 May, 2012

We Have a New Deacon

Julio Evaristo Barrera Martinez Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate

By Larena Lawson

The long awaited day finally arrived for Julio Barrera and his family. Julio is a native of Amecameca, Mexico and is studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Owensboro. He first affiliated with the diocese in 2006, long before he ever learned to speak English. All he knew was that he felt a call to the vocation of the priesthood and God worked it out for him to follow His call to the United States. On Saturday, April 21, 2012 his dream was realized; the dream of receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the dream of his family being with him in Bowling Green for the momentous occasion, a dream that he never thought would be possible. But with God, all things are indeed possible.

Julio Barerra's ordination to the Order of Deacon took place at St. Joseph Church in Bowling Green. Bishop William F. Medley, through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, ordained now Deacon Julio as some of his family looked on. His parents, Julio Barrera Rueda and Sara Martinez Gomez, his sister Angelica and her children, Nely and Pepi, as well as two of his cousins and former pastor, Father Moises Barajas, were able to travel from Mexico to attend, joining his friends from Minnesota, St. Meinrad Seminary and many others from the tri-state area. It was a beautiful, bilingual celebration of the Mass of Ordination that brought joy to many hearts.

To be able to better appreciate the goodness of God in bringing this happy day to fruition, one doesn't have to go far into the Reverend Mr. Julio Barrera story to discover it. Living and studying far from home and being apart from his close-knit family has not been easy and has sometimes presented many difficulties that may not be in a normal situation. Crossing international borders however, can pose many different stressors. Just keeping the lines of communication open between his native country and his new home has often been burdensome. Some of Deacon Julio's family had once before tried to obtain visas in order to visit him here, but were denied. The long process to apply for visas and the expense it takes to obtain them are difficult roadblocks in



Julio Barrera lay in front of Bishop William Medley Saturday during the Ordination to the Order of the Deacon April 21, 2012 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Barrera, of Amecameca, Mexico, has wanted to be a priest since his senior year of high school. The 30 year-old is just a year away realizing that dream. (Photo By Joe Imel/Daily News)

themselves, and then to be denied when they did try left Deacon Julio and his family wondering if it would ever be possible for them to travel to Kentucky.

On top of all the other doubts and challenges that a man faces in his discernment process to priesthood, the visa problems left Julio and his family no choice but to put all of their faith and trust in God. In preparation for his Ordination to the Dia-



Julio Barerra (left) is kissed April 21, 2012, by his father Julio Barrera de Rueda, after being ordained as a transitional deacon at St. Joseph Church, Bowling Green. Photo by Joe Imel/Daily News



Seminarian Julio Barerra stood to the applause of the church on April 21, 2012, as his name was called and he answered, "Present" during the Rite of Diaconate Ordination. Bishop William M. Medley, second from left, ordained Rev. Mr. Barerra at St. Joseph Church in Bowling Green. Bishop-emeritus John McRaith is seated at right. Larena Lawson Photo

conate then, Julio called upon his family and friends to pray that God would allow those in his family who could come to be able to get their traveling visas this time. As the prayers were offered to God for this intention, Julio went about planning his ordination Mass and celebration as if their prayers were already answered ... and indeed they were. To their great joy and happiness, they were given visas and not just for one visit, but ones that expire in 10 years, so not only were these family members granted the opportunity to attend Julio's Diaconate Ordination, they will also be able to attend his priesthood ordination in one year, God willing, if they wish to.



Bishop Medley lays his hands on Deacon candidate Julio Barrera on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. (Photo By Joe Imel/Daily News)

Deacon Julio and his family have always appreciated everything that everyone here in the Diocese of Owensboro has done in support of Julio's vocation, especially the prayerful support. It has allowed them to see God's mighty hand alive and at work. Deacon Julio's diaconate ordination was a coming together of two countries, one coming offering its native son to the other, in cooperation with God's will for him to serve His people no matter where they are, for we are One Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church, united under God. It was an grand fiesta celebration for which all seemed thankful.

Parish Feast Day Coincides with Fortnight for Freedom

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - When Fr. Richard Meredith became pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville last year, one of the first things he did was send a request to Bishop William Medley. The request was simply to ask permission to celebrate the parish feast day on the Sunday closest to the actual feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. The bishop readily concurred.

This year, with religious freedom at the center of the Church's focus and having received a request from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to observe a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 through July 4, Fr. Meredith found it to be no coincidence that the parish feast day was observed on the feast of St. John the Baptist's nativity on June 24. "None of these men were thought of very highly during their lifetimes. In fact, they were each martyred for their religious beliefs," Fr. Meredith explained during his homily that weekend.

To celebrate the parish feast day and to encourage parish-wide participation in prayer for religious freedom, Fr. Meredith arranged for a procession after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on June 24. Led by three fourth degree Knights of Columbus members and followed by Chief Warrant Officer John Pace of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fr. Meredith encouraged all to gather near the flag poles outside the church building.



Members of the Msgr. Willett Knights of Columbus Council 7847 provided grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and several side dishes for fellow parishioners on Sunday, June 24, 2012, to help celebrate Sts. Peter and Paul's parish feast day. Pictured from left to right are Fred Foltz, Frank Raber and Gary Hardin. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



Gathered around the flag poles outside of the church building at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor; Chief Warrant Officer John Pace, parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville and a member of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Ft. Campbell; three fourth degree Knights of Columbus members; and more than 100 parishioners recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag during a patriotic prayer service on Sunday, June 24, 2012. The prayer service was one of the many ways parishioners were called to observe the Fortnight for Freedom. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Fr. Meredith then led the crowd in praying the "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty," as provided by the U. S. Bishops. Following the prayer, Chief Pace raised the American flag then paused to salute the flag.

Next, Chief Pace assisted Jeremy Tillman, altar server and rising eighth grade student in the parish school, in raising Kentucky's state flag.

Finally, Chief Pace assisted Maddy Bennett, another altar server who also attends the parish school, in raising the Papal Flag.

Once all three flags were flying in the breeze, Fr. Meredith led the crowd of about 100 in the Pledge of Allegiance. To conclude the ceremony, everyone joined in singing the first verse of "America the Beautiful."

After the religious freedom ceremony, nearly 200 parishioners gathered in the parish hall for dinner which was provided and cooked by the Msgr. Willett Knights of Columbus Council. The menu consisted of grilled hamburgers and hotdogs with potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans and chips. Dessert was provided by the middle and high school youth group members coordinated by Libby Downs, Pastoral Associate.

The parish feast day celebration also continued after the 2 p.m. Mass. Since many from the Hispanic population attend this later "Spanish Mass," the food offered at that time consisted primarily of tamales, ceviche (seafood salad) and other Mexican side dishes. Several members of the community brought food to create the "potluck" meal. Approximately

Chief Warrant Officer John Pace, parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville and a member of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Ft. Campbell, reverently held the American flag during a special patriotic prayer service on Sunday, June 24, 2012.



Called by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to observe a Fortnight for Freedom, Sts. Peter and Paul incorporated this prayer service into its parish feast day. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

75 parishioners joined in this phase of the celebration.

Combining a patriotic ceremony with the parish's feast day celebration was not the only response from Sts. Peter and Paul regarding the Fortnight for Freedom. In fact, Sts. Peter and Paul began observing the Fortnight for Freedom on Thursday, June 21 by ringing the church bells at precisely 9 a.m. as requested by the U.S. Bishops. In addition, parishioners were encouraged to pray the "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty" each day during the fortnight at 6 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m.

All parishioners who were able were also encouraged to "fast or abstain from a particular food during the fortnight and to offer this fasting as a prayer for our religious liberties," stated the parish bulletin.

Copies of the document published by the U. S. Bishops, "Our First Most Cherished Liberty," were made available at the adoration table in the church and the website where the document can be found was printed in the bulletin. All were encouraged to read the document in its entirety to gain a better understanding of the religious freedoms already at risk in this nation.

Sts. Peter and Paul also attempted to reach the younger members of the parish and raise their awareness regarding the challenges affecting religious freedom. To do this, all students in the parish, from kindergarten through 12th grade, were asked to participate in an essay/art contest entitled "Religious Liberty: The Most Cherished of American Freedoms." Students competed within the grade appropriate category: K-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12. All artwork and essays were due no later than June 22 and all were put on display in the church's narthex.

In addition to encouraging all parishioners to pray independently during the fortnight, all Masses offered during this period also included a "petition for the protection of our religious liberties." At the conclusion of each Mass during the fortnight all parishioners also prayed the "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty" in unison.

The Fortnight for Freedom was concluded at Sts. Peter and Paul on Wednesday, July 4, with a special prayer service at 10 a.m. that morning. Once again gathered around the flag poles, parishioners sang patriotic songs and prayed the "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty."

14 August, 2012 St. Paul Parish, Celebrating 200 Years; St. Paul Catholic School, Celebrating 100 Years

By Gina Sims

SAINT PAUL, Ky. - On Sunday, May 6, 2012, St. Paul parish celebrated their 200 year anniversary, along with the school's 100 year anniversary. The day began with the celebration of mass with Bishop Medley. Along with the Bishop and the late Father Marty Hayes, pastor at St. Paul, mass was also celebrated with the other priests of Grayson county, Father Brian Johnson and Father Randy Howard. They were also joined by Father Steve Hohlman, who will be the incoming priest at St. Paul parish. Also in attendance were also several sisters including Sister Anne Michelle Mudd, principal and religion teacher at St. Paul Catholic School.

Afterward, there were refreshments in the cafeteria. There was a display of artifacts that helped bring some of the history of the church to life, including items of Father Charles Nerinckx. The parish was very grateful for the temporary loan of these treasured items.

Several former and present parishioners



Saint Paul Church

were in attendance, as well as alumni of the school. They visited with one another and remembered days gone by. To aid in recollecting "the good ol' days," a video had been created for viewing at the celebration. Families had contributed pictures over the past several months for the purpose of creating this most memorable dvd.

Some of the very talented ladies of the parish also made a quilt commemorating the places in the St. Paul community. The embroidery work featured pictures of



Saint Paul parishioners celebrating their 200 year anniversary, along with the school's 100th year anniversary.

present and previous buildings to include previous churches at St. Paul, cafeteria, the school, and the convent. The masterpiece presently hangs in the foyer at the front of the church, truly a work of art.

Thanks to so many people who made this event in the St. Paul community so special. The shared Catholic faith that

brought families together so many years ago in this area still remains strong. Through times of happiness, despair, joy, and sadness, God continues to bring these families together as one body through faith. May we all be so blessed to be a part of such a strong, supportive, caring, faith filled church family.

Bishop Celebrates Mass with "Human Rainbow"

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

On Thursday, April 19, 2012, Bishop William Medley celebrated Mass at the Sportscenter in Owensboro with some of his favorite people – students from Catholic schools throughout the diocese. "The human rainbow I see here gives me great joy!" Bishop Medley exclaimed at that beginning of Mass. "I've been all around the world. I have seen the Grand Canyon. I have seen St. Peter's Basilica. But nothing is as beautiful as what I see before me here today."

Before beginning his homily, Bishop Medley asked each grade of students to stand and be recognized with a round of applause. After asking all first grade students to stand, the bishop said, "I'm going to skip the second graders for now. It's not because I don't like you, but we'll talk about you later."

When the eighth grade students were recognized, the bishop acknowledged the presence of the Holy Spirit. "About 100 eighth graders were confirmed this week and I could still feel the Holy Spirit here with them when they just stood," he said.

Bishop Medley teased the juniors after their introduction. "This will be the class of 2013," he proclaimed, "if they don't blow it!"



Bishop Emeritus John McRaith, followed by Bishop William Medley, processed into the Sportscenter in Owensboro on April 19, 2012, to celebrate the Rainbow Mass with students from Catholic schools across the diocese. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

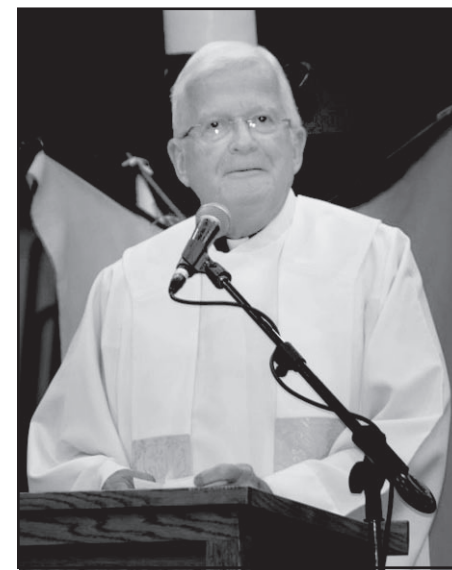
He then introduced the "mighty seniors," announcing them to be the class of 2012. "If they don't blow it," he said again. "You only have about a month to go!"

After introducing the high school seniors, who arguably created the loudest cheer for themselves, Bishop Medley returned his focus to the second grade students. "Most of you will be receiving your first Holy Communion soon. This will be the last time you will attend the Rainbow Mass without receiving Holy Communion," he observed.

Bishop Medley also recognized all the teachers, principals and parents in attendance. "If you think these are the best teachers in the world, say 'hooray!'" To which the multitude responded, "Hooray!"

"Now, I have homework for you," Bishop Medley informed the students. "Thank someone, your parents, your grandparents, your teachers. Thank someone for making your Catholic education possible."

Then turning to Bishop Emeritus John McRaith, Bishop Medley asked a favor of his predecessor. "Can you stand and let us all give you a 'hooray' Bishop McRaith?" All 3,600 people stood with Bishop



Fr. Joe Mills, who is celebrating his 59th year as a priest this year, spoke for a few moments before the Rainbow Mass on April 19, 2012. Students from Catholic schools throughout the diocese gathered in the Sportscenter in Owensboro to celebrate Mass with Bishop William Medley. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

McRaith and gave their beloved retired bishop an extended round of applause.

"When I got the call at the age of 57 to

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Christian Unity and Evangelization: the Boat and the Net

by Tom Ryan, CSP

Church leaders from across the denominational spectrum in the United States meet often throughout the year, particularly in January for what might justifiably be called an ecumenical summit meeting.



Fr. Tom Ryan

They look at whether the various ecumenical “instruments” such as the National Council of Churches and the new Christian Churches Together in the USA represent in their present configuration the most effective use of available resources for carrying forward the work of unity among Christians.

Why is it important that the organizational instruments be as effective as they can possibly be? The answer to that question is given in the topic for next October’s international Synod of Bishops in Rome: the new evangelization.

Unity among the followers of Jesus has two fundamental motivating factors: first, for the glory of God, and second, for more effective mission. Regarding the second, the heart of the Good News is that we are reconciled to God and to one another through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. But when we try to bring that good news to others while we are divided amongst yourselves, the message lacks credibility.

It’s not enough that we can recite Biblical chapter and verse, or that the individual churches have great programs. If the churches remain strangers to one another, do not share resources, do not engage in mission together, then the gospel of reconciliation we bring loses credibility.

And those to whom we bring it rightfully say to us: “I hear what you’re saying—‘We’re reconciled to God and to one another!’ But I also see that you do not pray together or work together or make decisions together. What you are—divided among yourselves—speaks more loudly than what you say.”

The Church of Jesus Christ evangelizes not just by what it says and does, but by what it is. Herein lies a call to the devotees of ecumenism and evangelization to work more closely together. They tend to launch their boats into different bodies of water and to pursue their own interests. The historical task has been to dig new canals between these two bodies of water in order to enable the two groups to contact and cooperate with one another.

They have particular spheres of interest and activity: Ecumenists focus on boat, evangelizers on the net. Ecumenists look to whether the boat is seaworthy and whether it has all the tools and equipment a boat should have. Evangelizers ask: What is this boat for?

Although the preoccupations of these two groups are not synonymous, neither are they opposite. The reason that both the boat and net were made is to catch fish! Whatever tensions and polarities exist between the two spheres of interest and activity are the result of human, not divine, prejudice.

Ecumenism relates to the quest for visible unity and common mission among members of different Christian traditions. It relates to believers. Evangelization relates to both believers and non-believers. It invites believers to take their faith to a deeper level, and it invites non-believers into a community of faith.

Both are minority movements among general church membership, and both are counter-cultural in that they wish to change the status quo. Evangelists seek to make the church larger and more vibrant by bringing in new members and deepening the faith of present ones, and ecumenists seek to unite those who are already in it. If we could all understand that unity is for mission, we could meet on a deeper level. We could acknowledge and applaud one another’s gifts and efforts, and we could work more effectively together.

The simple fact is that if your boat is leaking, it prevents you from having all hands on deck involved with throwing out and bringing in the nets. And the divisions among us as Christians are leaks in our boat. Evangelists and ecumenists today are working more closely together, and there are some pleasant surprises.

Evangelizers have discovered that whole new spiritual worlds open up in ecumenical dialogue and that these spiritual worlds are inhabited by other people who love the Lord. They have discovered that a good ecumenist is constantly being evangelized by other Christians. And ecumenists are learning to measure not only by the number of churches united, but also by the number of new churches planted as a result of unity efforts.

So if unity is for mission, evangelizers do well to know what it means to be “ecumenical”, and ecumenists to know what it means to be “evangelical”.

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“Monsignor Bernard Powers” August, 2012 15

By Jamie Clark

On May 6, my wife Peggy and I went to



Msgr. Bernard Powers. MSJ Photo

the Immaculate Church in Owensboro to help Father Powers celebrate his sixtieth anniversary as a priest. I have tremendous amount of respect for Father. I went to talk with him a few days before the Mass to discuss writing this article.

Here are a few facts about his background. He went to grade school at St. Elizabeth in Curdsville. He started seminary as a high school student at St. Meinrad in southern Indiana. He then went to college seminary at Kenrick Prep Seminary in Saint Louis. After finishing at Kenrick, he finished at Catholic University in Washington D.C. On April 30, 1952, Monsignor Powers was ordained at St. Stephen cathedral by Bishop Francis Cotton and Father Powers’ life as a priest and servant to the people of God in western Kentucky began.

For the first twenty-four years of his priesthood, Father was teaching in Catholic high schools. He served at Owensboro catholic High from 1952-1964. Next he went to Grayson County Catholic High and taught from 1964-1967. After leaving Leitchfield he went to Maple Mount and served at Mount Saint Joseph Academy from 1967-1975.

While he was teaching at the Mount was when I first met Father Powers. In the fall of 1967 I started my senior year at Trinity High School and Father Charlie Fischer convinced me to make an Encounter Weekend. (Similar to TEC now.) Father Powers was the Religious director for this weekend in Knottsville. On that Friday night we went into St. Lawrence Church in small groups and Father Powers led us in a guided meditation. Here I learned a lot from this wonderful, holy servant of Jesus’ church.

In 1995 Monsignor Powers came to St. Mary’s in Whitesville as our Pastor. His plan earlier that year was to go to a church in the Kentucky Lake area and continue as a pastor in a small church and devote more time to his writing. Our pastor left

St. Mary’s and the priesthood that summer and Monsignor Powers volunteered his services to us at Whitesville. He has dedicated his life in service to the people of Jesus’ church.

That school year I was teaching at St. Mary’s year and my 8th graders were studying some of the basics of Trigonometry and we had taken a protractor, drinking straw, string and nut to make an instrument to figure angles and measurements. This particular day we were trying to calculate the height of the steeple on St. Mary’s Church when the Monsignor caught us in the act. The next day he came into my classroom to see what the kids came up with. Three of the four groups had come up with a height of between seventy-two and seventy-seven feet. He congratulated them. He had pulled out the plans from which the church had been built and it was supposed to be seventy-five feet. The old math teacher came out in him again.

In his last Mass at St. Mary’s a few years later, he told us goodbye. He shared with us how difficult it was for him to come to St. Mary’s but it was going to be even harder to leave. Even though he left St. Mary’s as pastor he came back often to help with penance services and such. When Father Dave Johnson came he lived at the rectory and helped out I all kinds of ways. While he was here again I started writing “The Stations of the Cross for Young People.” I asked him for some input, he is a great writer himself. He asked me, “Are you really writing them for young people?” I said yes. He said, “Then it might be a little wordy.” After I finished them they met his approval. We were so blessed to have the Monsignor pray these Stations with us at church during Lent that year.

As I met with Monsignor Powers is April to talk with him about this article he was working on a retreat with the sisters at the Passsionist Monastery about a mile from my house. Even after sixty years he is still a servant of the people of Jesus’ church. He told me he even gives retreats for one person.

I feel very blessed and fortunate to know Monsignor Bernard Powers. He has helped me be a better man. I feel sure that I am not the only one to say so. I feel I would be remiss if I didn’t include “Go Cards” in this article. God Bless You Father Powers and thank you so much

Two St. Mary High School Students Selected For 2014 Gatton Academy

Submitted by Jackie Hopper

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky at WKU has selected 50 students for its Class of 2014. St. Mary High School student, Patrick Osterhauus and Grace Babbs have been selected for the Gatton Academy Class of 2014.

Patrick is the son of Mark and Monica Osterhaus of Paducah, KY. Pat is a member of the St. Mary Cross Country Team, Track Team, Academic Team, Mock Trial Team, and St. Thomas More Lifeteen and Edge Core Team. "It is going to be hard leaving the city of Paducah and St. Mary High School and am thankful that St. Mary has prepared me for this opportunity. I am very excited to attend Gatton Academy next year," says Osterhaus.

Grace is the daughter of Scott and Sheri Babbs of Paducah KY. Grace is a member of the St. Mary High School Cross Coun-



St. Mary High School students Grace Babbs and Patrick Osterhauus have been selected for the Gatton Academy Class of 2014. Photo courtesy of Jackie Hopper

try Team, Track Team, Academic Team, Mock Trial Team, Advanced Orchestra, St. Thomas More Lifeteen and Edge Core Team, Regent for Sisters of Service, and Girl Scout Troop 809. Babbs stated "I am going to miss my St. Mary family. St. Mary has equipped me with the tools that I need for the challenge of Gatton Academy and all of the opportunities that it will unlock for me."

The goals of the Gatton Academy are to enable Kentucky's exceptional young scientists and mathematicians to learn in an environment that offers advanced educational opportunities, preparing them for leadership roles in Kentucky. Moreover, the Gatton Academy assists in preparing Kentucky to compete in a knowledge-based economy by increasing the number of scientists and engineers who live and

work in the state.

Students will finish their junior and senior years of high school living in Schneider Hall and taking courses offered by WKU. At the end of their two-year course of study, they will graduate from high school and have earned at least 60 college credit hours. Additionally, students are able to participate in advanced research with WKU faculty members.

The Gatton Academy is Kentucky's only state-supported, residential program for high school students with interests in advanced science and math careers and one of fifteen such programs in the nation. In 2011, Newsweek magazine ranked the Gatton Academy as one of the nation's top five public high schools.

The selected students scored an average composite of 30.02 on the ACT and 29.8 on the math portion of the exam. The highest possible score is 36. The 2010 state average ACT score for graduating Kentucky high school seniors was a composite of 19.6.

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August

- 3 Reflection Day of Prayer**
- 5-10 St. Francis de Sales Youth
- 10-11 Human Relations
- 11 Yarn Spinners Day**
- 11 Day of Prayer with Saint Angela**
- 11 Private Wedding Reception
- 17-19 Retrouvaille
- 18 Catechist Day
- 24-25 Teen Leadership Conf.

September

- 7 Reflection Day of Prayer**
- 9 Mount Saint Joseph PICNIC
- 10-14 Glenmary Priests Retreat
- 14-15 Leadership McLean County
- 15 First Baptist Choir Retreat
- 18-21 Runaway Quilters
- 28-29 First United Methodist Women's Retreat
- 28-30 Yoga Meditation Retreat

October

- 5 Reflection Day of Prayer**
- 5-7 Mount Hope Weekend
- 8-10 Associates Retreat
- 13-14 Catholic Engaged (1 night)
- 15-19 Diocesan Priests Retreat
- 20-21 Marian Retreat**
- 22-26 New Spiritual Direction Training Program 2012-2014 begins**
- 26-28 T.O.P.S. Retreat

November

- 2 Reflection Day of Prayer**
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- 10 Yarn Spinners Day**
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Softball Lady Aces' Catholic Identity Draws People To Prayer On Good Friday, 2012

The Owensboro Catholic softball team held a stations of the cross ceremony on Good Friday April 6, 2012 in Pensacola Beach Florida while on Spring Break. Coach George Randolph and Coach Melissa Goetz led the Stations while team members took turns reading the meditations. Many parents, spouses, friends and other Catholic families who were there joined in the service! From left to right: Morgan Mattingly, Darcy James, Olivia Foster, Hadley Shepherd, Coaches Hadley Clark, Melissa Goetz and George Randolph. Submitted Photo

Sts. Joseph and Paul Gather All Classes For 2012 Reunion

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By Steve Newby and Lavidia Mischel
OWENSBORO, Ky. - On Sunday, May 6th, 2012 there was a great shindig in Owensboro, Ky. It wasn't as big as the Bar-B-Q Festival, but to many, it was a heartwarming and welcomed event.

As part of their 125th Anniversary Celebration, Saint Joseph and Paul parish located at 609 West 4th St. held a grand gala. This event was the reunion of all classes of the former Saint Joseph and Paul School which was located on the corner of 5th and Clay Street and also of all the classes of the former Saint Frances Academy. Though previously a high school, the grade school closed in 1978. Many people attended this wonderful reunion.

I wish I could count how many times I heard the phrase, "Do you remember?" People were reuniting with old classmates, old friends and faculty of the former schools. It was nice to hear some of the stories that I had forgotten, including memorizing dictionary columns as a form of discipline, playing in the middle of Clay Street at recess, and where we



Photo left: The Burdette sisters share a group hug with an old friend. Photo middle: Mr. Whitt and Mr. Higdon enjoy stories of the past. Photo Right: Marie Johnson looks at photos from the 1940's. Photos by Lavidia Mischel

were sitting when Sister told us John F. Kennedy was shot.

Photos that covered a span of one hundred years, schoolbooks that were tattered and worn, and a familiar class room was set up-complete with one of our class room desks (Wow!



Did I really fit in that desk at one time?).

One thing is for sure. There were more smiles at this reunion than I'd seen in a long, long time.

A former teacher told me what she remembered most about me was



when one of the two snakes she had in her classroom, for a better choice of wording here, relieved itself on my school clothes. I had forgotten that incident until she reminded me of it. It brought a gigantic smile across her face when she told this story. There were hundreds of stories being told as laughter filled the room.

Lots of memories! Definitely a fun time had by all! Thank you for bringing back those old memories as we strolled down "Memory Lane!"

A Boulware Success Story



By Leigha Taylor

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Missy was a 39 year old woman who came to Boulware Mission with no photo ID, no job, and no healthcare access. Missy was diabetic and suffered from mental health issues; including untreated depression, stemming from an abusive, neglectful childhood.

Missy lacked many normal skills that people use on a daily basis. Those who knew her said that she was very withdrawn, much like a frightened animal.

Boulware Mission provided a safe environment for Missy to change her life. She learned basic skills, such as how to do simple chores. She was assisted with maintaining proper hygiene and attended

nutrition and healthy lifestyle classes. Boulware case managers were able to refer Missy to a psychiatrist and she was able to obtain medications for her mental health issues. She also obtained KY Medicaid and KY Physicians Care. The local Lions Club furnished an eye exam and new glasses for Missy.

Missy was mentally unfit to work upon arrival at Boulware. After her health was stabilized, she was referred to Vocational Rehab and the Opportunity Center for work placement trials and she worked with a KY Supportive Employment Specialist; they deemed her unable to hold a steady job. So, Boulware helped Missy find a lawyer to work with her to obtain Disability.

After finally being approved for Disability, Missy was able to save her income through client savings. She attended financial management and learned how to use a budget and continued with the rest of Boulware's Self-Sufficiency programs; including relationships, nutrition, healthy living, coping, and computer classes.

Ministry Leader Recognized by Pope



Lana Bastin, long-time parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, was surprised by her pastor, Fr. Richard Meredith, on Sunday, June 17, 2012, with an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI. Bastin, who was instrumental in starting the perpetual Eucharistic adoration ministry in the parish in 2002 and served as the ministry leader for ten years, was shocked by the recognition. Bastin stepped down as leader of the ministry in January of this year. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Case managers helped Missy get approved for Samaritan Housing through the KY Housing Program and she was ready to move out in 2011. She had been approved for Food Stamps and other financial assistance programs and had income from Disability. Case managers helped her get everything she needed for her new apartment and helped her move in.

Today, Missy is successfully living in her own apartment. She keeps in close touch with Boulware Mission...she still has monthly sessions with her case manager and even lists her case manager as her "next of kin." She has become as self-sufficient as she can be and has proven to be an inspiration to us all and a true success story for Boulware Mission!

Recollections That Stand Out In My Mind As A Priest.

A Tribute for Father Charles DeNardi Offered by Father Ray Clark

On December 25, 2009, Fr. Charles DeNardi celebrated his one hundredth birthday (born. Dec. 25, 1909). Fr. De Nardi is the last of the 'forty martyrs,' those priests stationed in western Kentucky when the Diocese of Owensboro was instituted. To honor this occasion, we are allowing Fr. DeNardi to tell his own story. These recollections are compiled from his memoirs.

PART I.
This is not a diary or an autobiography, but recollections that stand out in my mind as a priest. As we all know, certain things in our life stand out in our minds – not necessarily important things, but these things may be occasions of sorrow, joy, entertainment or even realities.

I was born of John Baptist and Mary Ann (Busse) DeNardi on December 25, 1909 in a log house about two and a half miles between the community of St. Mary's and St. Charles Church in Marion County, Kentucky. I was born and reared on a farm owned by my father.

Living conditions were quite primitive by present standards. There were eight children in the family. Our family was a poor family. We had no lights, plumbing or other modern facilities. The family lived entirely on things produced on the farm. We grew vegetables, raised hogs, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, rabbits, goats, cows and sheep. The fowl provided meat and eggs. The hogs, chickens, rabbits(domestic), cows, sheep and goats supplied meat. The cows and goats supplied the milk and cheese.

In the vegetable line and the fruit line we had a large apple and peach orchard and a large grape vineyard or arbor. We also had some plum, cherry and damsel trees. These supplied some money. As I said, we were a poor family (money wise.) In fact, one didn't have much money in those days. We had our living on the farm. Mother made most of our clothes, mended them as needed and handed them down when out-grown. Whenever the weather permitted we went barefooted.

I attended St. Charles school. The school was a public school owned and run by the county but taught by



Fr. Charles Augustine DeNardi

the Ursuline Sisters. My parents gave the Priest and Sisters milk, butter and eggs and my sister and I delivered these every day. The good Sisters would always say, "There's a star in heaven for you." I think I own about half the stars in heaven, I have often said to myself, jokingly, when I saw the stars in the sky.

I like to think my vocation was due to this providing the Priests and Sisters with the milk, etc. My thoughts run something like this: God rewards Mother and Dad for their generosity by giving a vocation to the religious life to two of their children. These two religious vocations were given to my younger sister and myself – to sis to becoming a Nun and to myself in becoming a Priest – the ones who delivered the milk to His chosen Priests and Sisters at St. Charles.

In September 1926 I began a new life. I entered St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana to study for the priesthood. This was the first time I'd ever spent any time away from home and family. I got home sick but not too badly. I stuck it out...

The seminarians took their turns in serving meals at table. We had reading during the meal. The reading was on some spiritual subject. One of the distractions during the reading and meal was to have a seminary waiter drop or spill his tray of food. Sometimes this would happen when something was spilled on the floor, but most of the time, it was not accidental. Someone would stick his foot out and trip the waiter. This was

not always considered bad, for if a waiter spilled many trays of food, he was removed from the serving list. There was no objection to that by the seminarians.

Another game (of a kind) was catapulting. This was done by placing a small piece of meat on the tip of a fork and drawing it back and then letting it go, sending the meat thru the air several tables down the dining room, hitting someone maybe in the face. This game was brought to an abrupt end one day when a seminarian at our table boasted that he could catapult a piece of meat over the Rector and Vice Rectors' heads. Well, the attempt to catapult the meat over the heads of the Rector and Vice Rector was a miserable failure. The piece of meat struck the Rector on his face. Needless to say, that was the end of the game.

Life in the seminary was more or less routine. On free afternoons some of us took hikes in the country or spent the afternoon in sports. One of the sports I liked was "The Rabbit Roundup." A group of seminarians, say twenty or twenty-five, would surround a field that looked like it might yield a few rabbits. Armed with clubs or sticks, several would walk through the field shouting and beating the brush, and as the rabbits tried to escape, they were clubbed by those surrounding the field. We usually got 10 to 15 rabbits on the roundup. We skinned them and left them at the Monastery slaughterhouse in the cooler until the next free afternoon when we would cook and eat the rabbits.

I was ordained on June 6, 1936 by Bishop John A. Flourish in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville, Kentucky. I was ordained to work in the then Diocese of Louisville. Shortly afterwards, the diocese was divided. Part of it was made the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky. The Louisville Diocese became an Archdiocese.

I said my First Mass at St. Charles on June 7, 1936. It was a grand and memorable occasion with all the altar boys, flower girls, pages, the archway of victory, the bouquet, the gifts – everything. The Chalice given me was a gift from the parishioners, and donated in memory of my parents. It was molded from gold and silver jewelry donated by the ladies of St. Charles. Mother's

wedding ring is also in the chalice.

My first appointment to a parish was as assistant at St. James Parish in Louisville, Ky. My pastor was a stately looking man. He would strike you, at least he struck me, as belonging to the "upper crust" of society – one with authority.

My appointment to St. James was the first time I ever lived in a city. Every afternoon, promptly at 4:00, the pastor would take a walk and the assistant would have to accompany him. He always talked about some deep theological or philosophical subject, a subject that I was not interested in. This walk together with the exhaust fumes from the cars, gave me a daily headache, literally. I never got used to the exhaust fumes.

One night at dinner we had some gravy along with some other food. The pastor asked me to pass the gravy and in doing so the gravy bowl slipped off the server and all the gravy landed in the pastor's lap (we dressed in our best for meals) Boy, was I embarrassed and terrified – not to mention the pastor's looks and actions. He didn't say a word, but excused himself and left the table. I was terrified as to what was to happen next. The other assistant looked at me as to say, "Boy, you've had it." About five minutes later he returned to the table. He never mentioned the incident there or any times afterwards. You can be sure though, that the next time we had gravy, the gravy pitcher was fastened to the server. About a month later I was moved to St. Ann's in Morganfield, Ky.

At St. Ann's I spent a great deal of my time with the children. I taught catechism in the school and every afternoon I would join the youth of the neighborhood in softball on a field adjoining the school and owned by the church. After supper about dusk, we would gather on the church steps and I would tell them stories. These were preschoolers and children of the first few grades in school. I told mostly Bible stories but they, like the children of today, like those "far out" stories. Most of these stories were made up and mostly ghost stories.

My first appointment as pastor was to St. Elizabeth at Clarkson, St. Paul and St. Mary's at Big Clifty in

Bishop Celebrates Mass, "Human Rainbow"

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a bishop, it proved to me that you can, even at that age, follow a new calling," the bishop explained. But I immediately knew I had a lot to learn, and I couldn't have had a better teacher than Bishop John McRaith. He is a good and holy man. I say 'hooray' every day for him," exclaimed Bishop Medley, eliciting another extended round of applause for the retired bishop.

Getting into the heart of his homily, Bishop Medley reflected on the scripture reading. Reiterating the phrase "year of favor," he made note of the fact that the Diocese of Owensboro is celebrating its 75th Jubilee year and this is a 'year of favor' for the diocese.

"We all like birthdays, when we are treated special," explained Bishop Medley. "Your parents will celebrate their wedding anniversary each year, hopefully receiving something special from each of you. Grandparents also celebrate wedding anniversaries. Our priests too celebrate the anniversaries of their ordination. Fr. Joe will be celebrating his 59th anniversary as a priest soon." Turning to look at Fr. Joe Mills, Bishop Medley quipped, "Just to let you know, I'm 59 years old!"

"Parishes, churches, dioceses usually don't celebrate each year, but for a jubilee year we take the whole year to celebrate," the bishop continued. "This is a jubilee year. We opened our jubilee year at the Chrism Mass this April and it will conclude with the Chrism Mass next year. On December 8th, we will hold a jubilee celebration right here. There are about 3,600 of you here today. On December 8th, we hope to fill this place! All of you are invited. Please tell your parents that they are also invited," Bishop Medley urged.

"I understand," Bishop Medley said with an 'understanding' tone. "I know you'd be here today for any reason, because you got out of school!" he said, once again eliciting laughter. "But I encourage you and your parents to come on December 8th."

"Now, people have been giving me a lot of ideas about how we should celebrate this jubilee year. Let me test these out on you," he specifically addressed the students. "Someone suggested that I should say today is the last day of school," the bishop said only to be quickly drowned out by applause. "Well, that's not going to happen," he quipped.

"Someone else suggested that next year, we should go to school only four days a week," he said, again to much applause. "Not going to happen!" he again teased.

"But we will be doing some special celebrations throughout the year," Bishop Medley promised. "A jubilee not only tells us to look back and be thankful to God, but to look forward. The God who has blessed us in the past will bless us in the future." Toward the end of his homily, Bishop Medley touched on vocations. "You know whenever I get you all together, I'm going to talk about this," he began. "When we celebrate our 100th jubilee, some of you may be priests, sisters or other religious. Hopefully, 25 or so of you young men will be sitting up here as priests," he said pointing to the priests in attendance.

"There is not a day in my life that I don't pray for vocations," Bishop Medley continued. "I encourage all you boys and girls, young men and women, to ask the Lord, 'What do you want me to do?' Pray that prayer and see where God leads you. I promise you, if you pray that prayer, you will grow up into happy and holy people," he concluded.

The bishop's talk about vocations was the second time that day the young people were challenged to consider their futures. Prior to the beginning of Mass, Fr. Mills also spoke to the students. "I was 10 years old when this diocese was formed," explained Fr. Mills. "This year we are celebrating its 75th anniversary. You do the math," he said, eliciting laughter from the crowd.

After briefly discussing the many bishops he has worked with over the years, Fr. Mills addressed vocations. "I've talked to many young men about entering the priesthood," Fr. Mills began. "Most of the time, the conversation goes like this. The young man will say, 'But Father, I don't know if that's what I want to do with my life,'" Fr. Joe said using a whiny voice, bringing forth laughter from the crowd. "Then I ask him, 'But what does God want you to do with your life?' Then the young man will say, 'But Father, I'm not holy enough.' To which I answer, 'The Holy Father is not even holy enough. Neither are all of the bishops and all of the priests.' Then he will say, 'But Father, I like girls.' And I answer, 'So do I!'" Fr. Mills exclaimed amidst much laughter and applause.

To end his brief talk, Fr. Mills offered

the students a challenge. "This weekend, I would like you to approach your priest and ask him a question. All I want you to ask

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is this: "Are you happy being a priest?"



The 2012 Confirmation Class of St. Pius X, Calvert City. The candidates are as follows (left to right): (Front Row) Sami Luecke, Travis Tack, Colton Adrian, and Josh Elliott; (Second Row) Father Anthoni Ottagan, Elizabeth Padgett, Bishop William Medley, Justin Fatum, and Wally Schmidt; (Third Row) Dustin Poat, Patrick Frizzell, Alexis Molina, Ashley Nass, and Eric Galvan; (Back Row) Rich Derry and Russell Tomlinson. Photo Taken by: Carol Tynes. Submitted by: Rich Derry

Recollections (Continued from page 18)

Grayson County. In accepting this assignment I went 25 years back in time. Grayson County was way behind other counties in progress. As far as the priests of the diocese were concerned it was the most feared and unwanted place in the diocese. It was the Siberia of Western Kentucky and ironically enough, there was a place in the county called Siberia. The pastor lived at St. Elizabeth at Clarkson.

In 1940, I believe it was, I built a house at St. Paul and moved into it. I dubbed my new residence "St. Paul in the Woods" as it was surrounded by woods. The church was heated by two large stoves - 6 ft. tall and 30 in. in diameter. These were supposed to warm the church, which were not much more than shells. Many a time I said Mass when the water in the cruets for Mass would form a skim of ice over it before the Offertory. I sometimes wore gloves with the thumbs and forefingers cut off. I wore my overshoes, long johns and sometime I wore a sweater under my

vestments. For a continuation of Father DeNardi's Recollections, look for Part II of this series in the September, 2012 Western Kentucky Catholic.



Eight grade student at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, Christopher Pape, received a plaque and a monetary award for placing first in an essay contest sponsored by the Elks Lodge in Hopkinsville. Exalted Ruler, Lana Martin, visited the school on Monday, May 14, 2012, to present the award to Pape. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Seeing is believing

By Tom Clinton

For the abortion-minded woman, confirming that she is experiencing a viable pregnancy can be the first step in saving the life of the child and changing her desperate situation into one of new hope.

Door of Hope, a pregnancy care center in Madisonville, KY now has a plan and equipment in place to help the woman make an informed decision regarding life.

Knights of Columbus Father Glahn Council 11132 in Madisonville, learning of the local pregnancy care center's plan to "go medical," stepped forward and launched an ultrasound initiative.

Working with Door of Hope supporters, and challenging its own members to dig deep into their wallets, Council 11132 raised \$15,000, half the cost of the ultrasound needed by the center.

The money was matched by the Knights' national organization to purchase the \$30,000 machine.

The ultrasound was dedicated Sunday afternoon, April 29, in the presence of local Knights, State Deputy Rick Arnold, District Deputy Joe Schmitt and other state and local officers.

Father John Thomas, pastor of Christ The King Catholic Church in Madisonville, offered a prayer of blessing for the ultrasound, which was to be put into service as soon as nurse manager Marcia Ball completes the necessary number of supervised scans for certification.

Arnold praised the local Knights for



Clients of the Door of Hope Pregnancy Care Center in Madisonville, Ky., will have access to the latest ultrasound technology for confirming a viable pregnancy, thanks to a matching grant through the Knights of Columbus. The Father Glahn Council 11132, in cooperation with Door of Hope supporters, raised half the cost of the \$30,000 machine, with the remainder from a Knights of Columbus matching grant. Shown with the ultrasound during dedication ceremonies at Door of Hope on April 29 are, from left, nurse manager Marcia Ball, Grand Knight George Hayden, District Deputy Joe Schmitt, Christ The King Catholic Church Pastor Father John Thomas and State Deputy Rick Arnold. Photo submitted by Tom Clinton

their efforts in the name of life. He noted that a very high percentage of women considering abortion choose life for the baby after seeing the child on the ultrasound image.

Door of Hope Executive Director Sonja Ferrell also praised the Knights for their dedication to life and the initiative that resulted in the machine's purchase.

Ferrell said later, "The adage 'a picture is worth a thousand words' is so true in ultrasound services. Because of the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, Door

of Hope has a new ultrasound machine. Part of the medical conversion process is ultrasound practice scans. We have witnessed through these scans the impact that seeing the heartbeat and image of her baby has on the client."

She praised the partnership with the local Knights council and its willingness to help Door of Hope realize its dream. "I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the Knights of Columbus and the donors who made this vision to offer ultrasound at Door of Hope a reality. On behalf of

Door of Hope, I want to thank the Knights of Columbus for all they do to promote a culture of life."

Door of Hope has been serving the needs of women and men in crisis pregnancy situations since 1995 with a variety of services ranging from pregnancy tests, material aid and an earn-while-you learn program to parenting support, pregnancy loss recovery and post-abortion support.

Like many pregnancy care centers, Door of Hope recognized that, while it was meeting the needs of many, the abortion-minded woman was not generally finding a reason to ask for help.

The center's board, after much prayer and deliberation, decided that "going medical" would provide that reason and help women make a positive decision for life.

The ultrasounds, like all services at Door of Hope, are offered free of charge to clients. Funding for the center comes primarily from two annual fundraisers, an annual banquet and a "Walk for Life." Madisonville, Hopkins and Webster County residents have been generous in their financial and prayerful support of the ministry that includes people from multiple faith backgrounds.

When the Knights learned of the decision to go medical, they quickly set the wheels in motion to secure the matching funds. Each member of Council 11132 was challenged to donate \$100 to the initiative and some provided even more.

Working with Door of Hope and several churches in the community, the \$15,000 was raised in surprisingly short order.

Ultrasound services at Door of Hope were expected to be available by the end of May.

Grand Champion of Individual Future Problem Solving Competition

Benjamin Conkright, sixth grader at the Owensboro Catholic 4-6 Campus, placed 1st in the State Individual Future Problem Solving Competition in Lexington.

Benjamin joined students from all over the world to compete in the prestigious 2012 Future Problem Solving International Conference in Bloomington, Indiana June 7-10.

Benjamin is the son of Kevin and Tracy Conkright and a member of Our Lady of Lourdes parish. OCS Photo



St Josephs Catholic school closing Pre K -6th grade

MAYFIELD, Ky. - After much debate and discussion, St Josephs Catholic school in Mayfield Ky is sadly closing after numerous years of service.

As the priorities St Josephs Catholic Church and the Diocese of Owensboro shift in another direction, I wish to thank the teachers and volunteers and students and administrators who cared enough to stand up for our children and worked tirelessly for years in the face of adversity and skepticism.

We now accept that Mayfield Ky will not have a Catholic school for parents Catholic and non-Catholic who want something better for there children. And while it is a sad time, we know at the end of the day, we never gave up on Catholic education. We can rest with the comfort that we gave our all. We never quit.

I ask for all Catholics to pray for the children of Mayfield and Graves Co and the parents and children of St Josephs Catholic school.

God Bless you! William Russelburg, Mayfield Ky. St. Joseph Board

Trinity High School First Raider Run 5k Run/Walk

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - 135 runners and walkers participated in the 1st Raider Run 5K Run/Walk hosted by Trinity High School on July 14, 2012. The Grand Champion, Travis Roby finished with a time of 16:46, and Jessica Clouse Morris with 20:50.

First place medal wen to 12 & under - Caleb Goetz & Savannah Aull; 13-19 - Jacob Mills & Chelsea Howard; 20-29 - Travis Roby & Jessica Morris; 30-39 - Richard Mattingly & Sarah Campbell; 40-49 - Kevin Bratcher & Christina Howard; and 50+ - Jody Bratcher & Darlene Hillard. Honorable Mention: Tyler Winklepleck.

Thanks to all the runners/walkers who participated in the First Raider Run. We



look forward to seeing you all again next year! Special thanks to the Raider Run sponsors: Class of 2013, Century Aluminum, Coventry Cares of KY, Bruce Basket D.M.D., Gayle Rhodes, M.D., Class



of 1975, and a special donation "In Memory of Lucas Mills".

Article and photos submitted by Cindy Ward

Service Projects for Sampson and Ignatius

Submitted by Chris Riley

PADUCAH, Ky. - The High School and 7th grade classes of the Paducah Faith Formation program put their resources together to raise money to support two Nigerian seminarians in their quest to become a laborer in Our Lord's vineyard. Sampson Chitueze and Ignatius Chioma Namodu will receive \$1,047 from the sale of "Faith Rock" by the High School group and the sale of original poetry and personal prayers from the 7th graders.

Sampson and Ignatius attend the Seat of Wisdom Seminary in Owerri, Nigeria. Their sponsor, Fr. Julian Ibermere at Pius X Church in Owensboro, will receive

the check and administer the money for their education which is around \$650 per student per year. High School was fortunate to be sponsored by the Paducah Serra Club who donated the funds to purchase the "Faith Rock" candy from the Chocolate Factory in downtown Paducah and many individuals were blessed by the creative talents of our seventh graders by purchasing their booklets. We appreciate the support from our students and parents on these Service Projects which will help to bring future priest into our midst.

At right, the High School and 7th grade classes of the Paducah Faith Formation program. Photo submitted by Chris Riley



HNS 8th Graders Organize Car Wash To Benefit Catholic Relief Services



By Kamille Stich

HENDERSON, Ky. - The Holy Name School graduating class of 2012 organized a car wash held on April 21 to benefit Catholic Relief Services. Eighth graders Trey Book and Cheyenne Warren were originally moved by the YouTube video about Joseph Kony and his oppression of the people of Uganda and surrounding African countries. During that time, Our Sunday Visitor, a Catholic periodical, published an article about the long-standing efforts of Catholic Relief Services on behalf of

the Kony victims over many years. The 8th graders were moved to undertake this project as a farewell act of service prior to their graduation in May, and challenged the rest of the school to end their 8th grade year at Holy Name with a service project. Junior High teacher, Christina Shires, assisted the students and their parents in organizing the event. Proceeds from the car wash topped \$1,000, and the students will be featured in the Catholic Relief Services newsletter for their project. If you would like to read the Our Sunday Visitor article from April 15, you can find it online at <http://www.osv.com/tabid/7621/itemid/9264/CRS-works-to-heal-wounds-of-Konys-war-crimes.aspx>.

Pictured from left to right are: Cheyenne Warren, Emma McFarland, Kayla Gabhart, Tess Floyd, Grant Wilson, Trey Book, Eli Hummel, Wil Johnson, Luke Reynolds, and Ashley Shires. Photo by Holly Farina

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Graduating Seniors, Saint Mary High School, Paducah, Ky.



Jessica Austin



John Baier



Alexa Brandon



Emma Cash



Andrew Clark



Zoe Dannenmueller



Paul DeNeve



Hunter Dickens



Steven Dossey



Zachary Durbin



Emily Ebelhar



Nathan Ellis



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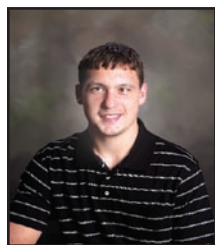
Michael Garrett



Rachael Guess



James Harris



Austin Hayden



Brandon Howard



Eunjin Joh



Diane Kwon



Cynthia Maglasang



Matthew Mayolo



Luke Meredith



Nicole Milliano



Tyler Neihoff



Audrina Park



Taryn Paul



Abigail Powell



Andrew Shever



Michael Smith



Austin Spees



Nicholas Thompson



Matthew Toon



Reed Vaughan



Blake Vaughan



Audrey Walker



Derek Willett



Michae Word

St. Mary High School



Class of 2012

Bishop Medley's Letter to 2012 High School Graduates

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Most Reverend
William F.
Medley, Bishop
of Owensboro

Dear High School Graduates of the Jubilee Year,

It brings me great joy to congratulate you on your graduation from High School. I have enjoyed visiting with each of you at your schools and parishes and bringing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to you. It is an act of faith that God will continue to fill your lives and through your goodness and witness the Holy Spirit will continue to renew the face of the earth. I am so proud to see the spirit of Jesus alive and at work in you as you prepare to move into adulthood. This is a testament to your Catholic Education.

Specially featured in this issue are the graduates of our three Catholic High Schools, Trinity High School in Whitesville, St. Mary High School in Paducah, Owensboro Catholic High School. These three schools observed the graduation of 163 students in May of 2012. I attended all of these graduations and that of Brescia University as well.

Blessed John Paul II likewise affirmed in his Apostolic Exhortation *Ecclesia in America*: "Parents have a fundamental and primary right to make decisions about the education of their children; consequently, Catholic parents must be able to choose an education in harmony with their religious convictions." The Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools has helped to build upon its partnership with your parents. Our Catholic schools have done a splendid job of educating you spiritually, academically, socially, and morally. This rich and vibrant tradition of Catholic education is so evident in you, now proud alumni of our Diocese.

As you journey onward, in many different directions, I pray that you will remember the sacrifices that your parents and teachers made so that you could grow in a Catholic environment. Remember where you came from, visit often and continue to grow in your faith and keep Jesus alive in your hearts.

I love each and every one of you and will pray for you always. Please remember me in prayer as well.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend William F. Medley,
Bishop of Owensboro



With Catholic Schools Superintendent Jim Mattingly assisting, Bishop William Medley handed diplomas to the 2012 High School Graduates of the three Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Owensboro in May. Here Bishop Medley handed a diploma to a Saint Mary High School graduate in Paducah, Ky. Photo submitted by Jackie Hopper

New OCMS Principal Named



David Kessler the opportunity to serve the students and families at Owensboro Catholic Middle School as Principal during the 2012-2013 academic year!

Mr. Kessler impressed us throughout the search process with his sense of mission, dedication to students, and love of God and His church. During the interview process, he shared a very insightful vision to provide continued excellence in faith formation and academics at OCMS. Even more importantly, Mr. Kessler has the skills and energy that will allow him to move forward with a plan to move the vision to reality.

In checking with his references I heard nothing but praise and enthusiasm for David, his purposeful work ethic, his ability to relate to middle school students and their parents, and his collaborative efforts at working with the faculty and staff as Assistant Principal at both Daviess County

OWENSBORO, Ky. - It is with great pleasure and much excitement I announce to the OCS community, with the unanimous recommendation of the search committee, Mr. David Kessler was offered and has accepted

Middle School and Central Hardin High School. After those conversations, I personally was even more convinced David was the man for the job. As a father of students enrolled in our Owensboro Catholic Schools, a former teacher at OCHS, and a member of Immaculate Parish, he understands the importance and significance of living each day the OCS Mission in all he does and is eager to begin his new ministry as OCMS Principal.

The search process was long and arduous. Conscious of the importance of finding the "right" person to be our leader at OCMS, we thoroughly reviewed each candidate's resume, spent time phoning candidates and references, and purposefully interviewed four quality candidates. With a sense of prayerful discernment, we asked God throughout the search process to share with us the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are convinced Mr. Kessler is the answer to our search. Our prayers and support will be with him as he takes on the important role of Principal at Owensboro Catholic Middle School. On behalf of the Search Committee, please join us in prayer and support.

God's Peace!

Ken R. Rasp, OCS Director

2012 Graduating Seniors Owensboro Catholic High School



Megan Anne Alvey



Hannah Booth



Joshua Buckman



Michael Crowe



Matthew Franey



Charles Greenwell



Christopher Hayden



Raymond Howard



Alec Haydn Bahnick



Peyton Booth



Caleb Caceres



Stephanie Dooper



Jacob Fullenweider



Amanda Gross



Julia Hayden



Boling Hunter



Natalie Belfiglio



Samantha Brett



Logan Cecil



Kelle Ebelhar



Janson Gard



Bailey Hagan



Russell Hayden



John Kaelin



Rae Bennett



Katherine Brown



Joel Ciaccio



Travis Farmer



Brittany Goetz



Travis Hagan



Darius Hogg



Johnathan Kamuf



Daniel Best



Reed Brown



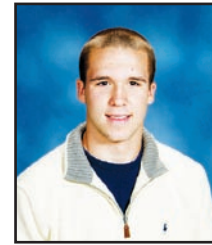
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Tyler Farmer



Hunter Gough



Isaac Hardesty



Theresa Holcomb



Nicholas Krampe



Rebecca Boom



Shawn Brown



Mary Kate Clemens



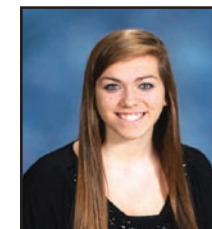
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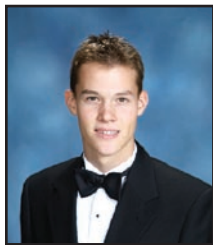
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Justin Mahoney



Anna Laura McNulty



Blaise Moore



Jennifer Phillips



Samuel Rasp



Stacey Schepers



Ryan Thompson



Rachel Wheatley



Kelsey McCarthy



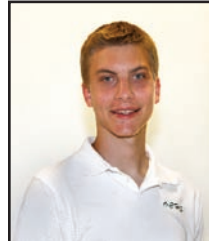
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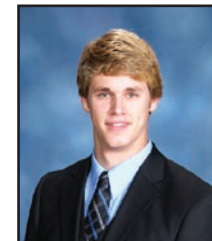
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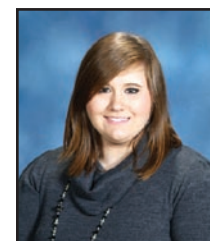
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Lauren Settles



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Ryne Wilson



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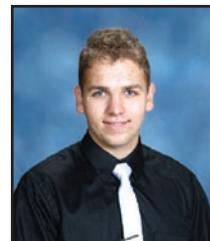
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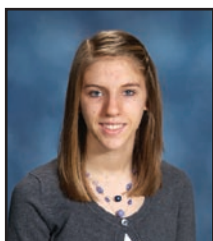
Katelyn Tucker



Emily Woodward



David McGovern



Rebecca Millay



Allison Payne



Kara Raley



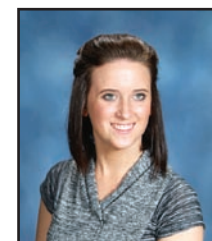
Morgan Russell



Jacob Tanner



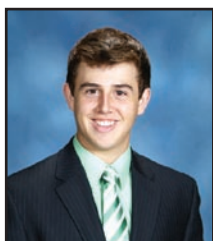
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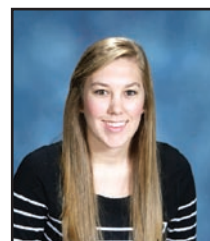
Brooke Payne



Nicole Ralph



Mary Sanders



Emily Taul



William West



Maddie Zoglemann

To the Graduating Seniors

of Owensboro Catholic, St. Mary,
and Trinity High Schools,

Congratulations upon reaching this important milestone in your young lives! Because of the excellent foundation in faith formation, academics, and extracurricular activities that you have received while attending one of the three Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Owensboro, I am confident that your class of 2012 is more than ready to take on the challenges of post-secondary education and whatever lies beyond. Your Catholic high school experience has prepared you to be leaders in your families, in your parishes, in your communities, and beyond. And because of your unique experience in Catholic schools – an experience that is rooted in Gospel values – you are prepared to be leaders who exemplify honesty, integrity, teamwork, and ethical practices in your chosen profession. You have unlimited capacity to influence your future colleagues and/or co-workers in a positive way. My favorite high school teacher challenged his students with the question, “Will the world be a better place because you passed through it?” I encourage the Class of 2012 to keep that question in mind as you live out your chosen vocation.

A few years ago, I was privileged to hear an inspiring homily addressed to high school students from one of our priests in the Diocese of Owensboro. The students were asked to imagine that on the first day of school, a charter bus arrived at the school to take all of them on a journey. Neither the destination nor the itinerary was disclosed. Some students would find the uncertainty of the circumstances surrounding the journey to be unsettling, even worrisome. Other students would find that same uncertainty to be interesting and exciting. But whatever the disposition of individual students, the common denominator was that no one knew exactly where the bus was going nor how long the trip would last. In order to cope with the uncertainty, the students would have to rely heavily on their Catholic faith. Their real challenge was to “Let go, and let God!”

As you complete the high school experience and focus on your future in “the real world”, keep in mind that the future is, to some extent, unpredictable. The “charter bus trip” that you will take does not have an announced itinerary nor an announced destination. Yet, you are uniquely qualified to successfully meet



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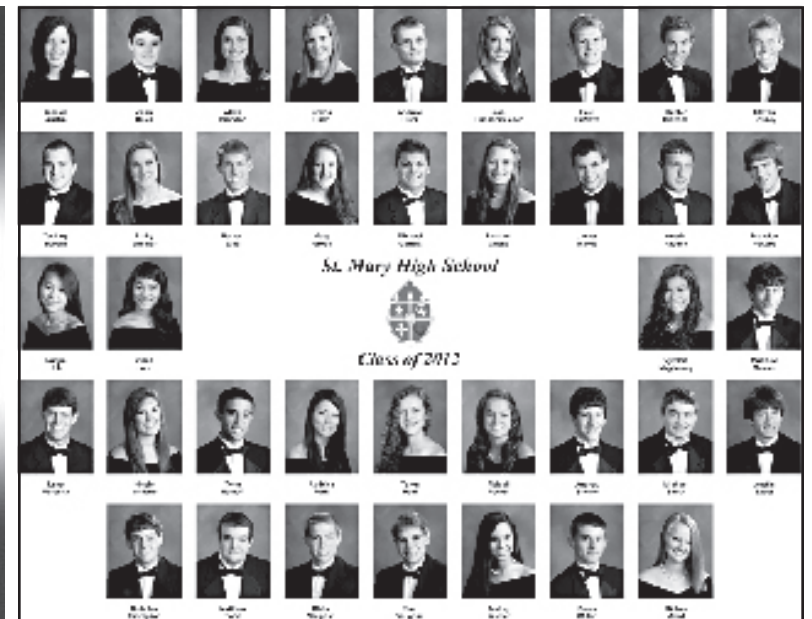
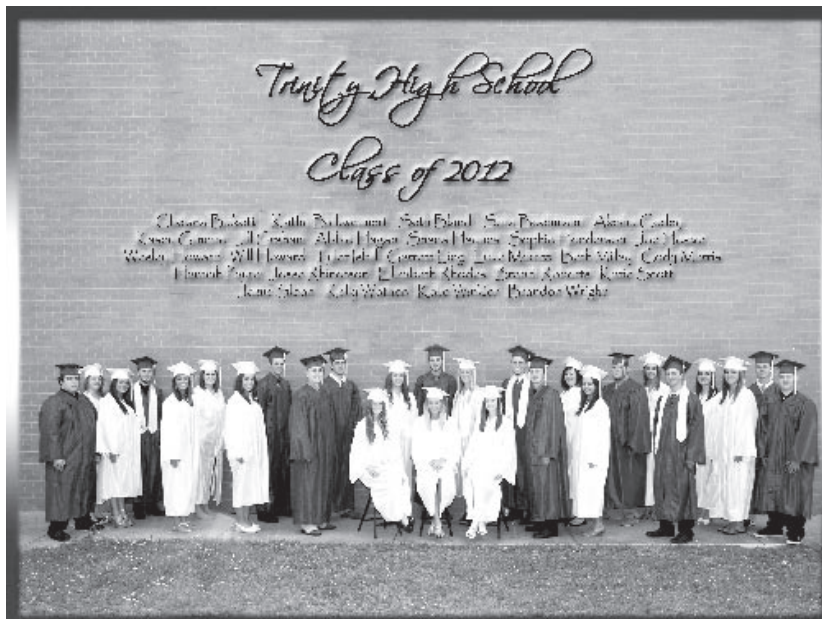
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whatever challenges the future holds, because you have been educated in an environment that emphasizes the singular importance of strong faith. And you have also been educated in an environment focused on academic excellence and servant leadership. Strong faith plus academic excellence plus servant leadership is a formula for unparalleled success in life.

May God’s richest blessings be with you on your journey!

Yours in Catholic education,

Jim Mattingly, Superintendent, Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools



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Percentage of Responses (donors & prayers) by parish for the 2011-2012 Disciples Response Fund Annual Appeal:

Parishes of 1 – 100 Families:

Saint Anthony, Grand Rivers	42%	Immaculate Conception, Earlington	21%
Saint Charles, Livermore	42%	Saint John the Baptist, Fordsville	21%
St. Augustine, Grayson Spgs.	33%	Saint Mark, Eddyville	21%
Holy Cross, Providence	30%	Saint Mary, LaCenter	21%
Saint Charles, Bardwell	29%	Saint William, Marion	21%
Saint Mary, McQuady	29%	Rosary Chapel, Paducah	20%
Holy Trinity, Morgantown	28%	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington	19%
Saint Augustine, Reed	25%	Sacred Heart, Hickman	19%
Saint John, Sunfish	25%	Saint Paul, Princeton	19%
Saint Jude, Clinton	25%	Christ the King, Scottsville	18%
Saint Sebastian, Calhoun	25%	Saint Elizabeth, Curdsville	17%
Saint Ambrose, Henshaw	24%	Saint Anthony, Peonia	15%
Saint Benedict, Wax	23%	Blessed Sacrament, Oboro	12%
Saint Francis Borgia, Sturgis	23%	Saint Edward, Fulton	12%
Sts. Mary & James, Guthrie	23%	Saint Susan, Elkton	12%
Resurrection, Dawson Spgs.	22%	Saint Elizabeth, Clarkson	10%
Sacred Heart, Waverly	22%	Saint Denis, Fancy Farm	9%

Parishes of 101 – 400 Families:

Christ the King, Madisonville	28%	Saint Mary Magdalene, Sorgho	20%
Saint Henry, Aurora	28%	Saint Peter, Waverly	20%
Saint Martin, Rome	28%	Saint Peter, Stanley	19%
Saint Ann, Morganfield	24%	Saint Mary, Franklin	17%
Saint Paul, Saint Paul	23%	Saint Agnes, Uniontown	16%
Saint Stephen, Cadiz	23%	Saint Columba, Lewisport	16%
Precious Blood, Owensboro	22%	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville	15%
Saint Anthony, Axtel	22%	Sacred Heart, Russelville	15%
Saint John the Evangelist, Paducah	22%	Saint Lawrence, St. Lawrence	15%
Saint Joseph, Central City	21%	Saint Michael, Sebree	14%
Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam	20%	Saint Alphonsus, St. Joseph	10%
Saint Anthony, Browns Valley	20%	Saint Michael, Oak Grove	10%
Saint Joseph, Leitchfield	20%	Saint Pius X, Calvert City	10%
		Saint Rose, Cloverport	10%

Parishes of 401 Families & Over

Saint Stephen Cathedral, Oboro	28%	Saint Thomas More, Paducah	19%
Saints Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville	28%	Saint Francis de Sales, Paducah	18%
Saint Pius X, Owensboro	25%	Saint Jerome, Fancy Farm	18%
Immaculate, Owensboro	24%	Saint Leo, Murray	18%
Holy Name, Henderson	23%	Saint Mary of Woods, Whitesville	18%
Blessed Mother, Owensboro	22%	Saints Joseph & Paul, Owensboro	17%
Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro	22%	Saint William, Knottsville	12%
Holy Spirit, Bowling Green	21%	Saint Joseph, Bowling Green	11%
Saint Joseph, Mayfield	20%	Saint Romuald, Hardinsburg	11%

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2012 Youth SLIM awards named

By Melinda Prunty,

Director, Office for Youth Ministry

The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry is proud to announce the recipients of their annual Servant Leaders In Ministry or SLIM Awards. The Office recognizes high school juniors and seniors who have made outstanding contributions to their Parish, Deanery and/or the Diocese through their leadership and involvement in youth ministry. The rule of thumb for the total number of awards is eighteen, two per deanery, unless youth are not nominated from a deanery. Recipients receive an award in the form of a plaque while all other youth nominated receive a Certificate of Recognition. If a young person is nominated their junior year and do not receive an award, they can be re-nominated for an award their senior year.

We are proud to announce that for 2012, seventeen youth from around the

Summer Camp 2012

By Ben Warrell

GASPER RIVER CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP & RETREAT CENTER - Wow, we've come a long way in five summers! We started with a little over one hundred campers five years ago and this summer well over 400 young people attended camps at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center. Spiritually, this was one of the best that we have ever had! It really seems like each year gets better than the last. A big reason for that are the campers themselves. About 80% of our campers this summer were returning campers from years past! That's well above the national average! Each year the returning campers bring so much more into the experience and are even more open to allow God to work in their lives as they learn about Him, themselves and their Church. The results have really been amazing!

At the close of each week, campers fill out their evaluations and answer several questions about their week of camp. A couple of the questions are, "What would you tell a friend about Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp?" and, "What did you learn about your relationship with God?" Here are some of the responses: "Camp is awesome!" "Gasper River is the best place in the world!" "A great camp that brings you closer to God and the Church." "A worthwhile experience in which faith

Diocese of Owensboro representing twelve parishes were awarded plaques in recognition of their Servant Leadership In Ministry. They are: Matt Osterhaus, St. Thomas More; Olivia Romero, St. Thomas More; Megan French, Holy Spirit; Kathryn Thompson, Holy Spirit; Kelsey Carrico, St. Joseph in Mayfield; Corey Elder St. Joseph, Mayfield; Jacob Fischer, St. Martin; Amanda Hobson, Holy Name; Alex Caudill Holy Name; Helen Beckert, Holy Name; Seth Bland, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville; Daniel Best, Blessed Mother; Mason Reynolds, Our Lady of Lourdes; Jacob Whitfill, St. Anthony in Axtel; Andrea Anthony, St. Romuald; Tabatha Payne, St. Mary Magdalene; Samuel Rasp, St. Stephen Cathedral;

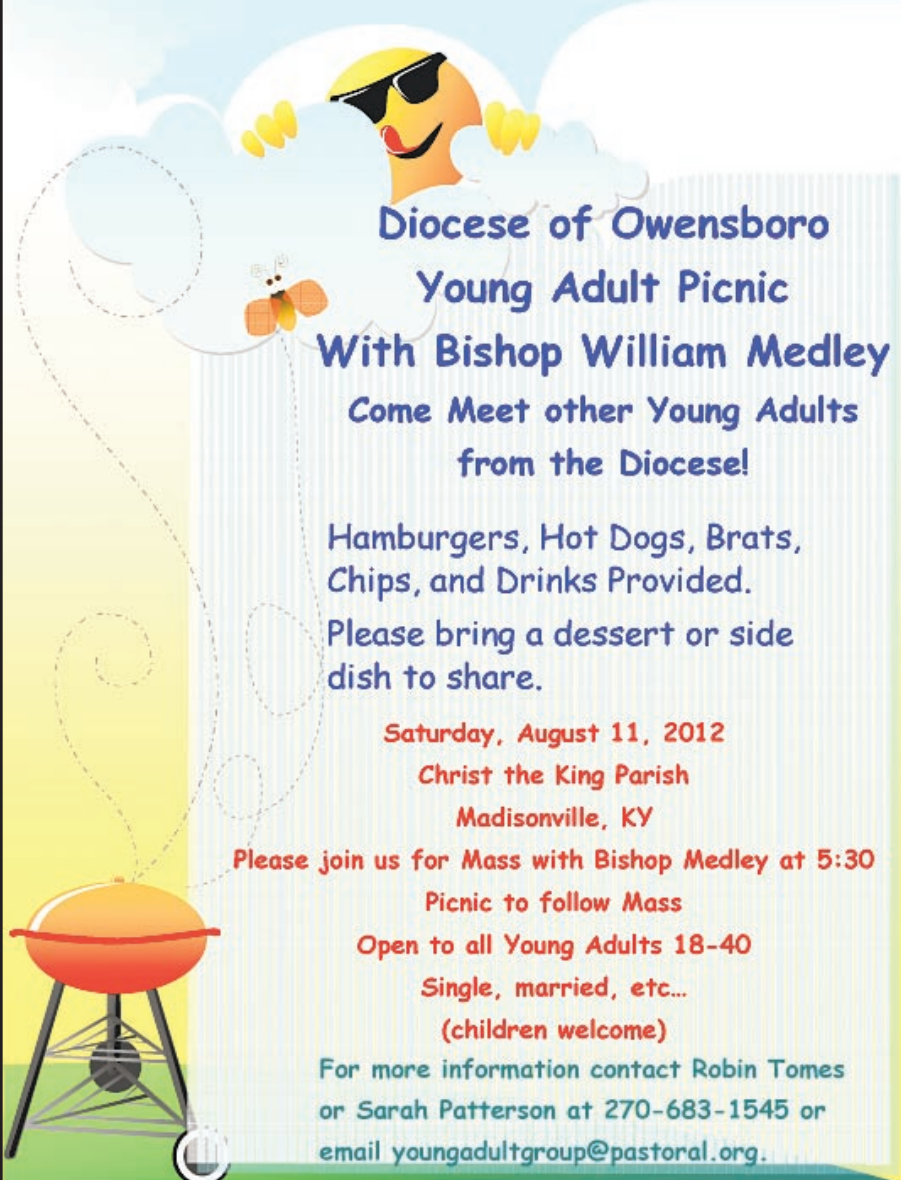
Sixteen youth from the Diocese of Owensboro representing twelve parishes were awarded Certificates of Recognition for being nominated for their Servant

life is tied in with joy." "Amazing, faith-strengthening, it's like all your religion classes you've ever had combined (even better)." "A place that every kid in the diocese needs to go because it will change your life!" "I learned my heart is made for joy that only God can give." "There's been so much grief in my life. For the first time in my life I have a pure, joyful relationship with God." "I learned how loving and forgiving God really is." "All doubts have left my soul." "I gave my life to God to do with me what He will. My mind is open and I will go where He leads me!" "It's been several years since I went to confession. I learned that there is nothing I can do that will make God love me less and that His forgiveness is never ending!" "That I am myself when I am here." "I understand the mass better now. It will never be the same for me again."

God is doing amazing things here at summer camp. Each week we get to see young people transformed from strangers into a family, a community, that is centered on Christ and His Church. Thank you so much for all the prayers and support over these past few months and years. If you'd like to be involved here as a volunteer and experience some of what we've shared, just contact our office about next summer. We close the evaluation by asking the campers if they'd like to return to camp next summer. 99% said they would!

Leadership In Ministry. They are: Joshua Buckman, Blessed Mother; Michae Word, St. Francis de Sales; Kaylee Decker, St. Anthony, Peonia; Sarah Wilson, St. Benedict, Wax; Truss Campbell, St. Romuald; Curtis Carwile, St. Romuald; Jordan Poole, St. Romuald; Paige Mingus, St. Romuald; Kendall Jarboe, St. Romuald; Logan Reynolds, Our Lady of Lourdes; Alex Priar, Our Lady of Lourdes; Justin Mahoney, Our Lady of Lourdes; Ryan Nally, Holy Name; Allison Webb, Immaculate; Susannah Webb, Immaculate; Tayler Mills, Resurrection; Andrew Moore, Resurrection; Thomas Gregory, St. Joseph, Mayfield; Wyatt Higbee, St. Anthony, Peonia; Brandon Armstrong, St. Augustine, Grayson Springs; William Clemons, St. Augustine, Grayson Springs.

Nomination forms are mailed out to Youth Ministry Contacts in all parishes in the spring of the year. They may be nominated by Youth Ministers, Pastors, and Catechists... someone from the parish that knows about their involvement in the church. There is an effort to have equal representation from the different deaneries; however, sometimes no nominations come from some deaneries. Young people may be nominated more than once, but they may not receive a plaque more than once in order to recognize more young people from throughout the diocese. We ask that the awards and certificates be presented to the recipients at a special Mass or youth gathering. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients!! Keep up the good work and keep growing in your faith!



**Diocese of Owensboro
Young Adult Picnic
With Bishop William Medley
Come Meet other Young Adults
from the Diocese!**

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats,
Chips, and Drinks Provided.
Please bring a dessert or side
dish to share.**

**Saturday, August 11, 2012
Christ the King Parish
Madisonville, KY**

**Please join us for Mass with Bishop Medley at 5:30
Picnic to follow Mass
Open to all Young Adults 18-40
Single, married, etc...
(children welcome)**

**For more information contact Robin Tomes
or Sarah Patterson at 270-683-1545 or
email youngadultgroup@pastoral.org.**

Deacon Candidates Make Two Promises and Petition to Bishop June 3, 2012

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By Terry Larbes

MADISONVILLE, Ky. - After the homily for 10:30 am mass at Christ the King Church on June 3, 2012, the new Diocesan Permanent Deacon Candidates made an individual Petition for Holy Orders and then individually made two promises (Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity) to Bishop Medley.

- The Petition for Holy Orders affirmed that the Deacon Candidate is freely seeking ordination without coercion or force and the candidate will devote himself permanently to ecclesiastical ministry.

- The Profession of Faith is based on the Nicene Creed and explicit adherence to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the college of bishops enunciate when they exercise the authentic magisterium. The Deacon Candidate promised with firm faith to believe everything contained in God's word, written



or handed down in tradition and proposed by the Church, whether by way of solemn judgment or through the ordinary and universal magisterium.

- Through the (promise) Oath of Fidelity the Deacon Candidate united himself with what is declared by the bishop and will assist the bishop in the exercise of apostolic activity.

The Deacon Candidate finished each promise at the ambo by placing his hand on the Book of Gospels and proclaiming, "So help me God, and God's holy Gospels, on which I place my hand." Then the candidate went to the altar and signed a document attesting to the promise. The signed documents were presented to Bishop Medley.

Paducah Ceramic Artists Get Involved in Empty Bowl Project

By Edie Keeney

PADUCAH, Ky. - Michael Terra opened Terra Cotta Ceramics in Paducah four years ago. He, his wife and their two daughters moved into a studio/home in the Lower Town area. His artistic work in ceramics goes back 40 years and he maintains his ties with galleries from Washington State to New York. He was recently accepted by the Kentucky Arts Council as a Kentucky Crafter that helps band together the leading artists in the state. This will allow him to have a greater exposure and market for his work.

Michael, his wife, Victoria, and their daughters believe in being involved in the communities where they have made their homes. He has been involved in four Empty Bowl Projects before starting the program in Paducah. The Empty Bowl Project was started forty years ago by people who work in clay to help local communities fight hunger. It started as a grassroots effort by artists who work with clay and is now an international grassroots effort to help local communities fight hunger. Michael found out that in Paducah the Community Kitchen provides over 50,000



Michael and Victoria Terra holding a recently made ceramic artwork. Edie Keeney Photo

free meals each year.

"You read about hunger in countries like China, Latin America, and so many countries but the Community Kitchen is feeding the hungry in my community. I knew we needed an Empty Bowl Project in Paducah. I spoke to people all over the U.S.A. that were involved in the Project about how to increase awareness of local hunger and how to involve the community. I wanted the people of Paducah to realize the need for such a project. There is enough food everywhere yet children and mothers

In the group photo here, from left to right: Richard Beaven, Tony Anthony, Don Adams, Paul Bachi, Randall Potempa, Victor Fromm, Mike Clapp, Bishop Medley, Mike Wiedemer, Tim Barnes, Bill Grant, Terry Larbes, Tim Nugent, Fr. John Thomas, Jaime Tiu, John Prough, Tom Torson. There were three candidates missing: Bill Bach, Matthew Keyser, and Bill Sweet. The three missing candidates will make their promises to the Bishop before ordination on Sept 15. Submitted by Terry Larbes

go hungry; it is an embarrassment for the richest country in the world." He went on to say, "I believe you need to give to your community. Your community supports you and you need to support your community. It is a blessing for me to be a part of this community."

Michael explained, "The Empty Bowl Project is loosely organized but two things must be the same; only handmade bowls are used and all of the proceeds must go to benefit local community hunger issues. I have participated all over America. I send bowls to about 9 different Projects each year around the country."

The first Paducah Empty Bowl Project was held in the Robert Cherry Civic Center in February, 2011. The tickets sold for \$15 each and as the people entered they were invited to select from several tables overflowing with the bowls that Michael and volunteers had glazed in his studio. The people were encouraged to visit booths where 13 local restaurants put samples of food into their empty bowls. Those who participate take their bowls home to

remind them of the hunger in Paducah. "I had a goal to raise \$10,000 but more was raised, even after the event money came in and over \$14,000 has been given to the Community Kitchen," Michael added. The second Empty Bowl Project was held in February 2012 in the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center and the larger building was filled to overflowing. A check for \$21,200 was given to the Community Kitchen. Michael and volunteers are now busy making bowls for the 2013 Empty Bowl Project. "I invite people from the community to come into my studio and glaze some bowls as another way to be involved in the project and I get to talk about hunger issues. Maybe more than any other community that I've ever lived in, I think that Paducah and the people who live here have more real civic pride than any other place," Michael said and added, "In 2 years we have one of the most successful Empty Bowl Projects in the country."

To learn more about the Paducah Empty Bowl Project and to volunteer visit terracottageceramics.com.

Operation HELP!

By Diane Willis

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Twenty-two high school students and friends of Immaculate Parish spent a week of their summer giving to those in Owensboro who needed help. The program, entitled Operation Help was designed to help students get more involved in service beyond self. During the week of June 25-29 students helped the homeless, the hungry and those in substandard housing.

Each day the students worked at various agencies in Owensboro. The first day of Operation Help was at Habitat for Humanity where students helped build a yard barn that would be used to house materials while a house is being built on acquired property. On Tuesday, a third of the students went to St. Benedict's Shelter to clean the shelter, a third were at the Pitino Shelter making and serving lunch; and a third finished a project at Habitat for Humanity. Student Pete Day especially enjoyed his two days working at Habitat. This experience gave him a deeper appreciation for what he has and he hopes to pay it forward by donating more time to Habitat in the future. Despite the heat, the students worked Wednesday chopping down shrubbery at Boulware Center and restocking pantry shelves.

Student Elizabeth Warren said she enjoyed the Boulware Center the most. "I liked how the center made sure the people knew how to deal with responsibilities and live in the real world. They made them work."

Nine of the students gathered on Thursday night, June 28 to see what it would be like to be homeless. Students



Serving at St. Benedict's Shelter (l-r Pete Day, Raychel Bahnick, Sydney Brooks, Maci Heavrin, Natahsa Stallings, David Gipson).

slept in cardboard boxes and brought only what they could carry for "Night in a Box". On Friday evening, the group came together and made a meal for 35 residents of St. Benedict's, delivered it and served it.

"It was a very rewarding and humbling experience for our students," said Diane Willis, Director of Faith Formation at Immaculate Parish. "We hope that by this experience, our students see "church" as more global outreach." Plans are already in the making for an out of state week long trip next year to do mission work.

Photo at bottom right: serving at Pitino Shelter (l-r Lucy Kurtz, Elizabeth Warren, Natasha Stallings, Madeline Reid, Annabel Moore) Photos by Diane Willis.



Students helped build a yard barn at Owensboro's Habitat for Humanity offices.



St. Lawrence Parish Thanks Lois Johnson With Gift

Article and pictures submitted
by Larena Lawson

SAINT LAWRENCE, Ky. - On Sunday, July 1st, Father Pat Bittel and the parishioners of St. Lawrence Church, took the opportunity at their monthly Donut Sunday gathering after Mass, to thank their longtime organist, Lois Johnson, who had recently retired from the music ministry that she had so faithfully been a part of for 44 years. Father Pat thanked her for her devoted years of service and presented her with a special gift from the parish; a beautiful, embroidered quilt. A humble Lois said that many others helped along the way. Not only was she the organist, but she planned the music for all the liturgies and taught the cantors and song leaders the music that was sung, which entailed countless hours of planning and practice through the years. Lois encouraged others to get involved as well. She stated that she believes that God has a ministry for



each of us, meant for us exclusively. She says that her music ministry has left her with many memories and has changed her in so many ways. She was thankful for all those who were a part of the tribute to her.



In photo at left, pastor Fr. Pat Bittel presented a gift to Lois Johnson, affirming her years as parish organist. Above, St. Lawrence parishioners admired a quilt given to Lois Johnson, center, embroidered by Francine Wright, at left, and finished with help from many members of the parish. Photos by Larena Lawson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Marriage Celebrations for August
Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and Over 50
Years of Marriage

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Frank & Maurita Wright, Jr., 50

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Scott & Laurie Cooper, 25

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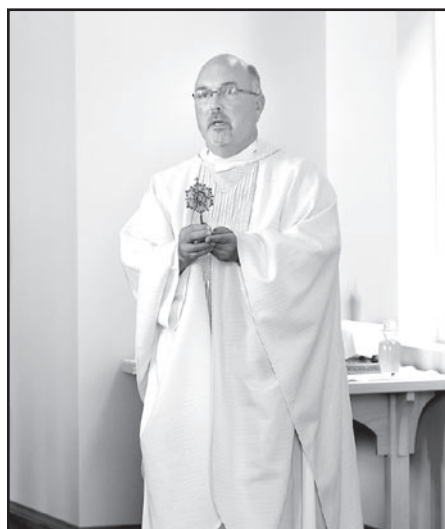
SLIM Award Winners

Fr Mark Buckner, Jacob Fischer, Tabby Payne, and Youth Minister Crissy Stevenson are pictured here May 13 at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sorgho after Mass. Jacob is a St. Martin, Rome, Youth who also received the award that happened to be at Mass in Sorgho May 13. Look for more SLIM Award winners' pictures in future editions of The Western Kentucky Catholic. Photo submitted by Crissy Stevenson.

St. Thomas More Works of Mercy Chapel Blessing

By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Works of Mercy Chapel at Saint Thomas More parish in Paducah was filled to capacity during the blessing liturgy. The procession into the



Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds prepares for placement of the relic. Photo submitted by Dom Amato

church included altar servers, Deacon-candidate Terry Larbes, Deacon Julio Barrera, Liturgical Architect Fr. Mark Joseph Costello, Pastor Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds, Parochial Vicar Fr. Ryan Harpole, Bishop Emeritus John McRaith, and Bishop William Medley.

During the liturgy, the chapel was blessed and sprinkled with holy water by Bishop Medley while sacred music filled the air. The chapel was named for the featured art glass images of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy that provides worship and union with the Eucharistic Lord empowering each of us to live out lives of greater charity and mercy.

Upon returning to the church, Deacon Julio Barrera read the Gospel and Fr. Pat Reynolds delivered the homily. A procession into the Works of Mercy Chapel followed for the Rite of Dedication of the Chapel Altar. Bishop Medley placed a relic of Pope Pius X permanently in the altar. He then anointed it with the oil of Sacred Chrism – an ancient symbol of healing, of strengthening for mission. Through the anointing, the Altar became the symbol of Christ, the “Anointed One.”

Next incensation of the altar by Bishop Medley occurred followed by preparation of the altar including cleansing, dressing, placing of flowers, and lighting candles. In



Bishop William Medley places the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Stan Eckenberg photo

keeping with the tradition of the early Church, the Bishop then kissed the altar for the first time as a sign of reverence to both the relic and the altar itself. The inaugural Mass was then celebrated in the chapel by Bishop

Medley, Bishop Emeritus McRaith, Fr. Pat Reynolds, Fr. Ryan Harpole, and Fr. Mark Joseph Costello with the Blessed Sacrament placed for the first time in the new Blessed Sacrament Chapel after communion. The place of reservation features large windows filled with art glass, creating a precious “jewel box” that is visible from both the church and the chapel.

Pastor Fr. Pat Reynolds thanked all those who contributed countless hours in prayer and discernment to bring the vision of the Works of Mercy Chapel to life. He remembered the faithful parishioners of St. Thomas More parish, who by their generous gifts of time, talent and treasure, made the day possible. Afterward, all attending were invited to the Parish Hall for a celebration dinner. A slide show of the various building phases of the chapel was also available to view.

The Works of Mercy Chapel stands as a place of contemplation to enhance the spiritual life of our parish and the entire Catholic community through Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, which will begin in August. To experience the grace provided by a weekly hour of Adoration, email adoration@stmore.org or contact the parish office at 270.534.9000.

Debi Hopkins Awarded Bishop McRaith Catechetical Award

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On May 14, 2012, Deborah Hopkins became the 15th recipient of the Bishop McRaith Catechetical Award which is presented annually to recognize a catechetical leader who has enhanced the catechetical ministry in the diocese or in his/her parish. Hopkins is the Director of Faith Formation at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Sorgho.

Hopkins was selected for this honor because she exemplifies the components of an effective catechist. She has an outstanding sense of humor in that she knows to take God seriously but not so much herself. She prepares, prepares, prepares because she realizes failing to plan is planning to fail. She communicates the beauty, grandeur and incarnational nature of the Catholic faith. She is keenly aware of the particular desires of her students and the parish members and strives to meet those needs. She is a person of prayer and by example instructs people in the art of prayer. Above all Hopkins bases her ministry in love. She loves the people she serves, prays for them, and teaches life-long conversion. She loves truth and love and speaks the truth with great love. This great catechist also leads others to a deeper understanding of what it means to be Trinitarian and what it means for people of faith. Finally, Hopkins understands that to form saints, one must become a saint—she is a saint in the making.

Congratulations are extended not only to Mrs. Hopkins but also to her husband, Steve,



Bishop William Medley, Father Mark Buckner, and Bishop John McRaith posed with Debi Hopkins, the 15th recipient of the Bishop McRaith Catechetical Award, May 14 at The Catholic Pastoral Center. Submitted Photo

and family who also sacrificed to help her fulfill the requirements of her ministry. Her parish is also blessed with her and a blessing to her.

Hopkins is a 2005 graduate of the Ministry Formation Program of Brescia University and earned her Masters from St. Meinrad School of Theology. Her ministry began as a volunteer catechist at the Immaculate Parish in Owensboro. She has also served as the DRE at St. Mary's Parish in Whitesville.

By Mel Howard

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - On May 1 and 2, 2012, Trinity High School juniors received new iPad2 computers which they will use for all their classes as this school year ends, and next school year begins. THS students get to keep their iPad2s over the summer. Because of a gift from a generous donor, next year, Trinity seniors and juniors will each have their own iPad 2, said Mr. Jim Conder, the computer Network Administrator for Trinity High School and St. Mary Elementary.

"Finding a way for every student to have his or her own computer for school work had been a dream of our Principal. Ms. Connie Morgan," Conder said, "especially to get iPad2s, which are about the latest and most convenient computers for use in schools out there now."

Each unit costs about \$430, including a case, Conder said. The Trinity faculty and staff who wanted to use one for class got their iPads first. Then 37 more units were assigned to the juniors. About 30 additional iPads2 units were on order May 2 for next year's Trinity juniors.

Trinity parents were invited to attend a meeting to learn more about the iPad2 computer and to see them in use. They were shown the student's responsibilities for their iPad2, the parent's responsibilities, and then asked to sign a contract to replace damaged units. Students also sign a personal responsibility agreement which carries the usage rules and school policy policies for internet usage. Trinity iPad2 units are subject to a spot check at any time, Conder said.

"An iPad 2," Conder said, "can access the internet through a web browser, can use email, is very quick to operate, can pull up images and softwares known as 'apps,' can be carried in a back pack or a girl's purse, and are very durable machines. There is very little waiting for the app to bring up a page. An iPad2 is a machine that lets a student increase his or her own ability to use technology common in the business world and in college. Working one class at a time, we hope to make iPad2 units available for every student at Trinity by next year."

Veteran teacher Brice "Coach" Roberts was one of Trinity's first teachers to use an iPad2 in one of his classes after they became available, Conder said.

"You're going to want one of these iPad2s," Conder said.

Sister Mary Virginia Sturlich, OSU, Died May 9



Maple Mount — Sister Mary Virginia Sturlich, 96, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died May 9 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 65th year of religious life. She was a native of Kansas City, Kan.

Sister Virginia was an Ursuline Sister of Paola, Kan., prior to the merger

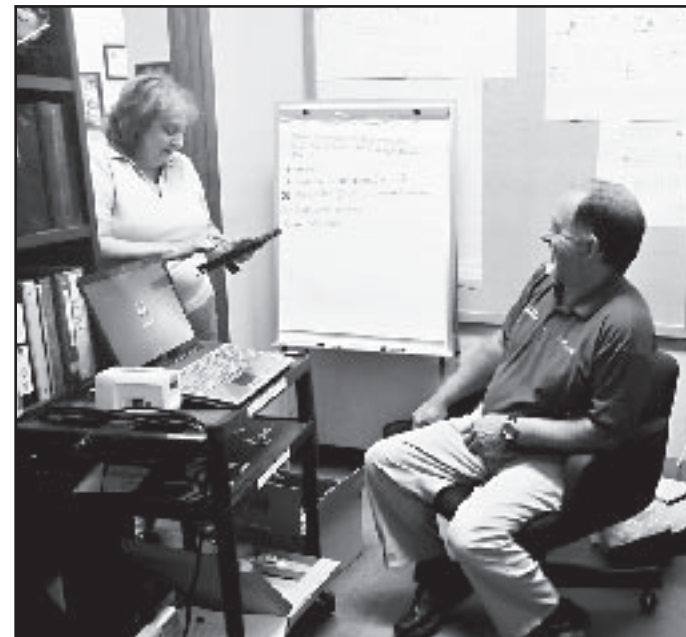
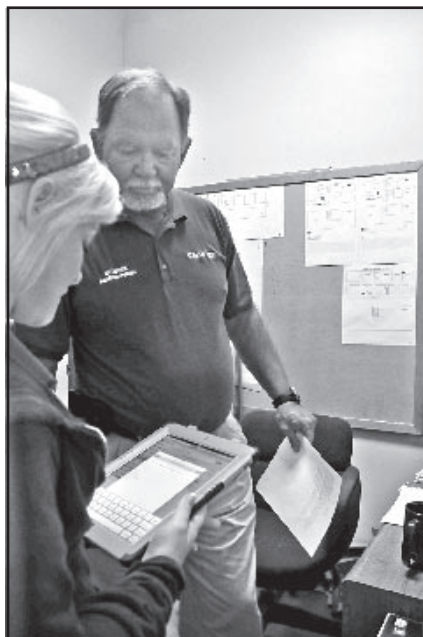
of that community with Mount Saint Joseph in 2008. She enjoyed writing letters and telling jokes.

Sister Virginia ministered to the Paola community for 60 years. She served as infirmarian and cared for the ill and the elderly at the Ursuline Academy/Motherhouse in Paola from 1953-71, where she was often a second mother for the Academy girls. From 1971-78, she ministered in child care at the Lake-mary Center, serving children and adults with developmental disabilities. From 1978 until moving to Maple Mount in 2009, Sister Virginia served in various ways at the convent, including laundry and housekeeping.

Survivors include a sister, Mary Sullivan of Overland Park, Kan., a brother-in-law, Victor Ubert, Kansas City, Kan., a niece and nephews and the members of her religious community.

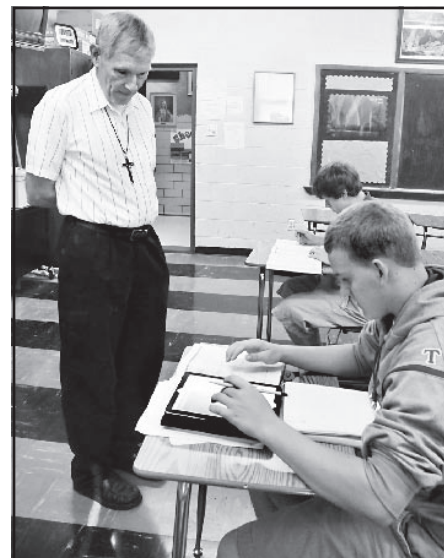
The funeral Mass was May 14 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery. Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements.

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



Photos: top left, Jim Conder watches Trinity junior Lexie Hatfield bring up an "app" on her iPad2 computer May 2, 2012. Top right, Trinity principal Connie Morgan, left, looks online for information as she talked to Jim Conder May 2: "She has that iPad2 with her everywhere she goes now," Conder said. Bottom left, Dr. Bob Cinnamond watches

Trinity junior Max Lanham work a calculus graphing problem on his own iPad2 unit. "He's doing the same calculus as used in college," Dr. Bob said. Lower right, Trinity juniors Dylan Aud and Brooklyn Gray wait with Hailey Roby, left, for their turns to pick up their new iPad2 computers outside of Trinity's IT/Network Administrator's office. Mel Howard Photos



42 August, 2012 **G.F.A. Pierce: "The Kingdom of God Has Already Begun. It is Within us!"**

HENDERSON, Ky. - On May 1, 2012, Gregory F. Augustine Pierce delivered an address for nearly 350 people in Holy Name Church here about Jesus' Vision for What the World Should be: The Kingdom of God. A Chicago native and a nationally known speaker on the spirituality of work, Pierce visited Holy Name on May 1 and 2. On May 1, which is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, Mr. Pierce spoke in the evening to the parish community.

A highlight of the May 1 talk was the prayer Pierce taught the audience, "The Our Father in Contemporary Language." Parts of it are, "...Let us not be tempted to become less that you ask of us ...," and "...For it is your plan, and your power, and your glory, now, and forever."

Pierce spoke about the Kingdom of God, mentioned 128 times in the gospels, he said. "It's what Jesus talked about more than just about any other topic. The kingdom is to come 'on earth, as it is in heaven.'" He continued, "It has already begun. It is 'within us,' yet we do not know the 'day or the hour' that it will be realized."

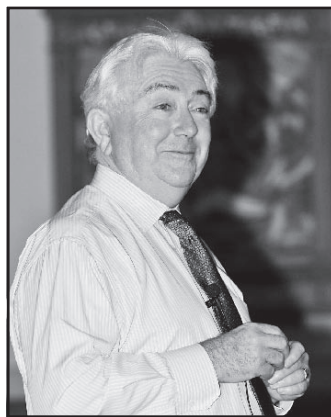
Pierce said that "... every human needs a purpose or mission that is worthy of his or her life. That mission is the same one that Jesus sent his disciples on over 2,000 years ago. Wouldn't it be great if the church had a liturgy to send us forth on the mission of building the kingdom of God? We do. It is called 'the Mass.'"

Pierce said the Catholics "come back to Mass" rather than attend or celebrate Mass. We enter the Mass and first of all admit that we haven't done very well in fulfilling our mission. "This week, have we brought about the Kingdom of God in our actions and prayer?" He asked the audience. "No. We haven't. We have failed this week to bring about the kingdom. 'Lord Have Mercy,' we pray in the Penitential Rite."

Later, at the end of Mass, we receive a final blessing and are then sent forth again "to love and serve the Lord," Pierce said. "Really believing that, we would go out into the world as if shot from a cannon to 'Go in peace , glorifying the Lord by your life.'"

"During the week, we would try to bring about the kingdom every chance we could," Pierce said, "succeeding sometimes and failing often. We would return to Mass to celebrate our victories, lick our wounds, and be sent forth again."

"What did Jesus have that



Gregory F. Augustine Pierce



Greg Pierce signed a copy of his book on May 1, 2012 for Greg and Elizabeth Haas from Saint John The Baptist Catholic Church in Newburg, In.

people need?" Pierce asked the audience. After letting folks think on this one a little, he said, "Eternal Life! With Jesus the Kingdom of God has already been accomplished. It is inside of you!"

Later in the evening Pierce signed copies of his books for people.

On Wednesday morning at a breakfast in the parish hall, he spoke to a new group of business people forming within the Holy Name parish, Catholic Business People For A Better World, on the topic for which he is best known, "Spirituality of Work: How We Remember Who We Should Be at Work".

Mr. Pierce is the president and co-publisher of ACA Publication, is the author or editor of ten books, including Spirituality at Work: 10 Ways to Balance Your Life on the Job which has sold over 20,000 copies and two awards from the Catholic Press Association. Greg graduated first in his class at Maryknoll College in 1969 and is the 2000 recipient of the Hillenbrand Award from the

Archdiocese of Chicago. Pierce resides in Chicago, Illinois with his wife Kathy. They are the parents of three college students.



Gregory F. Pierce delivered an address May 1, 2012 for nearly 350 people in Holy Name Church. Mel Howard Photos

In Your Charity, Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sister Lennora Carrico, OSU, 96, Who died May 4, 2012



Sister Lennora Carrico, 96, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Friday, May 4, 2012, at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 74th year of religious life. She was a native of Fancy Farm. Sister Lennora had a wonderful gift of compassion and often offered a listening ear to other sisters. Sisters and staff members looked forward to receiving a greeting card from her on their birthdays. She loved University of Kentucky basketball and could often be seen reading *The Cats' Pause*.

An educator for 34 years, she taught at St. Joseph High School, Owensboro (1940-46), St. Alphonsus High School, St. Joseph (1950), Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Maple Mount (1951-57), Trinity High School, Whitesville (principal and teacher, 1967-71) and elsewhere in Kentucky. She was a member of the Department of Education faculty at Brescia College (1971-74).

She also served as a Hospice volunteer at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital (1979-85). She ministered at the Motherhouse in personal and pastoral care and on the staff of Mount Saint Joseph Shop. From 1989 to 2003, she served as annalist for the Motherhouse Community.

Survivors include two sisters, Anna Elliott of Fancy Farm and Dot Willett of Calvert City; one brother, Bob Carrico and his wife, Barbara, of Cincinnati; a sister-in-law, Helen French of Fancy Farm; nieces and nephews; and the members of her religious community.

The funeral Mass and visitation were Tuesday at Mount Saint Joseph on Monday, May 7. Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in memory of Sister Lennora may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356. Condolences may be left at www.glennfuneralhome.com.

Greetings from Baní

By Father Stan Puryear

As I left off just before the summer vacation of the Western Kentucky Catholic, we had just finished the celebration of Easter weekend and I was about to embark on a celebration of the Octave of Easter. Given that Mass is celebrated in 16 different locations in the Parish of Saint James the Apostle in Paya, there was no possible way for one priest to celebrate Holy Week in many different locations. Instead, I celebrated only in the primary church of the parish and then celebrated Mass in each community during the Easter Octave. It seemed to work very well and gave me the opportunity immediately after to leave for a trip to the United States.

Though family time was very important to me during this trip, I did manage to make a small "I'm a poor missionary" trip to Boston to seek funds for the ministry in the Dominican Republic. With some follow-up, a relationship with a parish in Boston where many Dominicans with roots in Paya and Baní attend Mass may be in the future. God is doing some great work in the parish in Paya, but that great work needs resources.

During Holy Week, on Wednesday before the Triduum began, I was able to visit the Santo Domingo offices of the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. CFCA is a Catholic foundation of which I have been aware for many years, having donated to them directly and inviting priests to come to St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green. This time, I visited CFCA – after a thorough background check. I knew that CFCA did some great work and that, of all Christian and Catholic foreign aid organizations, they ensure that only a small amount of money goes for administration while most goes for assistance to sponsored children and elderly. After visiting their offices, all I can say is: "WOW".

Being a self-declared cynical skeptic, the one thing that truly impresses me is genuineness. And after having visited the CFCA offices and speaking to a priest friend with a CFCA program in his parish, I can say that I was impressed to the highest degree. The background check that I underwent was to make sure that children in the program are protected from those who would seek to establish a relationship for less-than-altruistic purposes. And the staff at the CFCA offices for the Dominican Republic consists of dedicated individuals



Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism at Saint Anthony of Padua Chapel. With forty-eight people to be baptized, the Mass and baptisms had to be moved outside the chapel. Celebrando el Sacramento de Bautismo en la Capilla San Antonio de Padua. Dado a que había cuarenta y ocho personas para recibir el bautismo, la celebración de la Misa y los Bautismos estaban afuera de la capilla.

who work hard to improve the lives of the less fortunate in our world. If you have not had a CFCA priest visit your parish, please suggest to your pastor that he could invite a priest and get a weekend off in the process.

The staff of the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging invited me to accompany them as they visit some of the projects in the Dominican Republic. I intend to take them up on the invitation and continue so that I can share information about their projects with you and with anyone who is willing to sit still and listen to me for a few minutes.

Another thing I speak about nowadays for those who will sit still and listen to me for a few minutes is the book I read during Lent this year. Shane Claiborne, author of *The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical*, is an Evangelical Christian who was greatly moved by a ten-week experience of living among the poor in Calcutta while sharing in the life of Mother Teresa. Shane and others went on to found the Simple Way here in the United States, an intentional community that seeks to follow Jesus' teaching just as Jesus taught it and as Jesus lived it.

We all know that Jesus had a profound love for the poor while he walked this earth. Jesus reached out to the poor and the marginalized time after time, even going so far as to making one of those horribly despised Samaritans the hero of one of his stories. Basically, Claiborne reminds us that when Jesus says in Luke's Gospel "Blessed are the poor", that is exactly what Jesus means. So many times, priests (and I am guilty of this myself) are so hesitant to upset those wealthy members of our parishes who generously help us to pay our bills or



Thanks to the rain, more than 500 people crammed into a building that accommodates 250, all dancing at the conclusion of the Easter Vigil. Dominicans are very much a people full of Easter joy. Debido a la lluvia, mas que 500 personas dentro de una capilla que tiene capacidad de 250, bailan al termino de la Vigilia Pascual. El pueblo dominicano es uno lleno de la alegría de la Resurrección.

who give us something extra for vacation that we water down the meaning of the gospel. "That's symbolic, and what Jesus really meant..." is usually the preface for a load of bull. What Jesus really meant when he said "Blessed are the poor" is exactly what Jesus said: blessed are the poor. Anyone who says anything different is not preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The poor of the Dominican Republic to whom I have the privilege of ministering have taught me so much about the Gospel message of Jesus that I will never be able to put it all in words. As I mentioned to Fr. Harry Hagan OSB (monk of Saint Meinrad, spiritual advisor, and all around great man), when I came to the Dominican Republic, I basically took a 70% pay cut, but the smiles of genuine gratitude from people who have nothing more to give than their love is worth far more than what I gave up.

One last note: during the summer, the people of the Dominican Republic elected a new president. The dogs and I heeded the American Embassy's warning and remained off the streets after noon on Election Day. As elections are held on a Sunday, we moved the Sunday night Mass to Saturday afternoon. What the embassy should have warned me about was the post-election "festivities" that lasted two days. Once it was evident that the ruling party was going to win, even the police were drinking and driving around celebrating. Many people owe their jobs to political patronage.

As I watch the American presidential election process from a distance, I realize how tame American politics are. Although people's reputations get bruised rather harshly, even American mudslinging is domesticated. Dominican authorities reported that only twelve people died in election-related violence, a significant decrease from the 2008 presidential elections. Even more interesting: though President Leonel Fernandez was constitutionally prohibited from running for a consecutive term, that did not stop his wife being the Vice-Presidential candidate of the PLD (conservative free-market) ticket. The PRD (leftist) party is still crying "foul" over the results, though they have no comment to make regarding the anonymous attempt to hack the national election committee's computers on the night the ballots were being counted.

Life is so much more colorful here.

Bishop Medley Calls for Forgiveness, Offers Hope

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

Extending a figurative palm branch, Bishop William Medley addressed approximately 50 people gathered at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on April 23, 2012, for a diocesan prayer service. This prayer service, which offered prayer for protection and healing, was the second of its kind held in the diocese during the month of April, also known as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The first service was held last year at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.

Allowing the Old Testament reading (Lamentations 3:49-59) to set the scene for his homily, Bishop Medley began by quoting verses 55-57. "I called on your name, O Lord, from the depths of the pit. You heard my plea: 'Do not close your ears to my cry for relief.' You came near when I called you and you said, 'Do not fear.'"

"The Word of God," Bishop Medley began, "from the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation, covers the entire spectrum of human emotion. Written in the Book of Lamentations is the unfolding of life and how we turn to the Lord.

"We bear the sin of Adam and Eve. We bear the failure of Adam and Eve. And we let one another down. We gather tonight to celebrate healing, calling to mind especially those who have been victims of child abuse," Bishop Medley explained.

"Ten years ago this spring, newspapers, radio stations and television stations reported that our Church had time and again failed. The greater harm was done when no one heard their cry. So untold thousands had no one to turn to but God and may well have echoed Lamentations.

"Our Church has striven to do justice, to right wrongs, to heal wounds," Bishop Medley continued. "That is not something that we can say is complete as long as someone is hurting.

"During the Easter season we read how Jesus appeared to those who betrayed him, who deserted him, who watched from afar. As he carried a cross up the hill, hung on a cross, suffered in the garden, called 'My God, My God,' these chosen ones watched from afar. They watched from afar," Bishop Medley emphasized. "They were not near."

"When Jesus appeared to them, he showed them his wounds. Even after rising from the dead, the wounds he received



Bishop William Medley, with assistance from Fr. Daniel Dillard, Parochial Vicar of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, began a prayer service with an opening prayer on April 23, 2012, at Sts. Peter and Paul. The prayer service was offered for protection and healing during National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

on Calvary remained. For those who abandoned him, those who betrayed him, he received those wounds.

"Jesus time and again says 'Peace be with you' and models what type of community the Church should be. Jesus wasn't interested in scolding them. No, he said, 'Peace be with you,'" the bishop recalled.

"Many in our world and in our Church can show us wounds inflicted on them by members of the Church and by priests themselves. They have come for healing," Bishop Medley stated. "For a great many people, they have found hope and healing. But there are thousands who have not told their stories. Then there are many who have told their stories but have not received the grace to forgive.

"As Bishop, many have told me of their wounds and I have asked them to forgive, not for the Church's sake, but for their own healing. If they cannot, we must love them. We must acknowledge that they have been betrayed," Bishop Medley pled.

"I give to you a message tonight. If you were broken or wounded in the Church, in your family, let us as a community help heal those wounds and let me ask for your forgiveness. Again, not for the Church, but for your healing, that you might receive God's ultimate healing," he concluded.

Following the prayers of the faithful, seventeen-year-old Kevin Thompson, son of Molly Thompson, Coordinator for the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese, led the gathering in a Litany for Healing. "For children wounded and tearful, for children confused or alone, for



children afraid or abandoned, for children beaten, for children who sleep in fear, for children afraid to go home, for children afraid of their abusers, for children assaulted and for children who assault, for children whose innocence has been stolen, for those who cannot trust, for those who cannot love, for those whose hearts are filled with fear." After each plea, the congregation responded with "Save, heal and protect them, O Lord!"

After the congregation joined together in one voice to say the 'Our Father,' Bishop Medley concluded the prayer service with a blessing. "Lord God, your own Son was delivered into the hands of the wicked, yet he prayed for his persecutors and overcame hatred with the blood of the cross. Relieve the suffering of those present today; grant them peace of mind and a renewed faith in your protection and care. Protect us all from the violence of others, keep us safe from the weapons of hate, and restore to us tranquility and peace."

Luci Hughes, parishioner and cantor at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, led the congregation during the responsorial at a diocesan prayer service on April 23, 2012. Held at Sts. Peter and Paul, Bishop Medley called for forgiveness and offered hope to those who have been victimized by child abuse. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

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“Fiesta” for our Diocese’s 75th Anniversary

By Chris Gutierrez

OWENSBORO, Ky. - He has sung for the Pope at the Vatican. He has also sung at World Youth Days around the world and at Canonization Masses. But he had never sung for the Diocese of Owensboro or in any other place in Kentucky until just recently. On May 26th Hispanic Catholics from our diocese and from beyond had the privilege of having Martin Valverde perform a concert at Daviess county High school auditorium in Owensboro as part of the celebration of our 75th anniversary as a diocese. Before the concert about 80 Hispanic young adults took part in the diocesan retreat led by Fr. Alejandro Lopez.

The concert went from 6:30pm-

Photos: top right, Fr. Carmelo Jimenez Salinas with Martin Valverde and many who attended and helped work the concert. Top left, Bishop William Medley and Fr. Alejandro Lopez with RENEW International enjoying the music with hundreds of others. Lower left, Martin Valverde and musicians performing. Lower right, The Crucifix and Jubilee Banner. Photos from www.rcdok.org

8:30 pm and it drew an estimated crowd of 700 people. Families and individuals from as far as Tennessee, close to Indianapolis and from all over Western Kentucky took part in this grand event. Martin Valverde is originally from Costa Rica but now as a nationalized Mexican, he lives and has his production headquarters in Guadalajara, Mexico.

The dream of bringing Martin to Owensboro started at our Parish, Sts. Joseph and Paul in Owensboro, about a year ago. Fr. Carmelo and I would joke around about how remote, expensive and complicated this possibility would



with their food sales, raffles, and lots of hard work prior to and on the very day. The Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph provided lodging for Martin and his band. We also want to thank Mike Bogdan who helped as our main contact with Sunlite Studios and with so many other details.

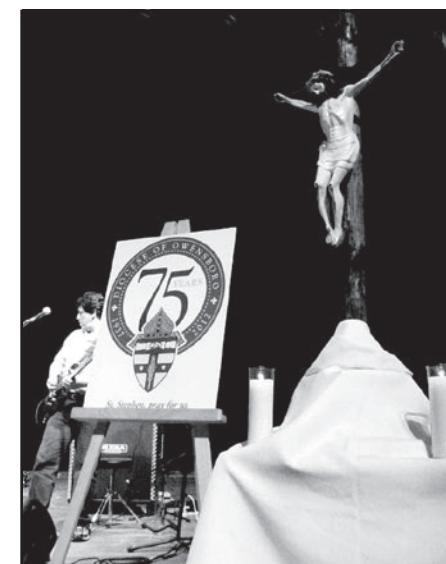
Finally, I would like to say a word of thanks to Bishop Medley for staying throughout the whole concert and being a true pastor to the Hispanic flock from Western Kentucky.

Chris Gutiérrez is Director of Hispanic Ministry for Sts. Joseph and Paul Catholic Church.



probably be; after all we were attempting to bring the best Catholic musician and composer there is in the Spanish-speaking world at this moment. But as you all know, God’s Holy Spirit will always work wonders and assist in any type of genuine evangelization efforts no matter how difficult.

This event would have never been possible without the assistance and hard work of so many people. We are especially thankful to the many generous financial supporters. We also cannot forget all the Hispanic Ministers from around the diocese who helped promote the event and sell the tickets. Sts. Joseph and Paul & St. Michael’s Hispanic Youth Group JESAC helped





3 mujeres que asisten al Festival. Las fotos en esta página presentada por Abraham Brown.

A la derecha, Obispo Medley fuera de la iglesia del Santo Nombre con el pueblo, entre muchas banderas

A continuación, Comunidad de la mano durante la oración del Señor en la Misa Multicultural

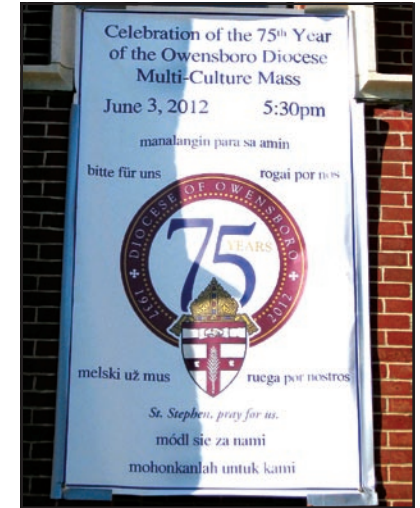


Un Evento Owensboro Jubileo Diocesano

A continuación, Los jóvenes de Filipinas llevando la bandera de Filipinas



Chicas bailando. Las niñas de la parroquia del Santo Nombre bailar una danza mexicana Veracruzano.



La comunidad Birmana



El obispo con una familia Peruana



Dr. Jamie Tiu y Familias Holy Name



+ Monseñor William Medley, Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Mis queridos amigos,

En la Misa Crismal del 3 de abril del 2012, la Diócesis de Owensboro inició su celebración del jubileo de 75 años que durará todo un año. El 9 de diciembre del 1937, El Papa Pio XI creó la diócesis, separando la parte occidental de Kentucky de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville. El Obispo Francis Cotton, un nativo

de Kentucky, fue nombrado el primer obispo y encargado de establecer las estructuras de la iglesia local. El 8 de diciembre de este año tendremos un evento central de nuestra celebración de los 75 años de las gracias del Señor con una

Misa a las 11:00am en el Centro Deportivo de Owensboro (Sportscenter).

Durante el proceso de planear el año de jubileo fue importante celebrar las muchas facetas de la vida de la iglesia. Uno de nuestros puntos de enfoque será el lanzamiento de "LEVANTATE" Unámonos en Cristo. Este proceso parroquialmente centrado para la renovación espiritual edificará sobre los importantes esfuerzos de renovación de los últimos treinta años: Renew (Renueva) en los 80's y Renew 2000 al empezar el nuevo milenio. Levántate empezará en el Otoño del 2012 y continuará por cinco temporadas de Primavera/Otoño.

Nuestros párrocos y otros líderes de la iglesia dan testimonio que los programas previos de renovación centrados en las parroquias han creado generaciones de líderes nuevos y han invitado a miles que profundicen su relación con Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor. Todas las 79

parroquias de la Diócesis se han inscrito para ser parte de este esfuerzo. Algunas parroquias tal vez tendrán solamente unos cuantos participantes y las parroquias grandes tendrán cientos de participantes.

Todos los Católicos activos serán tocados durante las etapas de Levántate en las diferentes facetas de la vida parroquial a través de las homilias, al compartir la fe en grupos pequeños, en la oración individual y familiar y tal vez en misiones parroquiales o en talleres especiales para aumentar nuestra respuesta a los adultos jóvenes.

Abarcar el proceso de Levántate en la Diócesis de Owensboro corresponde muy bien con la vida de la iglesia universal. El Papa Benedicto XVI reunirá a algunos obispos representativos y líderes de a través del mundo este Octubre para un Sínodo que explorará la nueva evangelización. El Santo Padre está pidiendo

a la Iglesia universal que se revise seriamente para asegurarse que el mensaje del Evangelio de Jesús todavía sea proclamado con audaz e innovación. Este Sínodo al mismo tiempo celebrará el 50 aniversario de la apertura de Concilio Vaticano Segundo en Octubre del 1962.

El primero de Agosto nos encuentra a todos mirando al final del verano y hacia el paso diferente que toma la vida del otoño. Por favor ruegan por el éxito de Levántate y considera como pueden luchar para dar nueva vida a su fe y la de su familia.

Suyos en Cristo,

+ William F. Medley
+ Monseñor William F. Medley,
Obispo de Owensboro

Calendario del Monseñor Medley para agosto 2012:

1 de Agosto	6:30 p.m.	Misa Patronal, San Alfonso, Owensboro
2 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Almuerzo/Reunión Sacerdotal, Grupo 2
	5:00 p.m.	Encuentro de Ministros de Universidades
4 de Agosto	2:00 p.m.	Oración Inicial, Picnic de Fancy Farm
5 de Agosto	2:00 p.m.	Misa de Inclusión, Parroquia de la Santísima Madre Owensboro, Evento de Jubileo
6 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Almuerzo/Reunión Sacerdotal, Grupo 6
7 de Agosto	9:00 a.m.	Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, Centro Pastoral Católico (CPC)
	1:00 a.m.	Bienvenido de los Tribunales de la Provincia, CPC
8 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Almuerzo/Reunión Sacerdotal, Grupo 4
9 de Agosto		Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de la Conferencia Católica de Kentucky, Louisville, Reunión Provincial, Louisville, KY
10 de Agosto		Reunión Provincial, Louisville, KY
11 de Agosto	5:30 p.m.	Misa, Grupo Diocesano de Adultos Jóvenes, Cristo Rey, Madisonville
12 de Agosto	1:00 p.m.	Misa, Aniversario de 5 años, Centro de Campamento Juvenil y Retiros de Gasper River
	5:00 p.m.	Celebración de la Vida Rural, Sportscenter, Owensboro, Evento de Jubileo
14 de Agosto	12:00 p.m.	Reunión de Superiores Religiosos de la Diócesis
15 de Agosto		Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María
18 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Picnic de Seminaristas, Paducah
18 de Agosto	4:30 p.m.	Misa, Líderes de la Formación de Fe, Monte San José
19 de Agosto	3:00 p.m.	Misa, Formación de la Fe del Decanato de Fancy Farm, San Jerónimo, Fancy Farm
20 de Agosto	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité de Personal Sacerdotal, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes, CPC
21 de Agosto	9:00 a.m.	Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, CPC
22 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Almuerzo/Reunión Sacerdotal, Grupo 3
26 de Agosto	2:00 p.m.	Misa, Católicos Negros, Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, Owensboro, Evento de Jubileo
28 de Agosto	10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Oficina de Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes, Paducah
30 de Agosto	11:00 a.m.	Almuerzo/Reunión Sacerdotal, Grupo 5

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

Por Charlotte Paez

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.

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.

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75 Years of Pastoral Work with Vibrant Faith of the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky.

By Luis Aju



On December 8 this year, 2012, the most honorable and praiseworthy Diocese of Owensboro, will be celebrating 75 years of its foundation and mission in Western Kentucky. It is a beautiful occasion for all Catholics to celebrate and thank God for this and also to all who took part in the beginning of the Episcopal Mission. Many have grown in their faith due to the hard work and service that is offered in this Diocese and its communities that have been under its jurisdiction in this 75-year mission. People who have passed through this Diocese have come to think of it as a mother and teacher of faith, as well as a support and a place where we can all feel as part of a great family. So this date to us has great meaning and is reason to be motivated to continue the mission. Once again we thank God and the pioneers that established the foundations of this magnificent Diocese, to be exact, we will mention the names of our past three Bishops: Bishop Francis R. Cotton, Bishop Henry J. Soenneker, Bishop John J. McRaith. All the bishops in an effort to leave a legacy in what today is magnificent and a noble Diocese, worked tirelessly during their time to make this happen. The Bishops prior to our most revered Bishop William F. Medley without a doubt dedicated their life and vocation to serve God's community. This Diocese has taught us to embrace everyone in the same way without seeing nationality, color, gender, language, origin or culture. We are currently aware of the need to give life to a church of unity and diversity; his implies the acceptance of various cultures of humanity, and this is the journey that we find in our Diocese today.

First of all we are all invited to be part of this celebration because we are the Church, following what Jesus taught, "to be one just as my father and I are one."

One of the contents of the teachings of the Catholic Church and of our Diocese has been the Social Doctrine of the Church. A topic that covers the inherent and inalienable profound respect towards the human person and his dignity as a child of God, created in His same image, so that every human deserves our inviolable respect in all areas. The Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese has made its goal to cover these major issues in our training courses, which fortunately we have been able to do so during our workshops in different occasions. To all of you who work for the Diocese, our gratitude and admiration for your work is given.

The Catholic Church and our Diocese have opened their doors and continue to keep them open to all who want to come and participate, and are welcome at any time. I would remind all of you of the strength and effectiveness of praying as a community, so I would encourage you to continue to do so. Search the prayer groups in our parishes and be part of the opportunity that we all need in prayer. God bless and until next time.



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SESIÓN ESPAÑOL

FECHA	HORA	LUGAR
El viernes, 14 de septiembre, 2012	6:00- 8:30 PM	San José y Pablo OWENSBORO
El sábado, 15 de septiembre, 2012	1:00 -3:30 PM	Ss. Pietro & Pablo, HOPKINSVILLE
El sábado, 15 de septiembre, 2012	6:00 - 8:30 PM	San José BOWLING GREEN
El domingo, 16 de septiembre, 2012	5:00 - 7:30 PM	San José MAYFIELD

75 Años de Labor pastoral, con Fe Vibrante de la Diócesis de Owensboro, Ky.

Por Luis Aju

El día 8 de Diciembre de este año, 2012 la muy honorable y loable Diócesis de Owensboro, estará cumpliendo sus 75 años de fundación y misión para el occidente del estado de Kentucky. Es una hermosa ocasión para que todos los fieles católicos celebremos y agradezcamos primero a Dios, y luego a todos los que tomaron parte en el inicio de la Misión Episcopal. No tenemos idea de cuantas personas han crecido en su Fe, por la labor y servicio que ha ofrecido esta Diócesis a la comunidad que esta bajo su jurisdicción, durante estos 75 años de misión. Las personas que han pasado por estos lugares han encontrado a la Iglesia Católica como madre y maestra de nuestra fe, así como un apoyo y un lugar donde todos nos hemos sentido parte de esta gran familia. Por lo tanto esta fecha tiene para nosotros un gran significado y motivo para sentirnos motivados de seguir la misión. Gracias a Dios y a los pioneros en el establecimiento de las bases de la magnífica Diócesis, para ser exactos, mencionaremos el nombre de los Obispos antecesores al Actual Obispo: Bishop Francis R. Cotton, Bishop Henry J. Soenneker, Bishop John J. McRaith,

Todos los obispos con el afán de dejarnos un legado que es esta Magnífica y Noble Diócesis, trabajaron incansablemente en su momento. Los antecesores del Eximo. Sr Obispo actual, William F. Medley, no cabe la menor duda que cada uno dio su vida y su Vocación para servir al pueblo de Dios.

Esta Diócesis nos ha enseñado a recibir a todos por igual, sin ver nacionalidades, color, genero, lengua, origen y cultura. Actualmente estamos consientes de la necesidad de vivir una iglesia Unidad en la Diversidad, esto implica la aceptación de las varias culturas de la humanidad, esto es el caminar que encontramos en la Diócesis.

Ante todo estamos invitados a ser parte de esta celebración porque todos formamos parte de la Iglesia, que de muchas maneras seguimos lo que Jesús nos enseno, Sean uno como mi Padre y yo somos uno. A todos los que laboran para la Diócesis, nuestro agradecimiento y admiración por su trabajo.

En uno de los contenidos de la Enseñanza de la Iglesia Católica y de nuestra Diócesis han sido la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia, tema que cubre el respeto intrínseco e inalienable y profundo a la persona humana, y a su dignidad como hijo de Dios, creado a su misma imagen, por lo que toda persona humana merece nuestro respeto como un derecho inviolable en todos los ámbitos. El Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis se ha propuesto cubrir estos grandes temas en nuestros cursos de formación, que felizmente hemos impartido en nuestros talleres de aprendizaje en diferentes ocasiones.

La Iglesia Católica y por ende nuestra Diócesis ha abierto sus puertas y las continua abriendo para todos los que quieren acercarse y participar, todo el tiempo son y serán bienvenidos. Quisiera recordar les la fuerza y la efectividad que tiene orar en comunidad, por lo que los exhorto hacerlo. Buscar los grupos de oración en la parroquia y ser parte de la oportunidad de la oración que todos necesitamos. Dios los bendiga y hasta la próxima.