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- Pope Benedict XVI



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Pope Benedict XVI announces his resignation



Pope Benedict XVI on Feb. 11, 2013 announced his resignation of the papal office on February 28, 2013. Below please find his announcement.

Dear Brothers,

I have convoked you to this Consistory, not only for the three canonizations, but also to communicate to you a decision of great importance for the life of the Church. After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but no less with

Pope Benedict XVI.

Photo courtesy of Olan Mills

prayer and suffering. However, in today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the barque of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me.

For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the Cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a Conclave to elect the new Supreme Pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is. Dear Brothers, I thank you most sincerely for all the love and work with which you have supported me in my ministry and I ask pardon for all my defects. And now, let us entrust the Holy Church to the care of Our Supreme Pastor, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and implore his holy Mother Mary, so that she may assist the Cardinal Fathers with her maternal solicitude, in electing a new Supreme Pontiff. With regard to myself, I wish to also devotedly serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer.

From the Vatican, 10 February 2013
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Most Reverend
William F.
Medley, Bishop
of Owensboro

I treasure an exceptional bond with Pope Benedict XVI

Dear sisters
and brothers,

No children of the 20th or 21st centuries would ever question whether or not we live in interesting times. Even the youngest among us see technology and marvels of instant communication transform our world and relationships.

Now Pope Benedict XVI has provided yet new interesting times. All of our assumptions about the shepherding and governing of the Roman Catholic Church have been shaken up. Our Holy Father has announced that, because of his compromised health of mind and body, he will step aside as Bishop of Rome, and thus the visible head of the world's more than one billion Catholics.

The Pope's decision is one of humility, grace and courage. It is indeed the humble servant who recognizes through prayer, through his graced intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, that he has served his Master well and can entrust his beloved Church to a successor. The courage manifests itself in boldly doing what no pope had done for nearly six hundred years.

I treasure an exceptional bond with Pope Benedict as it was he who called me to the office of bishop and blessed me in appointing me to be the Bishop of Owensboro. When I was introduced to His Holiness in September of 2010, just

months after my Episcopal ordination, I thanked him for his confidence in me and asked for his prayers for me and the Church of western Kentucky. He smiled and said, "Ah, Kentucky!"

We will continue to pray for Pope Benedict XVI so that his desire may be fulfilled, that he may "devotedly serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer."

So, exciting times indeed! In an ancient ritual the Cardinals of the Church will gather during the month of March to elect Pope Benedict's successor. The American media in particular wants to portray this coming process as akin to our presidential election: will conservatives, moderates or liberals prevail? Fortunately this is radically far from the truth.

Now I presume the Cardinals before entering the conclave will find opportunities to reflect upon the state of the Church in our day and focus on questions of spiritual leadership. But it is my faith that when they enter the Sistine Chapel they understand that the Holy Spirit becomes the prime mover.

For our part, let us pray that the man who is about to be called to serve the Church will find strength in the God who will call him. Let us assist him with our prayers.

May God bless you all.

+Most Reverend William F. Medley,
Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar for March 2013:

March 1	9:00 a.m.	School Mass, St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
March 5	9:00 a.m.	CPC Staff Mass and Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center
March 6	9:00 a.m.	Senior Conversations, Owensboro Catholic High School
March 7	8:00 a.m.	School Mass, Trinity High School, Whitesville
		Senior Conversations, Trinity High School, Whitesville
March 9	5:00 p.m.	Installation of Ministries of Seminarians (Lector & Acolyte), St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
March 10	2:00 p.m.	Blessing of Catholic Jubilee Habitat House, Owensboro
March 12	10:00 a.m. 1:00-3:00 p.m.	School Mass, St. Mary High School, Paducah Senior Conversations, St. Mary High School, Paducah Paducah Office, Lourdes Hospital
March 14	8:00 a.m.	School Mass, Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville
March 15	8:00 a.m.	School Mass followed by Groundbreaking of John Paul II Catholic School, St. Ann, Morganfield
March 17	10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Youth 2000 Mass, Brescia University, Owensboro Scouting Mass, St. Stephen Cathedral
March 18	9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Priests' Personnel Committee Meeting, CPC Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
March 19	9:30 a.m.	School Mass, St. Joseph, Bowling Green
March 20	8:30 a.m.	Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, CPC
March 22-23		Lenten Reflection Conference, Bishop Simon Bruté College, Seminary, Indianapolis, IN
March 24	9:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Mass, St. Stephen Cathedral
March 26	6:30 p.m.	Chrism Mass, Sportscenter, Owensboro Jubilee Year Ends
March 28	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Mass, St. Stephen Cathedral
March 29	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday services, St. Stephen Cathedral
March 30	8:00 p.m.	Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, St. Stephen Cathedral

Bishop Medley's schedule for the next few months in Paducah is:

- Tuesday, March 12, from 12-3
- Tuesday, April 23, from 12-3
- Tuesday, May 28, from 10-3

Five Seminarians To Be

Instituted in Ministries March 9

In a liturgical ceremony at St. Stephen Cathedral, on the 9th of March 2013, NICK HIGDON and JARED KAELIN will be instituted in the Ministry of Lector and BASILIO AZ CUC, NICOLAS AJPACAJA TZOC and JAMIE DENNIS will be instituted in the Ministry of Acolyte for the DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO.

As a Lector he officially proclaims the Word of God in the liturgical assembly and also fulfills the ministry of catechizing children and adults, preparing them to receive the sacraments in a worthy manner. He promises to be docile to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, to receive the Word of God in himself, and to meditate upon it, savor it and make it operative in his everyday life.

As an Acolyte he helps priests and deacons to carry out their office by distributing Holy Communion to the faithful and to those who are sick. He promises to live the Eucharistic life more intensely in a spirit of oblation and sacrifice. He commits himself to grow daily in faith, and in charity to his brothers and sisters.

Brescia University To Host Italy Tour in June, 2013

Brescia University President, Fr. Larry Hostetter, and Division of Fine Arts Chair, Sr. Mary Diane Taylor, will host a study tour and pilgrimage to Italy this summer, June 1-12. Cities included in this trip include Rome, Florence, Orvieto, Naples, and Assisi. Time is running out to join the group! If you are interested, please call the President's Office at 270-686-4236.

Lenten Day of Prayer

March 20

A Lenten Day of Prayer will take place Wednesday, March 20 from 9:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers, the event will include Mass, lunch and the sacrament of Reconciliation. The cost is \$20. To register, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org.



Note from the Editor: The Light Is On For You. Western Kentucky Catholic readers are invited to send in brief articles reflecting experiences with the Sacrament of Reconciliation for consideration in the April or May, 2013 editions. Email texts to Mel.Howard@pastoral.org, or mail to Mel Howard, Editor, The Western Kentucky Catholic, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301

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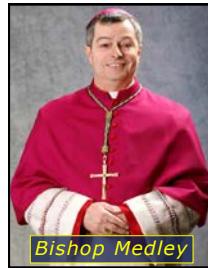
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4 March, 2013 Year of Jubilee Celebrating 75th Diocesan Anniversary Our Time's Historical Moment

By Mel Howard

The Diocese of Owensboro celebrated our 75th Anniversary Eucharist in the Owensboro Sportscenter and Reception in the Riverpark Center. The January, 2013 *Western Kentucky Catholic* carried the text of Bishop William Medley's homily entitled "Hail, Full of Grace, Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother Mary." Many who heard the homily that day asked if it could appear in the diocesan paper. They felt it was an eloquent statement and story about The Diocese of Owensboro located in Western Kentucky. People who heard it felt that the statement deserves a wide audience. So it appeared in the January, 2013 edition as the main focus or reporting about the Dec. 8, 2012 celebration. More from the day's events were to come in later editions.

One monthly edition is not enough to tell about all the great images and events which have been celebrated in our 75th Jubilee year.

The February, 2013 Western Kentucky Catholic (WKC) continued the story about the 75th Jubilee celebration of the Diocese of Owensboro with an article from Henderson Holy Name about Arise/Levantate, a Jubilee Event being offered for five seasons across all the parishes of the diocese. The February, 2013 edition carried eight more parish histories and church building pictures, a feature provided by the Diocesan Archives since the beginning of the Jubilee year. In this same edition, an article announced the construction of the Catholic Jubilee House, Build #108, at 1515 West 4th St., Owensboro, sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro, the Habitat For Humanity (HFH) chapters at Owensboro Catholic High School and Brescia University, and Catholic parishes. Organizers hope that other HFH houses will be sponsored and built by Catholic parishes or schools in other places in Western Kentucky.

Also, an article in the February 2013 WKC appeared with pictures of the Dec. 8 celebration and the schedule of Jubilee events for the year inviting readers to send in their own letters, photos, or reflections about the 75th Jubilee celebration.

The paper asked: "What did you think of the December 8, 2012 75th Anniversary Eucharist in the Sportscenter and the Reception in the Riverpark Center?



Sr. George Mary Hagan O.S.U, left, and Sr. Eula Johnson, S.C.N. talking before the Dec. 8 Jubilee celebration. Danny Thompson photo

Send your pictures, letters, or stories to Mel.Howard@pastoral.org. Or mail pictures and letters to Editor, Western Kentucky Catholic, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301."

In this March, 2013 WKC are found more pictures from the Dec. 8, 2012 Celebration. Also, here is one person's thoughts about the December 8, 2012 celebration of the Diocese's 75th Anniversary.

Pageantry, Elegance, And Beauty

Dear Editor,

Thanks for inviting us to share our reflections on the 75th anniversary.

The December 8, 2012 ceremony in the Sportscenter was awesome, with pageantry, elegance, and beauty.

As I witnessed the ritual, I thought of the pioneer Catholics who first migrated to Owensboro from Central Kentucky and the many hardships they endured, both physical and emotional. Coming to Owensboro in the 1700s was not an easy endeavor on horseback, and the primitive living conditions. They were blessed to have Father Eliza Durbin who ministered to the pioneers on horseback, traveling from village to village, just as Father (Theodore) Badin did for the people of the Holy Land of Kentucky.

After many years, the Catholic Faith is still flourishing here in the Owensboro Diocese under the outstanding leadership of the Most Reverend William F.

Medley, who hails from the Holy Land of Kentucky.

Let us continue to grow in the Catholic Faith here in Western Kentucky as we go forward to our centennial.

- Sr. George Mary Hagan O.S.U. Maple Mount. Ky.

Another remarkable part of the Diocese's celebrations of 75th Anniversary Year is destined to be a collector's item, sought after by future Western Kentucky Catholics. Most Western Kentucky Catholics have heard about the commemorative history book produced for this 75th Jubilee of our diocese. See page 12 of this edition for an article about the book titled *Freely You Have Received, Freely Give: 75 Years of the Diocese of Owensboro Kentucky*, written by Diocesan Archivist Sarah Patterson. It is highly likely that a western Kentucky Catholic will find a picture of someone or a church building that they know well. The book is another part of the growing lore about this Catholic community in our part of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This Year of Jubilee has truly been a celebration of our Catholic Faith in western Kentucky. Be a part of the story-telling.

OK! It is not to late to send in to *The Western Kentucky Catholic* a picture or a letter or reflection about any of the events celebrated anywhere in the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky. the 75th Jubilee year. Put your "two cents worth" in the next edition of *The Western Kentucky Catholic*.

Now, a final thought: Our 75th Jubilee Year ends March 26, 2013.

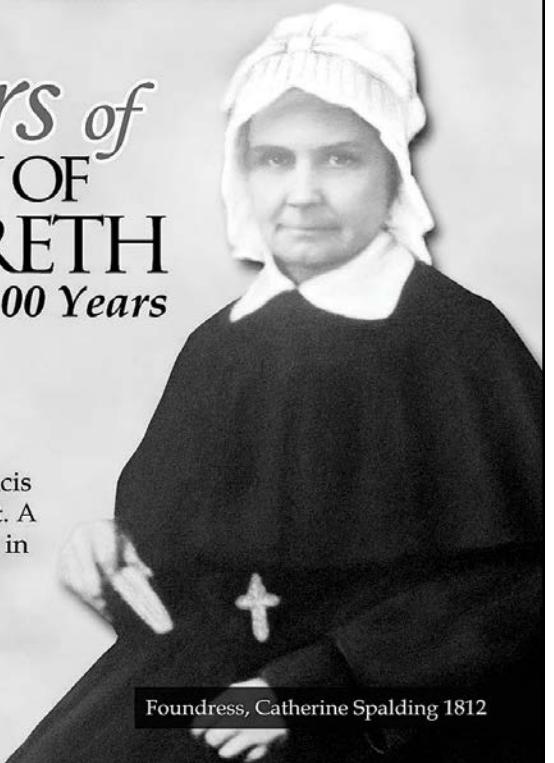
Mark your calendars for Chrism Mass 2013 which will be held on Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Owensboro Sportscenter. This is the time when the Bishop blesses the oils used in our parishes throughout the year.

YOU ARE INVITED April 18 | 10:00 a.m.

Saint Stephen Cathedral, 610 Locust Street, Owensboro

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The Most Rev. William Francis Medley will be the celebrant. A simple luncheon will follow in the undercroft.



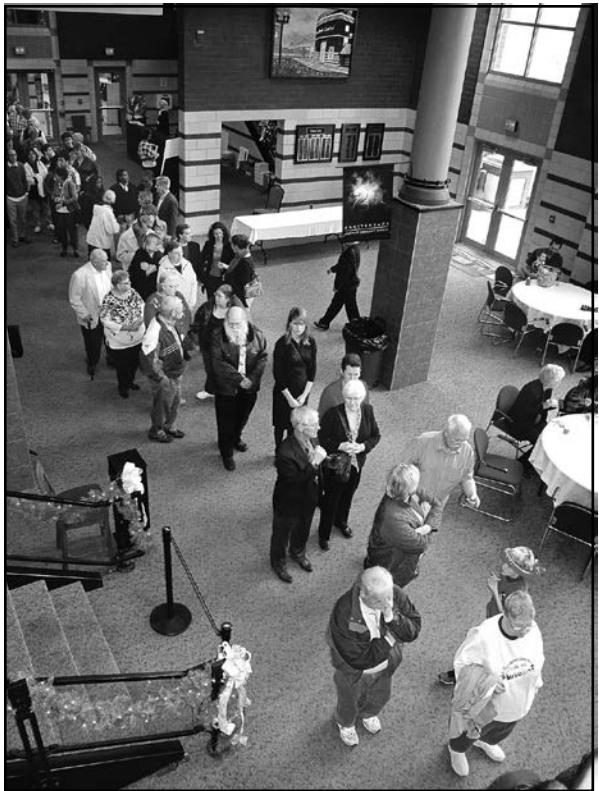
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75th Jubilee Celebration Pictures

Top left, people coming to the Riverpark Center for lunch, crafts, and music; top center, assisted walking convention, top right, fine cuisine for lunch, middle left, How Creative R U?, center, Sr.Mary Matthias Ward,

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O.S.U., with a buddy, Fr Mike Clark: smile, you're on camera; middle right, Bishop William Medley greeting and chatting with the folks, lower left, fun painting, lower center, Bluegrass band Kings Highway playing in the Woodward Cafe ; and lower right, smiling Catholic faces filled the Sportscenter and the Riverpark Center Dec. 8, 2012. Photos submitted by various folks.



St. Stephen, pray for us.

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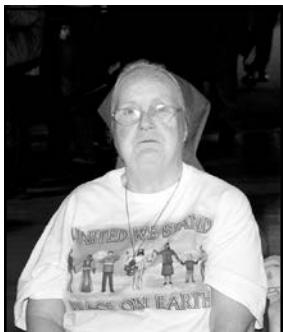
75th Jubilee Celebration Pictures



Top left, Jeff Day guiding Joe and Rosemary Mattingly into the photo booth in the Riverpark Center Dec. 8, 2012; top center, photo booth picture - Joe and Rosemary Mattingly smiling for the camera; middle left, Bishop Medley. Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU and Kevin Kauffeld checking the time; middle center, Sr. Amelia Stenger talking on camera with a TV reporter about the Jubilee celebration; center right, CPC staff Karen Jarboe, Rita Hayden and Louanne Payne with girls at crafts table; lower left, listening to Bluegrass music from Kings Highway; kids lined up in Riverpark Center for the good stuff - balloons! Photos submitted by various folks.

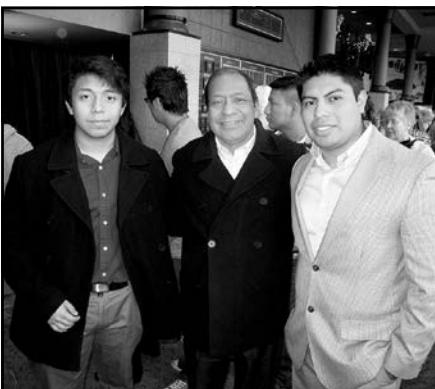


CANNON HALL



75th Jubilee Celebration Pictures

Top left, carolers, left to right: Heather Hayden (Director of Music at Lourdes Parish, Owensboro), Jacob Hein (Director of Music at St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Sorgho), Matt Gray (Director of Music at Immaculate Parish, Owensboro), Luci Barnett (Cantor at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville), Lacy Riddle (Director of Music at St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm), and Patty Brown (Director of Music at Christ the King Parish, Madisonville); **top center**, Theresa Lattus eating lunch on the Riverpark Center veranda overlooking the Ohio River; **middle left**, Owensboro Catholic high School students just out of the photo booth ready in the lunch line - from left, Amy Dickens, Jamie Thompson, Molly Thompson, Abbie Dickens, Rebecca Gross, and a friend, Derek Hayden; **center**, Luis Aju with sons Luis Jr, right, and left, Manolo Aju; Sarah Hart and Josh Blakesley singing in concert in Cannon Hall; **bottom left**, Sister of the Lamb of God Mary Thomas Simon caught by a friend's camera between visits with other friends in the Riverpark Center; **bottom center**, a lady reading the history of the 75th Anniversary brochure in Cannon Hall; **at bottom right**, Western Kentucky Catholics visiting, catching up after the Mass in the Sportscenter Dec. 8, 2012. Photos submitted by various folks.



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Ursuline Sisters Singing The Magnificat Dec. 8, 2012 For Jubilee Celebration

From the Mount Saint Joseph Ursuline Sisters

The Magnificat is the beginning of Mary's response to the Angel Gabriel when he announced to her that she was chosen to bear a son and would name him Jesus. She continued the prayer when she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist.

The Magnificat is found in the Gospel of Luke, 1:46-55. Mary was praying Hannah's prayer when Hannah dedicated her son, Samuel, to God and left him in the temple. Hannah's prayer is found in 1 Samuel, 2:1-8.

The Ursuline Sisters pray the Magnificat every day in Evening Prayer. In the early 1990s, when Sister Mary Matthias Ward was congregational leader, she asked that the sisters sing the Magnificat at the gravesite when one of the Ursuline Sisters was being buried. The sisters have been asked to sing the Magnificat at various functions since then.



The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph say, "Special thanks to all those who were able to gather on Dec. 8 for the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Owensboro. The response to the singing of the Magnificat was beautiful and the sight of us gathered as a community was a great witness! Thanks to all who made this possible, you know who you are!" The words which the Ursuline Sisters sing are the traditional Latin text of the Magnificat from the Vulgate translation of the Bible. The music of the verses alternates between Gregorian Chant and an early twentieth century setting by Ciro Grassi. Mel Howard Photo

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Owensboro on Dec. 8, 2012 was a Sunday family event for many people in Catholic parishes of Western Kentucky. Bishop William Medley visited with many families in the Sportscenter after Mass and also in the Riverpark Center as he did in the photo at middle left. Lower right, Bishop Medley's own family traveled to Owensboro Dec. 8 to be with him and the diocese: From the right - Bishop Bill's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Medley, his sisters Mrs. Betty Kay Howell and Mrs. Julie Ann Franklin, and brother-in-law Mr. Brian Franklin. Photos by Danny Thompson



A Celebration with the Committee on Scouting Diocese of Owensboro



The Religious Emblems Mass with Bishop William Francis Medley as presider will be held at 2:00 pm on March 17, 2013 at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Owensboro, Kentucky. Everyone is invited to attend this wondrous event where many young men and women will be conferred with Religious Emblems that they have worked diligently to complete while strengthening their faith. We will also present adult awards to those individuals who have shown outstanding leadership in Scouting and the Catholic Church. After the Mass Celebration, a social will be held to continue the celebration. So please come and celebrate with our faithful community.

Happy Anniversary

Marriage Celebrations for March
Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and Over 50

Years of Marriage

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

R. C. & Margaret Keith, 56

John & Sharon Bell, 40

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Donald & Shirley Altmeier, 56

Gary & Patricia Barnes, 25

Paul & Nina Drury, 54

William & Charlotte Faulkner, 57

James & Silva Hunt, 25

John & Paula Moore, Jr., 40

Robert & Liz Shea, 59

Jerold & Jewel Williams, 54

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Albert & Denise Hawkins, 25

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Carroll & Joyce Ferguson, 56

William & Sarah Kemper, Jr., 51

Dennis & Gloria Rumage, 51

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Paul & Doris Westerfield, 56

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

William & Genna Kinder, 25

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Royce Colyar & Nancy Rebecca

McCormick, 25

- St. Columba, Lewisport**
Jimmie & Carol Harper, 51
- St. Denis, Fancy Farm**
Jack & Rose Riggs, 56
- Sam & Elaine Ellegood, 40**
- St. Edward, Fulton**
Paul & Mary Pennell, 57
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson**
Raymond & Carol Hill, 51
- St. Francis de Sales, Paducah**
Richard & Brenda Hayden, 51
- Charles & Marie Riggs, 65**
- St. Jerome, Fancy Farm**
Robert & Frances Hayden, 25
- Danny & Louise Bazzell, 25**
- James & Fay Johnson, 61**
- St. John the Baptist, Fordsville**
J. C. & Maggie Edge
- St. John the Evangelist, Paducah**
Thomas & Helen Ellington, 60
- St. Joseph, Bowling Green**
David & Mary Mobley, 25
- Ray & Helen Grudzielanek, 64**
- St. Joseph, Central City**
Richard & Queenie Schmidt, 68
- Phillip & Linda Wells, 40**

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Ken & Gwen Crawford, 40

Leonard & Barbara Webb, 51

Howard & Imogene Riley, 65

St. Mary, Franklin

Antonio & Candelaria Estella, 55

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Fred & Connie Greenwell, 40

Jim & Barbara Pinkston, 50

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Tim & Terri Edge, 25

Mike & Judy Howard, 40

St. Peter, Waverly

Billy Don & Joyce Greenwell, 56

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

William & Marguerite Campbell, 64

Jerome & Gail Loraine Hoesli, 56

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Gerald & Maxine Corbey, 54

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Andrew C. & Janet Goetz, 25

Joseph L. & Betty Johnson, 63

Daniel & Joyce Shuler, 62

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Norman & Lou Howard, 40

Marcus & Opal Cooper, 56

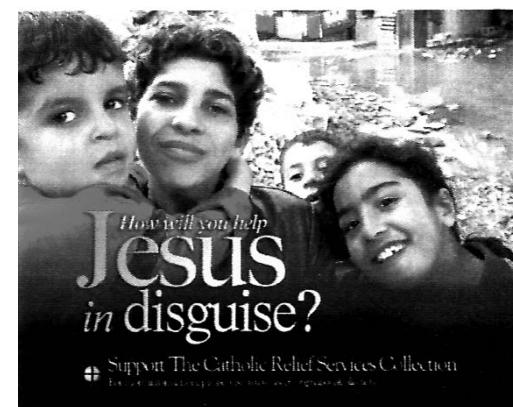
Joe & Betty Falcone, 58

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Richard & Betti Block, 51

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What Is The CRS Collection?



The CRS Collection represents our community of faith at work in the world. The CRS Collection theme, Jesus in disguise, reminds us of the presence of Christ in every one of our brothers and sisters in need. The bishops encourage us to view the national collection in the light of stewardship and sharing. It is right and just that we give something back, helping people in our nation and worldwide to live better and grow in the love of Jesus. The national date for the CRS Collection is always Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. This year, the CRS Collection falls on the weekend of March 9-10, 2013.

Who benefits from the USCCB's CRS Collection?

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www.usccb.org/crscollection

For information within the Diocese of Owensboro, call Mr. Richard Murphy at 270/683-1545

Lenten Day of Prayer

Wednesday,
March 20th
9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.



Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers

Cost: \$20

Program includes Mass, lunch and Reconciliation

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Eucharistic Adoration

1 p.m.- 5 p.m.



2nd Sunday of the month - Maple Mount

4th Sunday of the month - St. Stephen

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are asking the public to join them for Eucharistic Adoration on the **second Sunday** of every month to pray for vocations. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Motherhouse Chapel in Maple Mount, 8001 Cummings Road. The adoration will conclude with evening prayer with the Ursuline Sisters.

The public is also welcome to attend Eucharistic Adoration at St. Stephen Cathedral on the **fourth Sunday** of every month which will also conclude with evening prayer. Those who cannot attend are asked to pray during that time for new members to hear the call to the single life, married life, consecrated life and the priesthood.

Mens' Conference Talks Available

CD copies of the 2012 Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky are now available. The 5 CD set features nationally renowned and dynamic Catholic speakers, including two time U.S. kickboxing champion Jesse Romero, U.S. Army veteran Richard Lane, and author and former Church of Christ preacher and Catholic convert Bruce Sullivan. The cost is \$20 for all 5 hours of uplifting and inspiring talks. If you would like to purchase the set, send \$20 to PO Box 6053, Owensboro, Ky 42302 or pay by credit card through our website www.owensborocatholicradio.com.

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Spiritual Direction Training Program Welcomes Participants

Shelley W. Szoka came to the Ursuline Sisters' Spiritual Direction Training Program from Madison, Ala., in 2010 seeking knowledge, guidance and personal growth. She has gained all of those, and more.

"On the most personal level, the Spiritual Direction Training Program has supported the growth of my own spiritual self," Szoka said. "The most prominent thing I will take away from the program is the importance of my own spirituality. This is foundational for me personally, and as a spiritual director."

The fifth class of the Spiritual Direction Training Program will begin this October at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The class was delayed from fall 2012 to allow more people to participate.

"Participating in the Spiritual Direction Training Program at Maple Mount has been a remarkable and life-changing process," said Monica Armstrong, of Knoxville, Tenn. "The significance of the knowledge and skills gained over the two-year program cannot be overstated. There also occurs an education of the heart and soul that prepares one to enter into deeper union with the Spirit of God in the ministry of spiritual direction."

Armstrong completed the program in July 2012. "For those who are called -- or think they may be called -- to this vocation, and who wish to engage their whole self in the preparation process, I can think of no better way than to allow the Ursulines of Mount Saint Joseph to guide their movement into this holy work."

Janie Monaghan, who like Szoka is from Madison, Ala., completed the program in July. "I have found my weeks at Mount Saint Joseph to be a wonderful time of personal spiritual growth as well as the perfect setting to develop the skills necessary to be a competent spirit-centered spiritual director for others. The program has definitely met my needs."

Karen Siciliano, of Springfield, Ill., was a graduate of the first class, 2004-2006. "The Spiritual Direction

Program was a life-altering experience for me," she said. "It helped me recognize the divine spark of God's activity in my everyday experience, and blessed me with the gifts needed to help others recognize God's movement in their lives as well. Spiritual direction skills are applicable not only in formal church ministry, but in numerous life circumstances, including personal relationships with family and friends, and in the dynamics of the professional work environment. I now approach all aspects of life with greater intentionality and deeper faith."

Martha Little, of Owensboro, Ky., was also a graduate of the first class. "I had worked in parish ministry for 18 years at the time of my training so I was familiar with the roots of spiritual direction, I just had no idea the gifts of the program and how they would affect and change my life," she said.

Ursuline Sister Julia Head, a graduate of the 2006-2008 class, said the program provided her with another layer of foundation for her professional and personal life. "As a professional catechist for a number of years, I have frequently been touched by the heart wisdom and heart ache of adults (and children) with whom I have shared faith," she said. "The Spiritual Direction Program provided me with knowledge and skills that have allowed me to sit respectfully and prayerfully with one who is seeking to know God's will in life. The experience is one like opening a window in both my own and in the heart of the spiritual seeker. We sit together and listen for the Holy Spirit to lead us in our conversation and prayer."

Sister Sandy Sherman, an Ursuline Sister of Toledo, Ohio, is a 2010 graduate and said what she learned has proved helpful in many areas of her ministry -- "from my small group of private directees, to the students in the Foundations in Theology Class I teach, to the women I encounter in street outreach and jail ministry. In the spirit of Angela Merici, it is about sharing the journey of those who have trusted me to share their journey with the Holy."

Randy Shelby, of Owensboro, a 2008 graduate, said everyone experiences challenges in the spiritual life and having someone act as a sounding



The six members of the 2010-12 class of the Spiritual Direction Training Program returned to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center the week of Jan. 16-20 for their sixth of eight sessions. In the picture above right, Father Larry Hostetter, president of Brescia University, leads discussion on ethics and spiritual direction to members of the 2010-12 class of the Spiritual Direction Training Program on Jan. 17, 2012 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Around the table from left are Janie Monaghan, Shelley Szoka, Dorothy Wilderman, Monica Armstrong, Jennifer Ewing and Father

Fideles Levri. Sister Elaine Burke, co-coordinator, is in the back left.

In the picture below, Father Larry Hostetter asks a question about values in regard to ethics at a 2012 Spiritual Direction Training session at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Applications are now being accepted for the 2013-2015 Spiritual Direction Training Program which begins in October. For more information, contact Sheila Blandford at 270-229-4103 ext. 804 or visit www.ursulinesmsj.org.



board helps to recognize what is and isn't beneficial to spiritual growth. "Being able to help someone improve their prayer life or to recognize God's presence in their daily experiences and relationships is most gratifying."

Several participants praised getting to work so closely with Ursuline Sisters Ann McGrew, Elaine Burke and Marietta Wethington, and developing lifelong relationships with their classmates.

"Each and every member of the staff and community that I have come in contact with over the course of the program has been friendly, helpful, encouraging and welcoming," Szoka said. "It has begun to feel like going to visit relatives."

"The sisters who offer the training are amazing, sharing their knowledge and support through the program," Little said. "I learned a lot about myself those two years. I grew stronger in my faith and I became more confident in myself as a woman called to serve as Christ did."

Registration is open for the next Spiritual Direction Training Program through Aug. 31. For more information, contact Sheila Blandford, (270) 229-4103, ext. 804, sheila.blandford@maplemount.org, or visit www.ursulinesmsj.org and click on the Conference and Retreat Center tab. The first week of the eight-week class is Oct. 14-18.

Brescia University's Contemporary Woman Program Celebrates 50 Years

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The Brescia University Contemporary Woman Program celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

Mark your calendars to join us to celebrate this momentous occasion on April 4th with a presentation about women's status around the globe. Sr. Michele Morek '66, OSU, Coalition Coordinator at UNANIMA International in Manhattan, will be the special speaker. UNANIMA International is a non-governmental organization which advocates for women, children, immigrants, refugees, and the environment.

The title of Sr. Michele's presentation is "It's a Woman's World --?" This presentation will be free and open to the public.

Sr. Michele has been a professor of Biology, academ-



Sr. Michele Morek, OSU
ic dean and vice president
of academic affairs, and

chair of the Division of Math and Natural Sciences at Brescia University. She also has served numerous roles with the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph and then as its Congregational Leader from 2004 to 2010. In addition, she has served in many environmental and local citizens groups in the Owensboro area before accepting her position as Coalition Coordinator at UNANIMA in 2012.

Donations will be accepted that evening to assist in funding the Contemporary Woman Program Endowed Chair.

For more information, please contact Sr. Rose Marita O'Bryan at rosemarita.obryan@brescia.edu or 270-686-4275.



Catholic Schools Week



St Mary of the Woods Catholic School, Whitesville student Abby Booker placed 3d place at St. Joseph School, Bowling Green, KY. Nine other Catholic middle school students participated from across the diocese. Abby is the daughter of Tina and Joey Booker. St Mary Photo



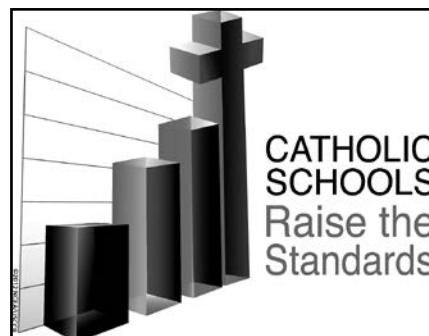
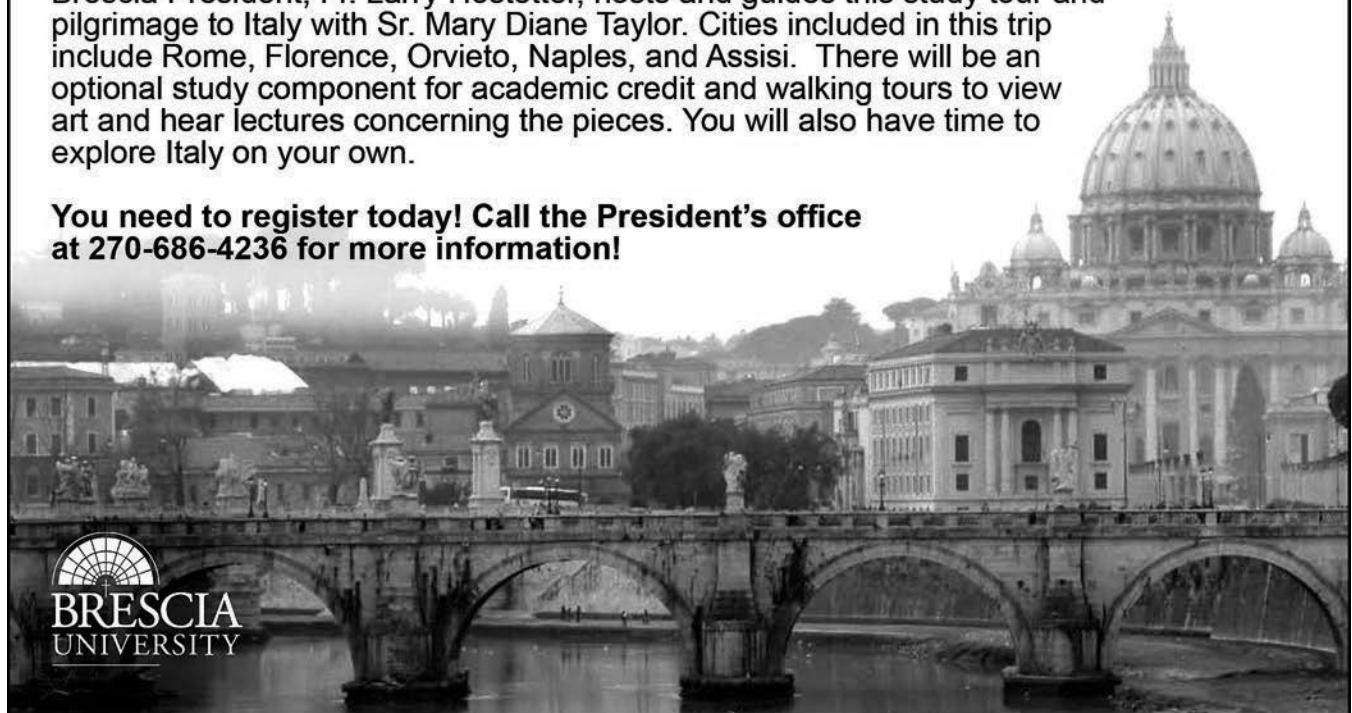
Catholic Schools Week at St. Mary's Faith Fair. Sister Suzanne talking about God's Call to Vocation. Submitted Photos

TRAVEL TO ITALY THIS SUMMER WITH BRESCIA UNIVERSITY!

JUNE 1-12, 2013

Brescia President, Fr. Larry Hostetter, hosts and guides this study tour and pilgrimage to Italy with Sr. Mary Diane Taylor. Cities included in this trip include Rome, Florence, Orvieto, Naples, and Assisi. There will be an optional study component for academic credit and walking tours to view art and hear lectures concerning the pieces. You will also have time to explore Italy on your own.

You need to register today! Call the President's office at 270-686-4236 for more information!



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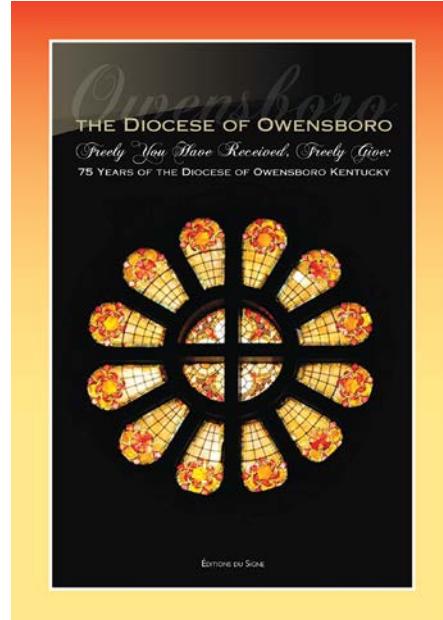
John Wright from Owensboro Grain Co., center, visited the St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School 8th grade as a guest speaker. He informed the students about how Owensboro Grain creates biofuels and the benefits of biodiesel. St. Mary students in picture are Corey Hamilton, left, & Nicholas Johnson.

Beautiful New Diocesan History Book Now Available

In late December, 2012, our new diocesan history book became available at the parishes. Titled *Freely You Have Received, Freely Give: 75 Years of the Diocese of Owensboro Kentucky*, this book chronicles the span of Catholicism in Western Kentucky from the earliest days of the 19th century to the present. A majority of the book focuses on the history of our diocese, which was founded in 1937. Written by diocesan archivist Sarah Patterson with contributions from Brett Mills and many parishes, *Freely You Have Received* presents a cohesive telling of the history of our diocese and balances the story of the activities of our bishops, religious and laity.

Meet Bishop Francis Cotton, charged with the task of establishing the diocese, blending his keen business sense and love for the church. Spend time with Bishop Henry Soenneker, a quiet, gentle man who became bishop on the eve of Vatican II and deeply loved Christ and his people. Join Bishop John McRaith as the diocese entered the technological age and see his concern for rural life issues. A chapter is dedicated to Bishop Medley as he looks to the future of the diocese and counts the blessings of our past. See the activity of the laity within the church from pioneer days as they helped establish parishes, assisted the clergy and consecrated religious, formed faith groups and served their communities while presenting a Catholic presence.

The second half of *Freely You Have Received* dedicates one page to each of our 79 parishes. These pages give brief parish histories and information about the church's patron saint. Included in many parishes is a description of a parish treasure, something held in high esteem and reverence in the memory and life of the parish. In this way the parishes are given



a personal picture about their life within the diocese.

The publication of this history book was initiated to be a part of our 75th Jubilee. Chancellor Kevin Kauffeld learned of the publisher Editions du Signe and their work in publishing books about Catholic topics and diocesan histories. They have published many such books, including for the dioceses and archdioceses of Louisville, Cincinnati, New York, Denver, New Orleans and St. Louis. Editions du Signe provided a photographer to take beautiful pictures of the interiors and exteriors of each of our churches. These are an attractive addition to the book and give us a view of what the churches look like in 2012-2013.

Copies of *Freely You Have Received, Freely Give* are available at the parishes of the diocese. Please contact your local parish to purchase a copy. The cost is around \$30.

Editor's Note: Let me finish this page which announces our beautiful new diocesan history book with an anecdote which our beloved Bishop-emeritus John Jeremiah McRaith told his diocesan staff. Back in the 1980s, Bishop-emeritus John was instructing the folks in the Catholic Pastoral Center about visiting every parish of the diocese and offering services or sharing ideas. He used a barnyard scene familiar to anyone who has raised ducks and chickens around the farm or house. When a duck lays an egg, Bishop John said, she gets off the nest and just walks off. When a chicken lays an egg, the hen starts cackling from the nest, gets up and walks around the nest or chicken coop, just cackling to beat the band, getting the attention of all the animals in the barnyard. Bishop-emeritus John advised CPC staffers to "be like the hen, let everybody know when something good has happened. Let everyone know the Good News and don't just sit on it when the Church is doing a good work!"



Saint Thomas More, Paducah, Parish Council member, Sharon Brumlow, left, Deacon, Terry Larbes, and office volunteer Nancy Sturgis enjoy the history of our Diocese. Missy Eckenberg Photo

THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO



My Dear Friends in Christ,



St. Stephen, pray for us.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to share a few thoughts with you as you begin to enjoy the book, *Freely You Have Received, Freely Give: 75 Years of the Diocese of Owensboro*. First of all, I am grateful to Bishop William F. Medley, the present Shepherd of the Church of Western Kentucky, for the opportunity to share these thoughts and to say that he is a great gift to the diocese and a real hope for its future.

As you will understand in reading this book, there is the opportunity to look at the past and see what a great people makes up the Diocese of Owensboro from its first days of becoming a diocese in 1937.

In this history of Diocese of Owensboro you will find that God has blessed us with many gifts and all the People of God over these 75 years have been good stewards of those gifts.

Enjoy reading about the past 75 years and look forward to continuing being good stewards of the faith.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ John J. McRaith

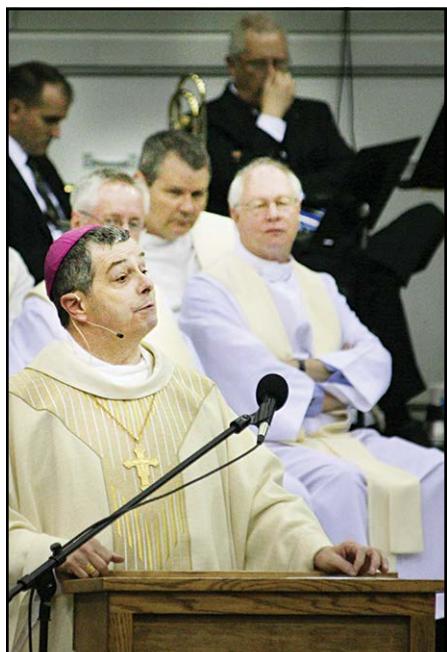
Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith

A Jubilee Event: Concert With Children's Choir, Adult Choir & Orchestra

March, 2013 13

Since last year's Chrism Mass, the Diocese of Owensboro has sponsored fourteen events in celebration of our 75th Jubilee as a diocese. Before Bishop Medley closes our Jubilee Year at the 2013 Chrism Mass March 26, let's tell about one final event.

On February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a concert was presented at 7 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul



Bishop William Francis Medley opened our Diocese's Jubilee Year at the 2012 Chrism Mass in the Owensboro Sportscenter. Jim Creighton Photo

At right, Bishop Medley showing his appreciation for the performance. Jim Creighton photos this page reprinted with permission from <http://www.facebook.com/events/323199491125314/>



Bishop Medley greeting concert attendees .

Church in Hopkinsville. This concert included a performance of Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria*. The choir for this performance was made up of members of the Sts. Peter and Paul Choir, choir members from other Hopkinsville churches, students and faculty of Brescia University, and choir members from several parishes in the diocese. A small orchestra will accompany the choir.

The concert was free and open to all, and a reception followed afterwards. What better way to celebrate our 75 years as Church than by singing the ancient hymn, "Gloria in excelsis Deo?"

Some comments after the concert:

- Becky Sholar Adams, "What an absolutely beautiful concert!! Such a talented choir, using their voices to sing His praises!!! Blessed to have been there!"
- Imelda Gorman - "What a blessing we all had last night. Transforming experience!"
- Jim Creighton - "Grand, glorious, absolutely beautiful!"



Audience reactions to the music



Saints Peter and Paul Deacon Tim Barnes and his wife Vicki were all smiles all through the Feb. 2 concert, as were all the people who performed and attended the concert celebrated in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Owensboro.



A concert in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Owensboro featuring a 75-voice Children's Choir and Adult Choir with Orchestra. Nicole Gray Photo



At left, Richard Barnett, director of the Gloria – Director of Music for Saints Peter & Paul Church in Hopkinsville.

Please turn to page 15 for more ...



A grand reception in the parish hall followed the performance

14 March, 2013

Baptism

The St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School, Whitesville, kindergarten class had their own baptism in January, 2013, and each student represented the different roles.



Bransen Howard (priest) & Addison Mills (mom)



Will Hernandez (priest) Bransen Howard & Natalie Jones (Parents)
Addison Mills & Raylee Higdon (Godparents)



Bransen Howard (priest) Will Hernandez & Addison Mills (parents) Raylee Higdon & Olivia Ward (godparents) St Mary of the Woods School photos

Nine Families Say Thank You!



This is just a short note to say "Thank You!" The Retrouvaille weekend just completed in January, 2013 was attended by nine couples. That's nine families who now have a fighting chance. By your prayers, Western Kentucky Catholics, you helped give them that chance! Their journey has just begun.

Retrouvaille is not just a weekend. It is a 3 month program. Please continue to keep these couples and their children in your prayers. Thank you for supporting marriage! Retrouvaille of Owensboro



Murray KCs Sponsor Youth Events

Pictured here with his father Darrell Harris, Will Harris holds his trophy as the winner of the Knights of Columbus Council #6897 Free Throw Contest held Jan. 13th in Murray Ky, at the Weaks Community Center. Will hit 13 of 15 free throws to win the 12-year-old division. The District level was held in Fancy Farm Ky, on Feb. 10. Each contestant shot 25 free throws and the winner of each age group 10-14 moved on to the State Competition. Submitted by Kevin D'Angelo

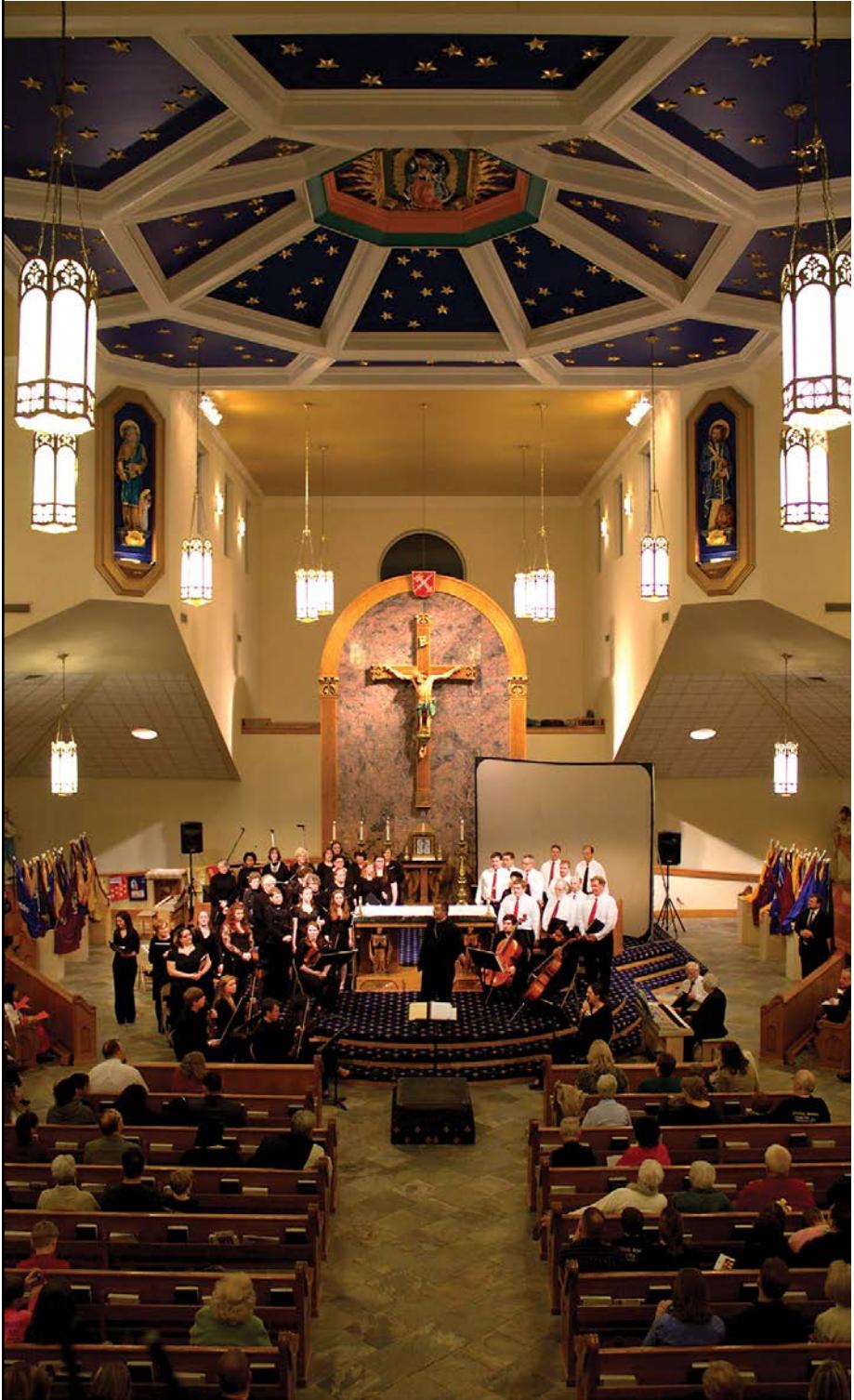


Students at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School were able to participate in a wide range of activities to help celebrate Catholic School's Week. Two activities were the Faith Fair and the game, The Church is Right. At the Faith Fair students were able to hear a variety of guest speakers as well as participate in making a paper quilt. For the game students were randomly called from the audience to participate. Students answered religious questions to win prizes. Above, 3rd graders are shown here helping out a second grade participant in The Church is Right. Each student designed a square of the quilt shown at right. Pictures are by St. Mary's Staff. Submitted by Erin Kamuf



75th Anniversary Celebration featuring Vivaldi's GLORIA

March, 2013 15



The Most Reverend William Francis Medley gave the Greeting



Choir members that performed Vivaldi's Gloria



Flags of Catholic institutions in Western Kentucky were presented by several Catholic children during the Procession and the Recessional.



Vivaldi's Gloria was performed on February 2, 2013 at Saints Peter and Paul Church. Prior to the concert there was a video presentation by Donna Pena titled 'Holy Ground' with images of the Catholic presence in Western Kentucky through the years.

-Submission by Nicole Gray

Vivaldi's Gloria was directed by Richard Barnet and included an adult and children's choir as well as a small music ensemble. The choir members include: Rita Black, , Sara Downs, Tiffany Cashman, Barbara Felts, Shaena Godwin, Sr. Mary Henning OSU, Lynn Hensley, Maxine Hobbs, Luci Hughes, Ann Jones, Katie McClure, Sr. Susan Mudd OSU, Stephanie Olp, Leslie Powell, Susan Scott, Gail Robinson-Oturu, Stephanie Blankenberger, Sr. Cheryl Clemons OSU, Sheila Demoss, Donna Dunham, Jennifer Groves, Heather Hayden, Miriam Key, Melissa Larimore, Dawn Ligibel, Maryann Milligan, Pam Sweet, Jeremy Easley, Melvin Fuhrmann, Matthew Gray, Tim Moore, Christine Weatherford, Don Hobbs Vivaldi's Gloria was performed on February 2, 2013 at Saints Peter and Paul Church.Jacob Whitfill, Jeff Bolton, Bill Fisher, Nicholas Gray, Joe Ritzheimer, Jeff Shrecker, & John Shrecker.

Musicians: Dan Wilkinson, Steven Stewart, Vanessa Brown, Keith Pennington, Gretchen Powell, Samantha Fedor, Morgan Thomas, Josh Propst, Amy Mitchum, and Richard Steffen.

16 March, 2013

St. Jerome Parish Mission Changes Lives

Article written by Lacy Riddle, Director of Music and Liturgy- St. Jerome Church, Fancy Farm, KY

St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm hosted a four-day Parish Mission on January 27-30, 2013. Our Preacher for the Mission was Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI, a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois, where the Oblates conduct the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Fr. John Mark has been a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate for 27 years.

The theme of our Parish Mission was, "No Ifs, Ands, or Buts, God is with us....Now What?" His message revolved around some important questions: What does God's presence with us really mean for us? What is its purpose? How are we to respond? How might the Mystery of this presence unfold in the routine of our daily lives? In all of this is it okay just to be me, especially when what is at stake is eternity?

Fr. John Mark gave his principal powerful message each evening beginning at 6:30pm. Each evening session lasted about one and half hours in length. He was also able to preside at the morning Masses and give the homily on Monday through Wednesday. Afterward, he gave an informal talk with refreshments at our Parish Hall.

Each day of the mission brought something new and inspiring. He had a unique way of sharing with us our rich Catholic faith and at the same time making his message relevant to our daily lives. His message helped to strengthen our understanding of Jesus Christ in those around us and in ourselves.

The title of the first evening was "Christ: Yesterday, Today and Forever". This evening reminded us that Christ has been with us always and will continue to be with us as a light shining to help dispel the darkness. Pictured is a procession in which we were all presented a candle and prayed upon.

The second evening we celebrated the Veneration of the Cross. We were invited to unite our cross with Christ's by coming forward to venerate the cross at the end of the evening. Pictured is the procession of this veneration.

The penance service on Tuesday night, the third evening of the mission, was one of the most moving celebrations of the



In this picture: Fr. John Mark Ettensohn and Anna Carrico. Photos submitted by Jeanie Stamper.



Evening One: In this picture: Pam Nanny, Kent Curtsinger, Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, Marie Woodrum

Evening Two: In this picture, from left, Ashley Hansen, Ethan Bennett, Pam Nanny, Ruth Ann Higdon.

Noted by Ashley Hansen:
"My Aunt Pam Nanny is standing behind me- she is my Godmother. My Aunt Ruth Ann Higdon is standing behind her- she is my Confirmation Sponsor. I love it because TWO of the adults who stood up for me, are still here 33 years later to support me as a Catholic."



Sacrament of Reconciliation that many have experienced.

The last evening of the mission we were offered an opportunity to renew our Baptismal Promises. After a blessing of water, Fr. John Mark invited us to come forward and dip our hand in this water, signing ourselves in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He asked us to do so slowly and reverently reminding ourselves that we were made in the likeness of God's image and baptized into Christ's everlasting life. Pictured is the blessing of this water.

Lives have been changed through this Mission. He brought a powerful message of God's love to our parishioners. There is no doubt in my mind and heart that he is doing precisely what God intended him to do because of the power of his words.

Many blessings to Fr. John Mark and all those who share in his ministry as they continue to spread the Good News of the Gospel of the Lord with all they touch through their Parish Missions.

Women's Cursillo #69 in October, 2012

By Mary Hagan

What a blessed and joyful event the weekend was for us! Five women were called by God to come to learn about the Cursillo movement in the Catholic Church. They were ready for a renewal of their faith. We had meditations and a period of silence for Reconciliation the first night and silence into the morning until the Peace sign at Mass.

The Spiritual Directors were Fr. Fidelis Levri and Sr. Elaine Burke. "Fr. Fid" was the Celebrant for our daily Masses and he and Sr. Elaine gave the talks on our Sacraments and our lives of grace.

By the second day, we were ready for the talks of the day with a meditation before Mass. Our faith was growing and we were aware of the growing effort we needed for our journey. We had time for wonderful meals prepared by our kitchen team and had hospitality members to serve. These hospitality members come only to serve and clean up after meals joyfully. We had time after meals and between talks to get to know each other and



Women's 69th Cursillo Weekend, October 4-7, 2012: From left, Front Row: Julie Crawford, Monica Krampe; Row 2: Sr. Elaine Burke, Teresa Krampe, Tina Wheatley, Mary Hagan, Nancy Wheeler; Row 3: JoEtta Mayfield, Darline Crabtree, Donna M Dunham, Teresa Westerfield, Alisha Wheatley, Martha Wheatley; Row 4: Mary Lee, Cami Frey, Kimberly Pollard, Katie Goldsberry, Charlotte Hedges, Doris Hardesty, Linda Hill. Photo Submitted by Brett Mills

share our lives.

As our weekend with table leaders and the talks progressed, our joy increased and we became a part of the Cursillo family. On Sunday, we were listening to the talks that pulled it all together. God was with us throughout the weekend and it was obvious to all that our Masses, Rosaries, and visits to the Blessed Sacrament were drawing us even closer together. At the closing of the weekend, we had a fellowship meal with our families and friends.

Now that the weekend is over, we are sharing our commitment to have a group reunion each week; Leader's School on the 1st Monday of the Month at Blessed Mother Parish Hall at 7p.m.; and the Ultreyas(group reunion for all Cursillistas)--one at Blessed Mother Parish Hall on the 4th Monday of the Month at 7p.m.; one in Hopkinsville--contact Mary Lee; and one in Tell City--contact Elaine Reisz.

For any information about Cursillo, contact Brett Mills at 270-689-0178 or Mary Hagan at 270-240-4778.

Holy Name School Celebrates Catholic Schools Week 2013



Pictured above with Bishop William Medley are 8th graders Conner Sauer, Liam Littrell, and Max Maloney. After celebrating Catholic Schools Week's opening mass with the entire student body, Bishop Medley met with the 8th graders to discuss confirmation and answer questions about the sacrament they are preparing to receive. Photo submitted by Connie McFarland

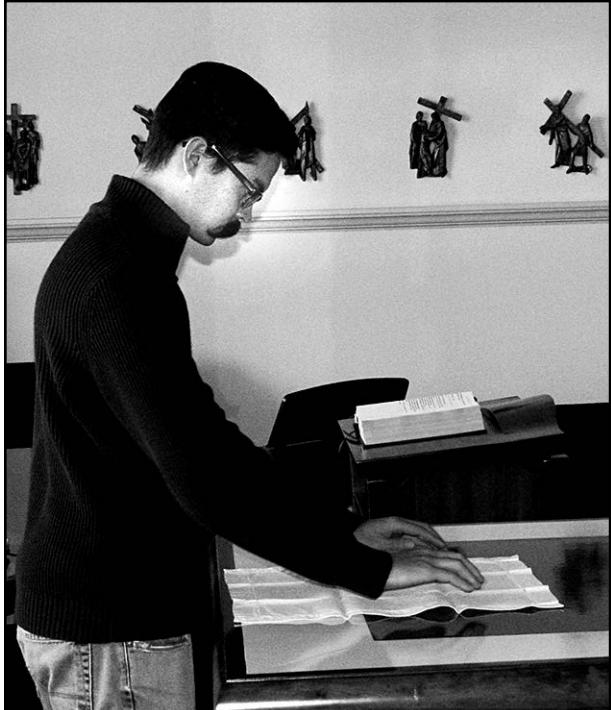


Holy Name student await their cue to go on stage at the annual HNS Talent Show. The students pictured here performed an exciting hula hoop act during the Talent Show. Photo submitted by Connie McFarland

18 March, 2013



St. Meinrad Retreat at Maple Mount



Seven priests serving as spiritual directors led 25 seminarians from St. Meinrad Seminary, based in St. Meinrad, Ind., in a week of silent retreat Jan. 21-25 at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount. The seminarians meet individually with their director during the week, and they all gathered for Mass at 11:15 a.m. each day in the Center Chapel. These photos were taken of the prayers before Mass began. MSJ Photos



Join us for the Year of Faith

To help us celebrate the Year of Faith, Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center is offering an opportunity to **study the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults**. All are welcome!



• March 14 **Thursdays**
• April 11
• May 9
• June 13
• Aug. 8
• Sept. 12
• Oct. 10
• Nov. 14
• Dec. 5
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Each session is \$10 (lunch is included). A program book is \$5.

LEADERS:

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Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU

To register, call Kathy McCarty: (270) 229-0206
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A Sojourn of Faith

By Carol Hulsey

This Year of Faith proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI challenges us to a new way of life, hopefully giving our spiritual lives a boost. We can anticipate a healthy dose of workouts: heart-pounding, gut-busting, exhausting feats of spiritual exercise. Our spiritual endurance is directly proportional to the motivation we receive. Without adequate stimulation, we become the spiritual equivalent of a couch potato. What we need is inspiration!

My greatest role models have been members of Our Lady of Lourdes in Owensboro. The life and faith journey of one particular woman changed me in profound ways. I would like to introduce you to an unheralded saint of our own diocese. Move over Blessed Mother Teresa; Judy Johnson's in the building.

I first met Judy nearly twenty years ago when I brought the Blessed Sacrament to her. Two others occupied the house, her husband and granddaughter Kimmy. A ten-year-old in a wheelchair, Kimmy suffered from severe cerebral palsy. She was also profoundly mentally



Frank and Judy Johnson with Kimmy from 1990 Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Directory.

handicapped and devoid of any communication skills.

Judy took over her granddaughter's care when Kimmy was only an infant. Over the years, her care grew more difficult, more challenging. Certainly, changing the diaper of a four-month-old is easier than that of a four-year-old, and much easier than a fourteen-year-old teenager. Kimmy never learned to chew and could barely swallow. A feeding tube was placed into her stomach, and that was only one surgery; there were many more. For twenty-three years, Judy was Kimmy's companion, caretaker, protector and advocate with the courts and school

system.

With some frequency, I took Judy Holy Communion. She amazed me. This nearly one-sided relationship was one of the world's greatest love stories. If Kimmy was Judy's cross, she was a cross Judy washed, diapered, fed, kissed and loved beyond her own life.

Judy aged, becoming more and more forgetful. She did not remember me from one visit to the next, but she never failed to tell me she needed to make arrangements for Kimmy. As a board member for Wendell Foster Center in Owensboro, a residential facility for those with handicaps, I assisted Judy to secure Kimmy's residency. Judy's dementia grew worse; she relinquished guardianship. Without any relatives to take this responsibility, Kimmy would be placed under state care. The director of the Wendell Foster Center informed me of the situation, asking if I would take guardianship. Inspired by Judy's tireless love, devotion, and selflessness, I humbly accepted the honor.

I could never be Judy in a million years. For the rest of Kimmy's life, I stood with her through hospitalization in Louisville, Owensboro, and last at Trover in Madisonville. This precious and inno-

cent child of God joined her grandmother in the bosom of the Father in 2004. Judy Johnson, what a role model - a beautiful example of faith, perseverance, and love in action.



Who Has Inspired You in Your Faith?

You are invited to send your reflection during this Year of Faith for consideration in the Western Kentucky Catholic. Send your article to Mel.Howard@pastoral.org or mail it in to Western Kentucky Catholic, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301



God's Loving Arms

The Internet and Our World

It's all around us; you can't go into any store or any public facility without seeing someone on the phone texting or on the internet.

I have to make a confession, I text every day and I get on my Facebook page every day to see more pictures or post from my family and friends. There is no doubt that it has certain intriguing aspects that pulls me into wanting more. But, there has to be a limit and a discipline to not let it take over my life. It most definitely can become a problem! Especially important is the monitoring of time your children get on the internet. It pains me to hear about how much cyber bullying is rapidly growing and impacting our teenagers. There have been news reports of teenagers and even younger children who have committed suicide because of bullying on the internet. Having so much pain to want to take your life because of internet harassment is just mind boggling to me, seriously gives me cause of great concern.

We hear of marriages that have been destroyed because of the internet and how it has lured men and women to chat rooms to live out a fantasy online. There is an old saying I've heard many times, and it goes like this; "The devil is in the details!" If getting on the internet and you feel in the pit of your stomach that this isn't right, "Well then listen to your conscience." Temptation is everywhere around us and this battle never leaves us until we die.

The struggles and obstacles that teenagers go through on the internet is a challenge but I believe in these kids and will pray for them daily to be strong and make good choices. Choose to walk away from the pain and take a deep breath and ask God to walk with you and carry you through the tough times. He will give you the strength. Enjoy your life. Choose to be happy. Reach out to others who may be going through a difficult time because of cyber bullying. It is already difficult dealing with bullying when it happens at school. You can stop it at home on your

own computer! Stay with friends who care for you and make you a happier and better person.

Now for the benefits the internet does provide for us. It's nice that I don't have to make a trip to the library to research anything. I just open up my laptop and let my fingers do the typing and my search is finished, and I have at my disposal many options to choose which site I want to rely on.

I can use my Facebook page to evangelize my faith. I can look up websites of Catholic writings and with excitement I get to choose what I want to read. That's when I see that God has his warriors actively involved on the web for spreading His word. What is important to me is not to be on my computer for so long that I ignore important people in my life.

I will let you in on a little secret. I am so glad I didn't have all this technology when I was raising my children. I did not text when they were young because cell phones weren't smart phones then. I remember when Steve or my kids would get online and hear the dial up that seemed to take forever to pop up on the

screen. Ah, the good ole days!

I just think that we can enjoy all these new technologies. As with anything what we digest, even in our stomachs means that we must discipline ourselves and prioritize what is most important, such as how we use our time, choosing to spend that extra 20 minutes with our children.

The young families of today have so many more distractions tempting them. We should all just enjoy some of that extra time with our kids and grandchildren and love the exchanges of hearing about their day and wrestling with them on the floor and tickling them until they tap out on the floor. Memories like those last a lifetime!

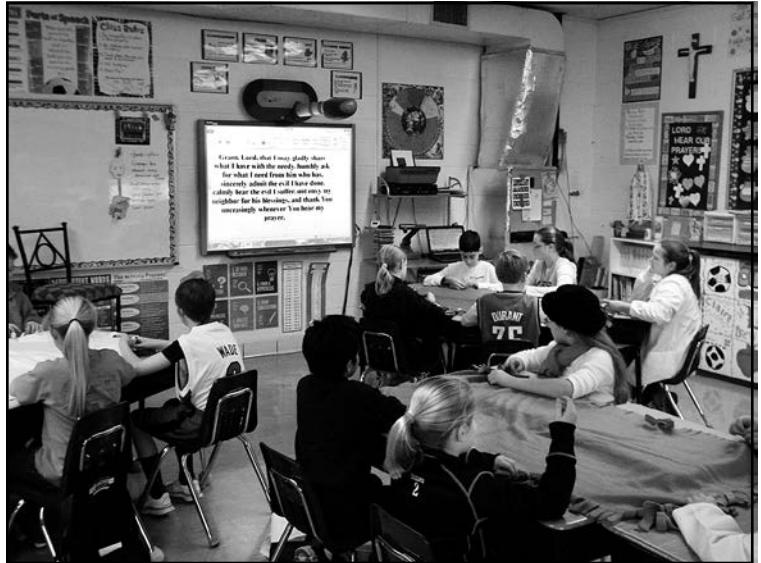
If anyone is dealing with cyber bullying please tell someone or contact me and I would love to try to help.

+JMJ+ Julie Ward Murphy

Editor's Note: God's Loving Arms is written especially for Western Kentucky Catholic readers about times of suffering which people known to the author share. Julie Murphy encourages people to contact her at love4ben81192@hotmail.com to communicate about her articles.

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St. Joseph School Celebrated CSW with Several Activities:



Mrs. Larimore's class made prayer blankets for the Barren River Area Safe Space as a service project.



Each class at Saint Joseph School in Bowling Green designed a display board about their class's Patron Saint which were on display in the school for "Vocation's Day". Each class had the opportunity to look at all the displays and some classes completed a scavenger hunt with questions about the saints.

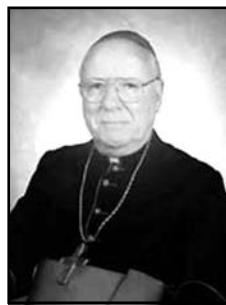


On Spirit Day we had a pep rally to honor our basketball teams, academic teams, dance team, and cheerleaders.



Picture at left, We always end our CSW week with an afternoon of BINGO!

Above right, The schoolwide service project was a food collection for the St. Vincent DePaul food banks.
Submitted by Jan Lange, Principal, St. Joseph Interparochial School



To Serve Not To Be Served

**Bishop William Hughes
Sept. 23, 1921 – Feb. 7, 2013**

Bishop William A. Hughes, who as the Diocese of Covington's eighth bishop led the "People of God" from

1979- 1995, died Feb. 7, 2013 at Carmel Manor in Ft. Thomas. The Bishop Emeritus of the diocese was 91 years old. Bishop Hughes resided at Carmel Manor in Ft. Thomas since 2004. His leadership of the Covington Diocese, under the episcopal motto "To Serve Not To Be Served," was greatly influenced by the directions of the Second Vatican Council, which ended in 1965. His episcopacy was devoted to a fuller understanding and implementation of the Council's documents, especially those that enhanced the spiritual lives of lay people and their roles in the Church. In the Diocese of Covington these efforts included programs such the Permanent Diaconate Office, Office of Youth Ministry and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. He also reinstated the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

"There was a very conscientious effort by him to provide whatever service he could offer to parishes, groups and organizations throughout the diocese," said Msgr. Thomas Sackst-

eder, Bishop Hughes' secretary for 9 years and a good friend.

During his tenure five new parishes and five new missions, most in eastern Kentucky, were established. In Northern Kentucky he re-established Our Savior Parish in Covington as a parish (1981) and created St. Timothy Parish, Union (1989). At the national level, Bishop Hughes was an active member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Bishop Roger Foys presided at the reception of the body and vigil service at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Feb. 14. Msgr. William Cleves preached the homily at the vigil. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Feb. 15 at the Cathedral Basilica, with Metropolitan Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville as the principal celebrant. Bishop Robert N. Lynch, former General Secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and currently bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida, gave the homily. Bishop Foys offered the final commendation and farewell. Interment was at St. Mary Cemetery, Ft. Mitchell.

Please pray for the repose of his soul.

St. Thomas More Staff Work to Feed Those in Need

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By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - Members of the St. Thomas More Parish staff worked to prepare food and fed 224 at Paducah's Community Kitchen on Thursday, January 24, 2013. Directed by Community Kitchen parish ministry coordinator, Sherre Halicks, all workers wore hats and aprons as they peeled apples, cut bread, prepared salads, and readied food for those in need. After serving the food, pots and pans were washed and dried to be ready for the next day's volunteer group. Staff members were reminded of their own blessings and were glad to provide a hot lunch to those in need. St. Thomas More Parish financially supports the ministry monthly and a team of parish volunteers covers the fourth Thursday of each month. "We chose the fourth Thursday of each month because more people are in need as they approach the end of the month and their supplemental funds have been exhausted" noted Sheree Halicks who coordinates the parish effort.



Fr. Pat Reynolds, Lois Bell, Donna Tarantino, Fr. Ryan Harpole, and Pat Cairney form a line to serve each person a hot lunch.



In the picture above, Staff Members wear hats and aprons as they ready to feed 224 people at The Community Kitchen in Paducah L to R – Pat Carney, Lois Bell, Donna Tarantino, Missy Eckenberg, and Fr. Pat Reynolds. STM Photos.

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These associates and sister are from Muhlenberg County, Ky.: Front row, from left, Paul Parker and his wife Sharon, Sister Rose Karen Johnson and Valentino Simpao; second row, Michelle Hayes, Marcia Stoller, Lisa Day and Jean Simpson. Source: <http://ursulinesmsj.org/news/associates-and-sisters-day-2012>

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Catholic Pastoral Center

Welcome to the Diocese of Owensboro's Youth 2000 weekend. Our Whole Catholic Church celebrates with great joy when you come together.

Jesus assured us that when two or more people gather in His name, that he will be present to us. As hundreds gather for Youth 2000 we know that Jesus Christ Will be present in profound Ways.

My prayer for you is that you will encounter the Lord Jesus in this celebration and know the joy of a life lived in Worship of God and service to God's people. Every human encounter holds the promise of revealing more to us about Our Lord and His presence in our lives. This Youth 2000 can bring you to know Christ more through the Eucharist and adoration and prayer, through the sacrament of reconciliation, through your friends new and old who join with you.

Open yourselves in these days to God's mystery and God's majesty. Let God surprise you with His love and care for you!

Our diocese is indebted to the Marian Shrine Committee and our diocesan Office of Youth Ministry for their tireless efforts to provide you with this opportunity. Their efforts and those of many others will be repaid when you go forth from this experience, with renewed faith, to share the Good News with our diocese and with the world.

I Will be at Youth 2000 and look forward to being with you and praying with you as you seek a closer relationship with Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. I pray for you every day.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of Owensboro



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Final Jubilee Celebration held at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Hopkinsville, Ky.

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By: Dawn C. Ligibel

It began as a Diocesan celebration in honor of the 75th Jubilee year for the Diocese of Owensboro. It ended up being all that and more.

Planning for the event began more than a year before the celebration commenced at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on Saturday, February 2, 2013. Music Director for Sts. Peter and Paul, Rich Barnett, developed the idea to organize and hold a special concert to honor the diocese. Beginning a year ago, he began recruiting parishioners to sing Gloria as composed by Antonio Vivaldi.

While the vision for the event was clear from the beginning, it took most of the year to get all the pieces into place. During other diocesan events throughout the year, such as the Chrism Mass, the diaconate ordination, and the Jubilee celebration on December 8, musicians were invited to join the chorus or orchestra on February 2, 2013. Ultimately several members of the chorus traveled from three churches in Owensboro while seven came from Brescia University.

Barnett's recruiting did not stop within the auspices of the diocese or the Catholic Church. Due to his involvement in musical events in the city of Hopkinsville, he also invited several members of the community to participate. In the end, representatives from five churches in Hopkinsville participated in the chorus.

The end result of all the planning and recruiting was a 42-person chorus and a 10-piece orchestra. Seven orchestra members traveled from Western Kentucky University, two from Austin Peay University and one from Hopkinsville Community College.

Singing the Gloria became even more appropriate than originally planned, according to Barnett. "Who can argue with 'glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all,'" Barnett reasoned. "It's a beautiful way to pull together people of different Christian faith traditions," he added.

In addition to pulling together the chorus and orchestra with the help of many people, Barnett also worked with Sts. Peter and Paul school and parish to include 110 children in the celebration. The event began with the children leading the procession into the church with the 110 flags Bishop William Medley had made to represent every institution,



Ann Jones (left) and Luci Hughes (right), teamed up to sing a soprano duet as part of the Vivaldi's Gloria concert held at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on Saturday, February 2, 2013, in honor of the diocese's 75th Jubilee year. Photo taken by Jim Creighton.

past and present, in the diocese. The children also led the opening and concluding songs for the evening.



Ten men and one woman from the parish, diocese, and community of Hopkinsville comprised the tenor and bass section of the chorus created to sing Vivaldi's Gloria on Saturday, February 2, 2013, at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. The concert was held in honor of the Diocese of Owensboro's 75th Jubilee year. Photo taken by Jim Creighton.



Celebrating the 100th Day in Kindergarten

Photo at left: while listening to instructions to draw an idea for celebrating the 100th Day of School at St.Mary of the Woods Catholic School, Whitesville, Addison Mills took the idea a little farther and asked "What I will look like when I am 100 years old!" At right, Will Hernandez, Raylee Mills, Bransen Howard, and Natalie Jones show their certificates for being 100 Days Smarter! St Mary School Photo.

The performance of the Gloria itself lasted about 35 minutes. With the explosion of applause and the standing ovation from the nearly full church at the end of the performance, Barnett, leading the concert as conductor, pleased the crowd with a repeat performance of the first movement in the piece.

In addition to Bishop Medley, all in attendance were quite pleased with the

performance. "That was absolutely beautiful," exclaimed one parishioner after the performance.

"Excellent job. Well done. Beautiful," were just a few of the comments floating around the narthex after the concert.

"I have never heard this church filled with such lovely music," another parishioner professed. "It was just amazing."



Rich Barnett, Music Director at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, conducted an orchestra and chorus pulled together from throughout the state to perform Vivaldi's Gloria in honor of the diocese's 75th Jubilee year. The concert was held at

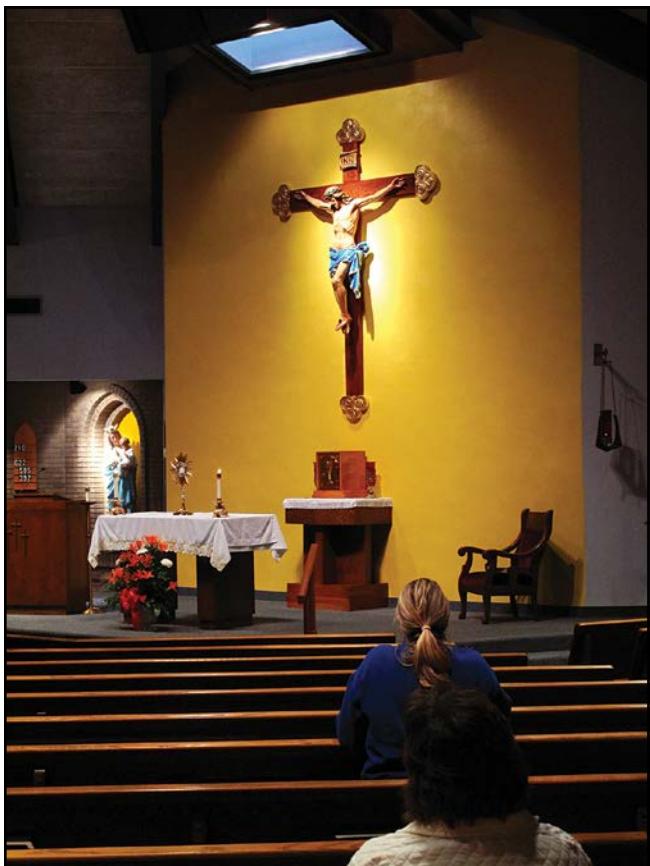
Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on Saturday, February 2, 2013. Photo taken by Jim Creighton.



Schools Celebrated Mass With Our Bishop During Catholic Schools Week



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary of the Woods Church January 27, 2013



The St. Mary of the Woods parish hosted a time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for reparation of the sin of abortion in the United States since the Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion in 1973, making possible the legalized killing of over 55million babies.

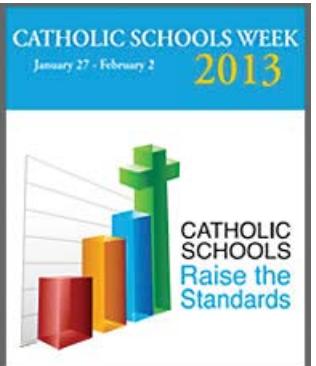
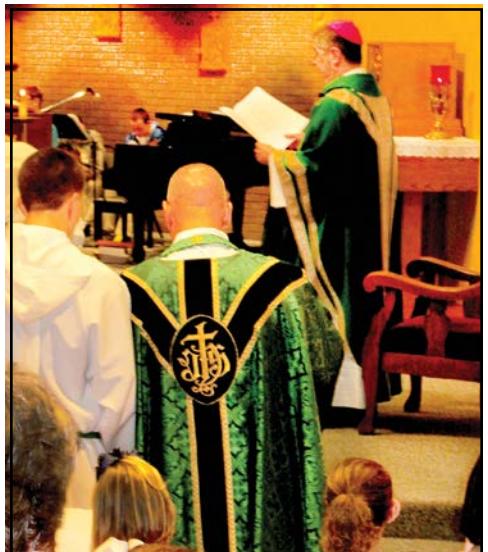
"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlasting more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth." Mother Teresa



Trinity High School Teachers Affirm Good Qualities of Catholic High School Students

The pictures on this page from Trinity High School, Whitesville, Ky. (top left) show food to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul store, (at right,) a view of the Mass, and (above right) four students who represent the best examples of Catholic High School students: Freshman Ariel Aud, Sophomore Hannah Bland, Junior Madi Perez, and Senior Jessica Beyke. Fr. Baker and Bishop Medley are photographed with the girls.

Trinity teachers were asked to select student representatives from the student body. Qualities of a Catholic High School Student: a student's sincerity during Mass and prayers; classroom behaviors and performances; extracurricular involvement; primary helpfulness, kind-spiritedness and goodness. Trinity teacher Christina Rhodes said, "I am pleased that there were quite a few nominations (for best examples of Catholic High School students); we do have some wonderful examples of Catholic / Christian students." THS Photos



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This is Catholic Schools Week....one picture is better than 1000 words! Owensboro Catholic Middle School gathered as a student body February 1, 2013 in the gym to announce and celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Submitted by Mr. David Kessler, principal.

Why Families in Today's Society Need Catholic Schools

Pastor's Greetings,

January 22, 2013, HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Near the end of a momentous day, over an early supper in the rectory, I set about solving the Ky New Era "Cryptoquote" for Monday. I had not encountered these puzzles before coming here, and I liked the challenge. Finding the letter "A", this one resolved in a straightforward manner. It was a delight to discover that it was authored by C.S. Lewis and was very insightful to boot.

"Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil." It is a dreadful insight, too. But it put me in mind of why the Church, and Western civilization following the example set by the Church in Christendom, has vested so much in education. As an ancient and well repeated adage (prob-

ably Greek) puts it: "Knowledge is not virtue." Christianity brought Christian values to the Pagan academy.

The discovery of the initiation and control of fire improved human safety, digestion, health, hygiene and comfort enormously. It was not long after, however, that fire was used for arson, murder, and warfare. Pity. We rightly marvel at the rapid pace of mathematics, astronomy, physics, geometry, and engineering in the ancient worlds and at the monumental stone structures standing still from those times. And yet the builders of the Egyptian pyramids were deaf to the cries of the miserable slaves by whose sweat the masterpieces were built at the cost of their lives. The story repeats itself with dreadful regularity. How does it go? "Too early clever, too late wise." But, then

again, wisdom is not yet virtue. Virtue arrives with acceptance of responsibility for one's own and others' true good. It nears maturity when this embraces the common good. It finds perfection in self-less and sacrificial love. Christianity found that Jewish and Greek philosophy described the cardinal virtues necessary for the true, human good. They agreed that these are named: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. The necessity of these in our make-up is plain to objective human reason. They are the basis for the moral law of human nature. To embrace them enhances and fulfills our humanity; to defy them leads to corruption.

They go a long way toward making human learning and knowledge humane. Ah, but faith, hope, and charity, go so much farther, for it is these which (as Mr.



On Feb 1, 2013, Owensboro Catholic School K-3 first grade student Tanner Nalley was showing her Grandpa a picture on a hallway wall of herself that she drew during Catholic Schools Week. The K-3 center was celebrating Grandparents Day. This is another Catholic Schools Week image that is better than 1,000 words. The look on Tanner's face – the joy in being where she is at this time and space, the satisfaction of completing a work, the assurance that her Grandpa will just love it and brag on her, the feeling inside that what she has accomplished was worthwhile. CSW! And all these, her dreams for this picture came true on Feb 1, 2013. Mel Howard Photo

Lincoln might put it) allow for the better angels of our nature. Christianity brought light to these theological virtues, which having regard to God as our Creator,

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A RELIGION BEE

This is the sixth year that Trinity High School in Whitesville has hosted a Religion Bee. We use our Jeopardy Game Console and set it up to include questions of faith, doctrine, and dogma.

Classes are pitted against one other: four freshmen, four sophomores, four juniors and four seniors. Questions are formed based on what is being taught in religion classes and in other classes, if there are cross-overs. (Ex: Students in English classes might study a religious allegory that applies to religion lessons.) This year's senior winners were (from right) Jessica Beyke, Cory Smith, Nathan Huff, and Kesley Armes. Submitted By Christina Rhodes

Hooked On Science



Hooked on Science was a presentation given by Jason Lindsey several times to different groups of Christ the King School in Madisonville students January 29, 2013 during Catholic Schools Week. Mr. Lindsey did several experiments for each group of students that illustrated science concepts: inflating a 20 foot long plastic tube with 2-3 'super' breaths, sending a 'rocket into space', using stored energy to move objects, the effects of wind and air in moving objects. Working from Paducah, Mr. Lindsey's presentations are given as far away as St. Louis and West Virginia. He did a great job of weaving thoughts about God into his presentations. Submitted by Julie Gillette



St Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, Pre-School teacher, Kathy Henson (Ms. Kathy) leading cheers with the Spirit Stick at St. Mary School Jan. 29 of Catholic Schools Week.

Catholic Schools Week At St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School!

Saint Mary of the Woods Catholic School in Whitesville says, "Raise the Standards...In Our Spirit! We had a spirit day to celebrate. The class that showed the most spirit this day won the school spirit stick. Pre-School (above) and 5th graders (below) tied for 1st place!" St Mary Photos



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CATHOLIC TO THE CORE

Pictures of St. Ann Catholic Elementary School third grade class during Catholic Schools Week. In the picture at right, on Monday, Jan. 28, they "Dressed Up for Jesus," had an all-school mass, and ice cream sundaes. At left, on Tuesday students received their Catholic Identity t-shirts... Mrs. Padgett's third grade class gathered outside during the pretty weather for a quick photo opportunity



in their Catholic Schools Week t-shirts.
Submitted by Beth Hendrickson,
Principal, St. Ann School.

April is National
Child Abuse Prevention Month



Diocese of Owensboro
Prayer Service
for Protection and Healing

Thursday, April 11, 2013
At 6:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit Church
4754 Smallhouse Road
Bowling Green, KY



"Souper" Bowl Monday

As part of Catholic Schools Week activities, Owensboro Catholic Middles school participated in "Souper" Bowl Monday. Each student was asked to bring in a can of soup, and the donation of 180 cans was given to the Help Office. Pictured are 8th grade students from Julie Renshaw's homeroom. Submitted by Ann Flaherty



Trinity High School: Celebrating Catholic Schools Week As A School Family

Trinity High School had a pep rally on Thursday, Jan. 31. Faculty and students played games and danced. In the picture at lower left, competing in a towel race, students and teachers teamed up during the pep rally.



The THS shirts, above, modeled by Cheerleaders and Raiderettes are school uniforms for performances. One of these shirts was given as a prize for the person who could work an Oreo from her forehead to mouth without using her hands. THS Photos

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name that grace which lived makes our learning and its use human and humane to the highest degree.

Freed (or deprived rather) of the Trinity and the grace of the theological virtues, secular education is seldom able even to make cogent arguments for the cardinal virtues and their corollaries. They seem too religious. Little wonder then, that "natural law" sounds so Medieval. If we have no common nature, we are laws unto ourselves and may pursue whatever we may take to be "good" for self. The entirely self-regulated human usually settles for lust (vice) as its lord. If one is to learn virtue, from which one then discerns true and good values which correspond with love or charity, one must be strongly shaped at home, perhaps with the support of a faith community and its religious school, which still resolutely stands for objective goodness over against lust in all its various guises.

Now, I am not familiar with the religious schools of Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, or the other

world religions. Neither can I give an accounting of the Christian schools of other denominations or of none. The Catholic schools, which are acknowledged by our Bishops in Apostolic communion, strive to adhere to the humanizing values derived from the full complement of virtues, human and theological. We have good reason for what we teach and plenteous examples of the human flourishing which they promote. Our Church and secular history is also full of examples of "knowledge lacking virtue."

At the level at which we still support them, our Catholic schools serve most families who seek to incorporate them in the education of their children quite well. Our times need them at least as much as the dark ages needed the monastery schools, probably more. We have such opportunity here and at an historically critical time. The Devil, as you know, is very clever, but never good.

- Fr. Richard Meredith

Catholic Schools Week from Pajamas to Hippies: Express Your School Spirit



Reed Greenwell and Saul Ervin celebrate Catholic Schools Week as St. Ann Catholic School in Morganfield dressed as Hippies. Many middle school students dressed in their favorite "Hippie" clothing.



Above, Mrs. Mary Beth Mason and Mrs. Renee French enjoy pajama day during Catholic Schools Week.

Above right, Brady Greenwell, Parker Gough, and Waylon Wheatley enjoyed lunch together during Catholic Schools Week. At lower right, Saint Ann School students Maddie Clements, left, 10 years-old and Andrew Thomas, 12-years-old, were local winners in the Knights of Columbus Freethrow Challenge sponsored by Durbin Council Knights of Columbus. 368 boys and girls ages 10-14 participated in the challenge here in Union County..

Photos submitted by Beth Hendrickson, Principal, St. Ann School



2013 Summer Camp Schedule

Date	Camp	Grade	Cost
5/27 - 5/31	Eucharistic Life	18 and over	\$50
6/2 - 6/7	Expedition I	5th & 6th Grade	\$250
6/9 - 6/14	Quest I	7th & 8th Grade	\$250
6/16 - 6/19	Explorer I	3rd & 4th Grade	\$150
6/23 - 6/28	Camp LIFE I	High School	\$250
6/30 - 7/5	Camp LIFE II	High School	\$250
7/7 - 7/12	Expedition II	5th & 6th Grade	\$250
7/14 - 7/19	Camp LIFE III	High School	\$250
7/21 - 7/26	Quest II	7th & 8th Grade	\$250
7/28 - 7/31	Explorer II	3rd & 4th Grade	\$150
7/28 - 8/2	High Adventure	High School	\$300

Here is the schedule for the upcoming summer camp program at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp. The way the summer works out, we've got an extra week of camp this summer! This is building to be our biggest summer ever!!! We're shooting for 50 campers for 9 weeks! Don't miss out on another great summer of fun, faith and friends at camp. For more information, please contact our office at 270-781-2466 or visit our website at www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org for all you'll need for this summer!

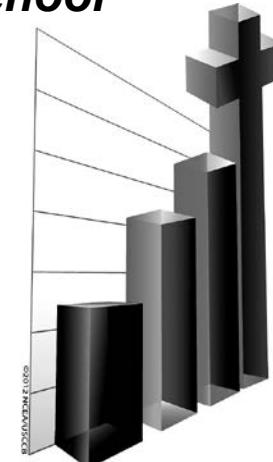
Raising The Standard At Saint Mary of the Woods Catholic School

Sweets With Sister for A Honor Roll

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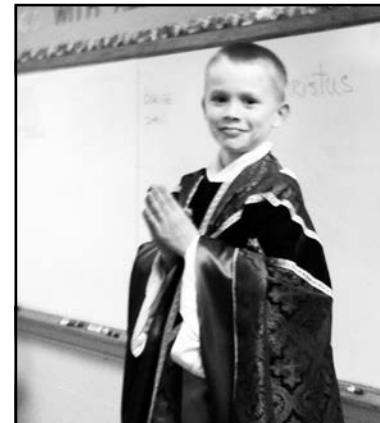


Sister Suzanne Sims hosted, "Sweets with Sister," for the students who made the A Honor Roll for the second quarter at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School. Pictured with Sister are Abby Booker and Caleb Goetz. The following students were invited to attend: Georgia Howard, EJ Stauffer, Sienaca Valdez, Aaron Wright, Rayleigh Chaffin, Nick Goetz, Nathan Hernandez, Cece Miller, Taylor Pedley, Cole Hall, Madison Edge, Kevin Foster, Landon Hall, Meredith Harley, Rachel Haynes, Ethan Howard, Caleb Jones, Madeline Mattingly, Mary Hardesty, Lydia Lambert, Abby Pike, Caleb Goetz, Theresa Mattingly, Sarah Smith, Abby Booker, Jack Goetz and Riley Lambert. Submitted by Erin Kamuf



Raise the Standards...

in St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School's Faith Fair. Different people came in to talk about their vocation to the students during Catholic Schools Week. These two pictures are of Fr. Gerald Baker and St Mary 2nd grader, Nathan Hernandez. Fr. Baker came to talk about the priest's liturgical clothing and what each piece means. He dressed one student in each group as a priest. This was a 2-hour block, and different groups spent 15 - 20 minutes listening to different speakers. St. Mary School Photos



Good Athletes, Great Sports

In the picture below, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School, Hopkinsville are very happy for their 8th grade students who were recently honored at their last home game of the season. From left to right in the front row are Antha France, Gianna Fiscella, and Virginia Cincotti. In the last row are Coach Pat Covington, John Ramos, Jeremy Tillman, Jonathan Kinnard, Shyana Ethridge, and Coach Phil Keller. This picture was taken by Melodie Thomas.



The 2012-2013 Holy Name School Academic Team, front row: Lucas Humel, Samuel Ricketts, Zachary Beickman, Claudia Jennings, Davis Howell; back row: (Head Coach) Tom Tweddell, Ian McGowan, Jackson Jennings, Will Hardy, (coach) Sarah Hardy.HNS Photo

Agile Academic-Minded Holy Name Cardinals

Top Team in Region 3

Congratulations to the Holy Name School Academic team who competed in Regional Governor's Cup competition on February 3, 2013 at Dixon Elementary school. Holy Name came in 1st overall in the Region 3 competition.

The Holy Name Quick Recall team came in 1st. Holy Name team members are Jackson Jennings, Samuel Ricketts, Will Hardy, Ian McGowan, Claudia Jennings, Zachary Beickman, Lucas Humel, and Davis Howell.

Individuals who placed in written assessment testing will move on to State Governor's cup competition in March in Louisville are:



Zachary Beickman – 5th Mathematics, Sam Gibson – 4th Social Studies, Jackson Jennings – 1st Science and 2nd Arts/Humanities, Claudia Jennings – 5th Science, Will Hardy – 2nd Language Arts and 3rd Arts/Humanities. Future Problem Solving team came in 4th. Holy Name team members are Samuel Ricketts, Claudia Jennings, Chris Galbraith, Meredith Beaven, and alternate Ashley Royer. Congratulations to Holy Name Academic team and their coaches, Tom Tweddell, Patty Vettiankal, Denise Roethemeier and Sarah Hardy.

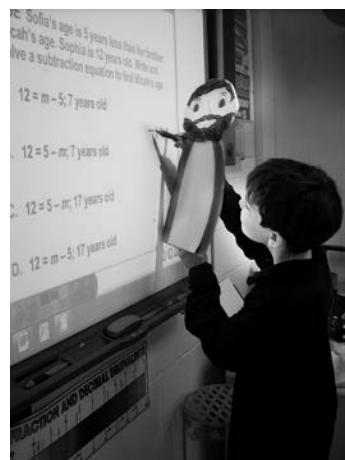
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Saint Joseph's A "Travelin' Man," Made A Lot of Stops, All Over Our School

One project that St. Joseph Interparochial School in Bowling Green had this year was "Traveling St. Joseph". A picture representation of our patron saint, St. Joseph, traveled from class to class for almost two weeks, including CSW. As St. Joseph was visiting a class, the students and teachers kept a journal of what St. Joseph was observing, learning, and participating in while in their classroom. The journal entries were read each day by principal, Jan Lange during our morning assembly. The teachers also took pictures of "Traveling St. Joseph" while in the classrooms and the pictures are displayed on a bulletin board in one of the school's hallways. The students loved this project because they were able to learn what other classes and grades were learning through the journal and pictures. Submitted by Jan Lange, Principal, St. Joseph Interparochial School



Traveling Saint Joseph Passport



Traveling Saint Joseph using the Smartboard.



Traveling St. Joseph in the computer lab.



Traveling Saint Joseph in the Science Lab.



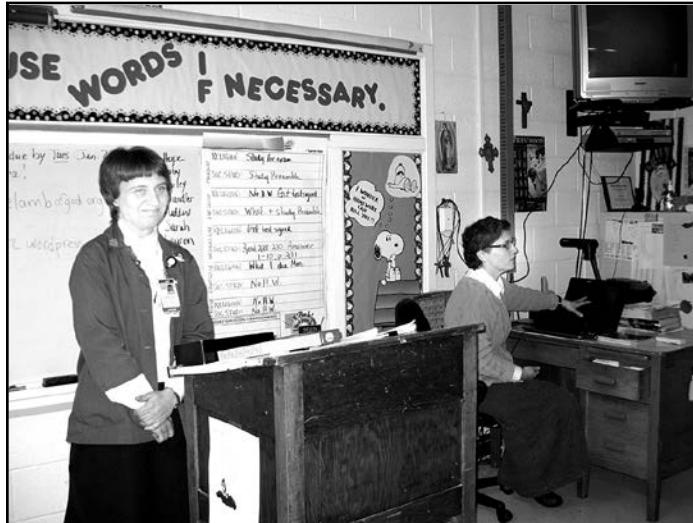
Immaculate hosts Confirmation Retreat

Seventeen eighth graders from Immaculate Parish, Owensboro (*in the picture above*) attended a Confirmation Retreat January 6th at Immaculate's Parish Family Center. Director of Faith Formation, Diane Willis along with sixteen high school students presented the Retreat entitled TV Time, with TV standing for the Theological Virtues of faith, hope and love.

Students watched videos made by the high school students (and edited by Nicholas Gray) entitled Faith, How to Pray, and What is Love. The Confirmandi also heard talks on faith (Madeleine Edge), Hope (Micah Swift), Love (Annie Pfeifer), Confirmation (Chelsea Hagan), and Charity/Service (Pete Day). Students took part in making quilts for St. Joseph Peace Mission (see picture below), acting out skits on their saints, and spending quiet time with God in church. The students looked forward to celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation February 3, 2013 with Bishop Medley.

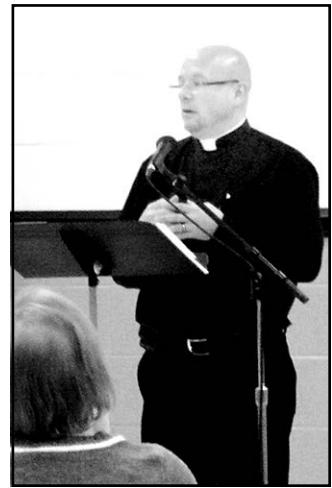
Liturgy Appreciation Night

An evening of thanks was held at Immaculate Parish on Tuesday, January 8th for liturgical ministers. Guest speaker Fr. John Thomas of Madisonville (*picture at right*) talked of our need to represent Christ with hospitality in our many roles of stewardship. Liturgical ministers shared prayer, food and fellowship during the gathering. (Picture attached.)



Lamb of God Sisters Speak About A Vocation To Religious Life

In a presentation about vocations to religious life by the Sisters of the Lamb of God, Srs. Marissa and Miriam (left to right) explained their mission work in Mexico and Africa. The event was part of vocations week at Owensboro Catholic Middle School. OCS Photo



Diocesan Catholic Education Raises The Standard of Lifelong Religious Learning

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"Catholic Schools Raise the Standards" is the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2013, the annual celebration of the high quality, faith based education the nation's Catholic schools provide. The observance was scheduled for January 27 to February 2, 2013.

"The 2013 theme highlights the recent launch of a new initiative, the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, to ensure consistent high standards at Catholic schools across the country. The logo designed for the week, *shown at right: http://www.ncea.org/news/CatholicSchoolsWeek.asp*) illustrates a chart of steady growth culminating in the highest achievement of all, a cross representing the faith that underscores all Catholic education," said a statement on the National Catholic Education Association website. http://www.ncea.org/events/event.asp?event_id=191

In October 2011, in an Apostolic Letter called Porta Fidei, Pope Benedict XVI called for a Year of Faith to be held from October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013. The Year of Faith marks the 50-year anniversary of the opening of Vatican II and the 20-year anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The Year of Faith, declared by Pope Benedict XVI, is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion - to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The pope has described this conversion as opening the "door of faith" (Porta Fidei; see Acts 14:27).

In Pastoral Recommendations for the Year of Faith, January 6, 2012, the Vatican noted that Catholic Schools are called to "offer students a living witness to the Lord and nurture their faith." Owensboro diocesan schools do this through special

events such as the Rainbows Mass, school systems' celebrations with Bishop William Medley, retreats, speakers, service projects, studying the Catechism, and studying the documents of Vatican II, especially the four constitutions on divine revelation (Dei verbum), the sacred liturgy (Sacrosanctum concilium), the pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world (Gaudium et spes), and the dogmatic constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium).

The whole diocese celebrates Catholic Schools during Catholic Schools Week since western Kentucky is blessed to have so many Catholic Schools in our geographic area. Many parents, grandparents, and friends visit the schools during the week. Mr. Jim Mattingly, Superintendent of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Owensboro, said, "The visits to the schools during Catholic Schools Week 2013 were both affirming and inspiring. Our schools continue to offer families the opportunity to choose education that is focused on academic excellence and grounded in the teachings of the Catholic Church. A Catholic school education is a priceless gift, and a gift that keeps on giving."

The Owensboro diocesan newspaper, The Western Kentucky Catholic, includes pictures and articles from the Catholic Schools in our diocese in every edition. In most cases, the pictures and the articles are produced by the students, teachers, or principals of our schools. We hope that WKC readers enjoy seeing the pictures of the young people from any of our parishes as well as their written expressions of faith and ministry inspired by their participation in Catholic Education.

This reporting is not limited to our Catholic schools in western Kentucky. Many parishes submit pictures and articles about the religious education programs and experiences offered weekly for Catholic students who do not attend one of our diocesan Catholic schools. During The Year of Faith and our diocese's Jubilee Year Bishop William Medley has celebrated Mass and an evening of good food and conversation with the Parish Religious Education Programs organized in the deaneries of the diocese.

Future Catholic

Schools Week Dates
Catholic Schools Week began in 1974. Catholic Schools Week always begins the last Sunday in January.
CSW 2014: January 26 - February 1
CSW 2015: January 25 - January 31

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- 8-10 Yarn Spinners Weekend
- 9 St. Martin Confirmation
- 14 Year of Faith Study of the Catechism 3rd session
- 20 Lenten Day of Prayer with Msgr. Bernard Powers
- 23 St. Joseph & Paul RCIA

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- 12-14 Secular Carmelites
- 13-14 Y-DOSA (Young Daughters of Saint Angela) Workshop
- 20-21 Catholic Engaged
- 26-28 Christian Women's Retreat
- 27 Mount Saint Joseph Annual Dinner-Elvis is in the House!

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- 1 Owensboro Catholic 6th graders Prayer Day
- 3-5 Glory Conference Women's Retreat
- 9 Year of Faith Study of the Catechism 5th session
- 11 Yarn Spinning Day
- 18-19 MSJ Alumnae Weekend
- 26-6 Glenmary Sisters Chapter and Retreat
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We Will Remember: How Being Chained to An Abortion Table Saved a Life

By Mary Anne Kreitzer, posted January 15, 2013 on www.catholicsistas.com

This month marks the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Once again on January 22nd, tens of thousands will march on Washington to commemorate the little ones whose blood drenches our poor country. We will march and pray for an end to the American holocaust – and we will remember. We must remember because memory is the gift future generations give to the martyred victims of the past.

In his 1986 Nobel Peace Prize lecture, Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel emphasized the importance of remembering even when memories are so painful one longs to forget. He reminded his listeners of a Jewish historian, Shimon Dubnov who exhorted his companions in the Riga ghetto, most of whom were killed under the Third Reich's policy of racial genocide, to "write it all down." Wiesel tells us:

Overnight, countless victims became chroniclers and historians in the ghettos, even in the death camps. Even members of the Sonderkommandos, those inmates forced to burn their fellow inmates' corpses before being burned in turn, left behind extraordinary documents. To testify became an obsession. They left us poems and letters, diaries and fragments of novels, some known throughout the world, others still unpublished.

The response to great atrocities, whether the Holocaust during World War II, the Rwandan massacres, or our own American Abortion Holocaust must be to remember. As Wiesel said, "We must remember the suffering...[and] struggle to invent a thousand and one reasons to hope." The stories, especially those of hope, not only respect the victims of the past, they give courage to new generations fighting to overcome the darkness of the present.

And so, I have a story to tell, a story of hope, a thirty-five year old story from the early days of the abortion holocaust when a handful of activists were trying to wake up the country, but primarily trying to save babies, one at a time, from the extermination camps on American soil.

My story begins on a hot July morning in 1977, a decade before the large protests of Operation Rescue in the late '80s and early '90s. Small groups of pro-lifers were "sitting in" at abortion



mills around the country trying to save the babies in danger of imminent death. I was part of that early movement because, as a young mother of tiny children, my heart was wrenched by the murder of babies I considered siblings to my own. And so our little band went to the abortion mill of a man instrumental in overturning Washington, D.C.'s law against abortion, a man who set the stage and helped bring about Roe v. Wade.

Milan Vuitch was a Serbian immigrant, a member of the back alley butchers society who performed illegal abortions in his basement for years before legalization. While feminists portrayed illegal abortion with coat hangars, in reality many abortionists were doctors moonlighting on the side. Vuitch openly bragged about his actions and was arrested numerous times in D.C. without ever serving a day in jail. After abortion was legalized, he simply moved his shingle from the back alley to an office building on I Street and named his mill the Laurel Clinic. But Vuitch continued to provide unsafe "back alley" services. After Roe guaranteed "safe legal abortions," Vuitch killed two women, 17-year-old Wilma Harris in 1974 and 32-year-old Georgianna English in 1980 and he maimed many others. Vuitch, in fact, continued to be a controversial figure. In 1984, WDVM-TV won a Peabody Award for an exposé by reporter Mark Feldstein showing numerous medical violations at the Laurel Clinic including filthy instruments, us-

ing questionable anesthesia drugs, and other dangerous practices. On one occasion Vuitch even sent a 17-year-old home with an incomplete abortion telling her to return with \$400 before he would finish the procedure. He also instructed her not to go to the hospital, but she collapsed and was taken to the emergency room where she delivered a six-month-old premature baby who later died.

Vuitch always postured as a man holding the moral high ground claiming he only aborted for "medical reasons," but it wasn't true. He would abort for no reason or any reason. During the WDVM investigation, Feldstein had a female associate go for a pregnancy test using his urine. Vuitch staff told her she was, indeed, pregnant. It was all about the money!

Even before all this information came to light, Vuitch was notorious enough for our group to choose his facility for the sit-in. The plan that day included delaying our removal as long as possible giving pro-life counselors time to offer help and information to the mothers. How? By not only blocking the abortion rooms, but chaining ourselves to the tables.

We met at nearby St. Matthew's Cathedral for Mass and prayed the mothers would choose life for their babies. Then we moved on to the "clinic" with chains and padlocks. Three women, myself included, were chained to operating tables in the abortion rooms. When asked later by media why we chained ourselves, I said the chains not only made it harder to remove us, but symbolized what abortion does to women, making them recyclable sex objects chained to the Playboy mentality.

During the sit-in one young woman left the clinic in tears. Her name was Linda and she met my friend Brigid among those picketing outside. Linda didn't really want an abortion. Like many women, she felt forced by her circumstances. She told Brigid she knew the clinic staff were lying to her when they said the baby was "just a clump of cells." Our presence and encouragement was all she needed to change her mind. Linda not only chose life for her baby that day, she later asked Brigid to be her little girl's Godmother.

And Baby Tee received a special gift from God. She was born on the fifth anniversary of Roe v. Wade, January 22, 1978, a confirmation of life on an anniversary of death.

So on January 22nd, 2013, the 40th anniversary of one of the blackest days in American history, a blaze of birthday candles will light up a cake. Tee will be 35 years old. Her birth was the end of a chapter on the impact of the early sit-ins, but only the beginning of a chapter on life and hope. Baby Tee made visible the reason we risked arrest and went to jail. Her life was more than worth it. But that isn't quite the end of the story. I had the privilege of babysitting for Tee one day and snapped a photo of her sitting on my son Neil's lap, two little children beloved by God and their mothers.

A quote from the Talmud reads, "Whoever destroys a soul, it is considered as if he destroyed an entire world. And whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world." The American abortion tragedy can be summed up in that quote. There are millions of stories of abortion, one for every baby killed and every baby who survives, one for every mother who chooses life and every mother who chooses death. There are stories for the abortionists and clinic workers who repent and there are stories for the pro-lifers who picket and counsel, who staff crisis pregnancy centers, and preach the truth to the culture of death.

We need to write those stories down and remember. As Elie Wiesel said, "I remember the killers, I remember the victims.... There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest." And that's why the pro-life movement will win in the end. Because those who stand for life will remember and protest. We will never give up or give in. We will never forget and we will never allow society to forget either, because to save one child is to save the whole world!

Mary Ann Kreitzer is a co-founder of Les Femmes and the Catholic Media Coalition, organizations that defend the authentic Catholic Faith. She is a master catechist, a long-time pro-life activist, and a former Natural Family Planning teacher. She writes from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

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Ashes For The Unabashedly Catholic



"Ash Wednesday is the day to be unabashedly Catholic. It's the day when a smudge on the forehead, for those who understand it, means I'll try to be better. I'll do what Lent asks: more prayer, more sacrifice, more almsgiving." - 2-13-2013. Sister Mary Ann Walsh, Director of Media Relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Stand up for Immigrants during Lent

This Lent, the Justice for Immigrant Campaign (JFI) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites you to resolve to advocate, organize, and encourage others to actively support immigration reform by participating in Lenten Resolutions for Immigrants. Visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org to send an electronic postcard to your elected officials in support of humane immigration reform and learn more about making a Lenten Resolution for Immigrants today!

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Callers may choose to remain anonymous for the initial call to the Catholic Pastoral Center receptionist. The phone numbers of the members of this Board will not be made public. You may also contact the Board via email at reviewboard@pastoral.org. Be sure to include your contact information. No direct response will be given by email because confidentiality is never guaranteed when using email. Follow-up will be made by telephone.

Diocesan Spelling Bee Winners

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Grades 4-6 division: 1st place: Aashka Sheth, St. Joseph Interparochial School; 2nd place: Mason C. Bennett, St. Romuald Interparochial School. Photos by Ann Flaherty.



Grades 7-8 division: 1st place: Julianne Roenig, St. Mary Middle School; 2nd place: Geneva Renshaw, Owensboro Catholic Middle School

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34 March, 2013 Three Eastern Daviess Co. Catholic Parishes Send Pilgrims To March For Life

SAINT MARY of the WOODS Parish, WHITESVILLE, Ky. - My name is Katey Mattingly and I'm here to tell you a little about the recent St. Mary of the Woods-sponsored pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. in protest of abortion.

On Wednesday January 23rd, 50 pilgrims from three different parishes in Eastern Daviess County participated in a pilgrimage Mass and then left around 8 o'clock that night. The charter bus transported us throughout the night.

We arrived on Thursday, around 10:30, in Washington D.C. We visited The American History Smithsonian and The Air and Space Smithsonian. The pilgrims rode a subway, and then attended a Mass at The Basilica of The National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception.

On Friday the pilgrims attended the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Verizon Center. After the Mass we walked 6 blocks to the beginning of the March.

The March was 3 miles long, and was a great experience. After the March we visited the Lincoln Memorial, The Vietnam Wall, The Korean War Memorial, The Washington Monument, and the reflection pool. After a day of sight-seeing and shopping, we went back to the hotel and spent some time in reflective conversation with Mr. Bland and Fr. Ken about how the March affected us.

Some of the pilgrims said that the number of people at the March moved them. They said that it was amazing that 650,000 people would come together to try and change the hearts of expectant mothers. We all came to the conclusion that we had saved at least one baby that day!

We left DC. on Saturday morning around 7:30 and we arrived at St. Mary of the Woods around 6:30, and celebrated a closing pilgrimage mass!

As one of the pilgrims I can tell you that this is one of the best experiences I have ever had. It was a moving trip for me; just seeing the number of people who came together at the March and the youth

A Newbie's March for Life 2013



By Erika Vandiver

I've been on countless local Walks for Life, but never been able to make it to the March for Life in Washington DC. Let me say, "It was awesome!!!" There were so many wonderful things about the trip that I'm concerned I'll run over my word limit for this post.

First, let me also say that I was somewhat trepidatious about this trip. For one thing, in my 6 years of marriage, I've never been away from my husband and children for even one day. Also, I went alone -- no travel partner or even close friend. Last, I'm not exactly fond of traveling. All these factors mattered not one

bit once I got on the bus with the Gospel of Life group. I still missed my family and still don't like traveling, but I found not only the expected kindred spirits on the bus, but also a surrogate family.

We met in the parking lot behind the Cathedral at 8 pm January 23, 2013. We arrived in DC around noon (I think) the day before the March for Life, January 24, 2013. To this newbie the check-in process was chaos, not even organized chaos, just plain crazy chaos. I don't know how many bus loads of people came to our hotel, but there were three or four concierges at the base of the escalators directing people to keep moving. Duffle bags, rolling luggage, backpacks, and other miscellaneous pieces of baggage were piled waist high in some areas. Yet, in this throng of people who were travel weary, I did not hear any profanity or anything beyond the normal bickering



Dressed for cold weather on Jan. 25, 2013 Saint Mary of the Woods parish pilgrims attended the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. After the Mass they walked 6 blocks to the beginning of the March. Larena Lawson Photo

Rally was eye opening. I definitely think that I have made a difference and that I saved at least one baby that day! I will definitely want to go back next year if possible!

of parents and children. There was also something else immediately apparent, the bus loads of people weren't the fabled "old men" of the pro-life movement, but families including infants, teens, elders, and people like me (somewhere in the middle).

A few hours later, we had our first event: the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. We arrived two and a half hours before Mass was scheduled to begin. However, the pews and aisles were already filled to capacity. Since I was a newbie to Washington DC, the March for Life, and the Basilica I wasn't content to just snatch a spot to sit and wait for Mass to begin; I wanted to experience the beauty of the Basilica. Prior to this, the largest church I'd been in was the Cathedral Basilica in St. Louis. Impressive as that Basilica was with a listed capacity of 2500 sitting and 5000 total, it was still smaller than the Nation-

al Shrine Basilica with a listed capacity of 3500 sitting and 6000 total (numbers courtesy of Wiki). I wandered through the Basilica with one of my new friends from the bus. She was an eight trip veteran of the March for Life. Together she and I worked our way around the entire Basilica, stopping at two separate chapels to light votive candles and pray. Then it was time to find an open spot for Mass. At first, second, third, and fourth look, there were no open spots. Some groups had been there for so long that they were laying in the floor sleeping. We finally located a corner that was relatively free yet still in sight of the altar. Room to breathe was rare with 13,000 faithful participants, most of them youngsters. Once Mass began, the awesomeness continued. The Procession was longer than the average weekday Mass. The final count was 9 cardinals, 42 bishops, 390 priests, 80 deacons, and 590 seminarians (numbers

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A Newbie's March For Life

By Erika Vandiver (*continued from page 34*)

(courtesy of Life Site News). Talk about disproving that "Catholicism is dwindling and new vocations are at all-time lows" tripe!

We returned to our rooms further exhausted, but filled with joy and peace from our Faithfilled Mass. A scant eight and half hours later we were up and at 'em again, heading to the Youth Rally and Mass at the Verizon Center. When we arrived, a band was already playing contemporary praise music. One of my newfound friends and I decided to take the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. My friend and I found the entrance to the "confessional". However, unlike the typical scene at a Penance, there was a line of young people at least halfway around the concourse at least four people wide. We waited in line for about 40 minutes. I was awestruck by the "confessional"! At least 50 priests (if not many more) were scattered around the Acela Club. Priests were hearing confessions at the bar, at tables, at the grill, and along the walls. It was amazing! Once we returned to our seats, we had only a few more minutes until the Youth Mass began. Again, the sheer numbers of clerics was amazing, although I'm unsure of the true number. Another amazing thing was the devotion of the youth at the Mass. Many kneeled in the tight space of the arena seating and all raised their voices in song and response. In short, the Youth Mass, while not my style, was the ultimate Catholic youth experience.

Immediately after the Youth Mass, the march to the March for Life began with a police escort. After exiting the Verizon Center, there were individuals handing out signs, bumper stickers, and other stickers. At one point, I walked alongside two priests in blue robes carrying a silk-cloaked statue of Mary. Even in the sub-freezing weather, these two priests were bathed in sweat as they processed to the Mall. One of our members, another veteran to my newbie, was in a wheelchair. However, that didn't slow him or us down in any way, nor did it dampen our enthusiasm. He promptly asked for a sign and joined in the young people's chants.

Upon our arrival at the Mall, speaker Rand Paul was exhorting the attendees with his inspiring pro-life message. From our position, even with the second huge screen from the stage, it was difficult to hear or see the speakers due to the crowd.



The people who made the 2013 March For Life pilgrimage with the diocesan Gospel of Life Committee. Photo by Larena Lalson

Finally it was time to hit the streets again, only this time on the official March for Life! The crowd milled around and closed in around us. We walked shoulder to shoulder peacefully yet energetically. Although the pace was slow, and sometimes halting, the energy of all the participants was high. Young people began chants with lyrics like, "Obama, Obama, your mama chose life!", "We love babies, yes we do. We love babies, how 'bout you?", and "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Roe v. Wade has got to go!" Our group was secure in the middle of the crowd and moved through the crowd, towards the front, rather rapidly even with our wheelchair. Yet, no matter where we were in the crowd, the chants continued to grow and no misbehaviors were observed.

Tiny babies swaddled in snow suits and covered with blankets in arms or in strollers were commonplace. Toddlers and elementary school children tagged along with their parents. Middle and high schoolers marched with their chaperones. College students proudly represented their alumni. Adults and the elderly mixed and mingled with all the groups. Some groups had matching hats, scarves, or jackets. Other groups had planned ahead and designed their own unique signs. One of my favorite signs were small wooden crosses borne by a group from Texas (I think). The cross-member was labeled "Exodus 20:13"; while the upright member was

labeled with a year (the significance of which I'm unsure). The significance of Exodus 2013 is twofold in my mind: the Scripture verse is simply "Thou shall not kill" and the March for Life is an exodus from complacency in 2013.

About halfway through the March, it began to snow. Yet, neither the snow nor the cold damped the enthusiasm of the March for Life. Throughout the crowd you could see people snapping photos with their cell phones or other cameras. You could also see complete strangers conversing and helping one another. As a newbie, I was struck by the overwhelming positive attitude of the Marchers. There were smiles all around and very little grousing or griping about the bitter cold and snow. Then we neared the summit of Capitol Hill. The energy became even more apparent as countless people hesitated and turned around to see the rest of the crowd down the hill. I estimate that we were probably solidly in the middle of the pack. Yet, when I turned to look down the hill, I could not see the end of our number. Knowing that there were that many people with the same priority as me was awe-inspiring and humbling at the same time. When we finally reached the Supreme Court building chaos reigned, but still no grousing, griping, or misbehaving. It was in front of the Supreme Court building that this newbie saw her

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first and only counter-protestors. They had crudely created signs that had no purpose except to offend. With that in mind, I confronted the woman holding the rudest sign. Although it may have been cowardly of me, after I stated my objection to her sign, I simply turned and walked away without giving her a chance to reply.

We returned to the hotel with only a couple hours to thaw out and prepare for the Rose Dinner. I was lucky enough to have a ticket given to me by one of the veteran members of my group. After the freezing chaos of the March for Life, it was a relief to don my fancy clothes even though I usually avoid them. Then, as I rode the escalator, I almost literally ran into Fr. Frank Pavone. When I found our table, I noticed it was diagonal from Fr. Pavone's -- sweet! There were also a group of nuns from a Franciscan Charismatic order at his table. At one point, I noticed that whole table standing for a photo, so I jumped up to get one as well. Only after taking the photo did someone from my table tell me that the light-haired man in my photo was the producer of October Baby. Before too long it was time for the program to begin.

Our first speaker was the creator of HeartBeat International, a crisis pregnancy center. Mrs. Peggy Hartshorn spoke to us of the history of the pro-life movement. One key point she introduced to me was that prior to Roe v. Wade there was already a movement out there opposing abortion. It was small, but potent. Contrary to what abortion proponents say, organizations like Peggy Hartshorn's HeartBeat International, care for pregnant women and the newly delivered. In fact, their numbers far overshadow the number of abortion clinics in the United States. She spoke warmly of the recently deceased Nellie Gray, the founder of the March for Life. As a newbie to the March for Life, I was stupefied to learn that one woman organized this rally for years and years culminating with this 40 year anniversary. Our next speaker was Representative Chris Smith. He too spoke fondly of Nellie Gray and her spirit that lead the March for Life for so many years. During his speech he intimated that we were not finished fighting the good fight to defeat abortion. We also heard the new president, Jeanne Monahan. Her rousing speech focused on the indomitable spirit of pro-lif-

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36 March, 2013 Standing Up To Defend Life On The National Stage ...

Approximately 87 student pilgrims from the Owensboro Catholic Schools traveled in cold January weather on buses to stand up and to march in defense of life during the 2013 March for Life in Washington, D.C.

OCS Director Mr. Ken Rasp commented on Jan. 29, 2013 in his email, "Director's Corner," on the March for Life Pilgrimages in Washington, D.C., "This past week two groups, one from OCMS and one from OCHS, traveled to Washington DC to participate in the an-

nual March for Life. Thanks to the students, staff members and parent volunteers who made this annual pilgrimage to stand up for the unborn. In a crowd in excess of 500,000, we thank you for stepping forward to represent yourselves, your schools, your parents and your parishes while supporting so boisterously the dignity of life. Our prayers and thoughts were joined with you as you marched. God bless each of those who participated."

... And On Fire With LIFE!

By Jenna Ruth

January 22, 2013 marked the 40th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade with the legalization of abortion in the United States. Since then, over 55 million babies have been aborted....babies who never got the chance to make a positive impact in our world by becoming a doctor, teacher, president, priest, sister or simply someone whose smile that could have made a difference. It has been forty years since one decision changed our world. Forty years later, we must still take a stand and speak for those whose voices have been silenced.

On January 25th, myself along with the Owensboro Catholic High School Right to Life group, and over 500,000 pro-life advocates, joined forces to take that stand against abortion in Washington D.C. After celebrating the Mass for Life with over 20,000 youth

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Owensboro Catholic High School sent forty students and twelve chaperones who arrived in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, Jan. 23 and before the March itself, attended the Youth Rally for Life at the Hyatt, Holy Mass at the Verizon Centre including 20,000 people! Plus, they toured the area including Arlington Cemetery, Lincoln and Washington Monuments, History museums, Space and Air Museum. The group also visited the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and prayed outside an Abortion clinic in Manassa, VA before entering DC. These high school students were on fire with LIFE!

The Owensboro Catholic High School Right to Life group on the steps of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. Pictured in no particular order: Seniors – Lainey Johnson, Rachel Krampe; Juniors - Will Hamilton, Nicholas Gray, Jenna Ruth, Kendyl Bahnick, Julia Lopez, Meredith Whitehouse, Meagan Millay, Aubrey Clark; Sophomores – Drew Harvey, Jack Padgett, Matthew Norcia, John Bivins, Jill Bartlett, Lauren Probus, Pete Day, Tre Perkins, Mary Nell Ivey ; Freshmen – Michael Mills, Noah McCormack, Nina Wathen, Raychel Bahnick, Kelby Krampe, Anna Lopez, Drew Kirkendoll, Mikayla Riney, Jamie Thompson, Will Wright, Eva Cash, Becca Ballard, Madeline Edge, Eli Miller, Natalie Jones, Lydia Mills, Abbey Tignor, Annie Pheifer, Bridgett Stalling, McKayla Murphy. Chaperones – Lisa Bivins, Blake Edge, Linda Ivey, Theresa Bahnick; Chaperones not pictured: Joanie Wathen, Mary Clary, Katie Edge, Tina Edge, Robert Edge, Lisa Englert, Vickie Cash and Angela Mills. Photo courtesy of Tina Edge



37 Owensboro Catholic Middle School Students huddle together on the back side of the US Capitol in Washington DC after participating in the 2013 March for Life. Photo Courtesy of David Ralph



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that morning, we made our way to the March for Life. As the snow began to fall on that chilly Friday afternoon, you could feel the warmth and love from everyone surrounding you. There were people from all backgrounds and ages represented: Caucasian, African-American, Hispanic, Chinese, babies in strollers, teenagers, adults, elderly, religious life and politicians just to name a few. Although different individuals, we were all there for the same purpose...fighting for the unborn. Everywhere you looked were signs promoting life. Some read, "Stop Abortion Now," "LIFE," "Defend Life", and "Protect the Unborn." The chants coming from the crowd were continuously sung which included, "We are Pro-Life!" "Obama, your momma chose life!" and "Hey, Hey, Hey, abortion, goodbye!"

As we neared the Supreme Court building on Capitol Hill, we could glance behind us down Constitution Avenue and see the endless line of pro-life supporters. What an amazing testament to life! The March for Life is truly an unforgettable and breathtaking experience.

It is unreal how a two hour march can put your own life into perspective. One of my favorite quotes that I saw during this experience was, "I survived Roe vs. Wade, but Roe vs. Wade will not survive me." I am proud to be part of the Pro-Life generation. Please join us on this journey to take a stand and abolish abortion.



The Right to Life group from Owensboro Catholic High School holds their school banner while walking in the March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 25th. Pictured from left to right: Noah McCormack, Pete Day, Drew Harvey, Will Hamilton and chaperone Robert Edge. Tina Edge Photo

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A Newbie's March For Life

By Erika Vandiver
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ers. She indicated that even though we had just witness the inauguration of the most pro-abortion president for his second term, we weren't hopeless or defeated. In fact, since the

March for Life this year was the largest ever, the pro-life crowd was showing our true spirit. Throughout these speeches I was also struck by how firmly Catholic this group of pro-lifers were. This gave me a burst of pride in my Faith.

Since this was the fortieth anniversary of the March for Life many comparisons were made to the biblical stories involving the number 40. Moses and the Israelites spent 40 years in the desert before reaching the promised land. Noah

and his family also had 40 days of rain that wiped out the rest of the earth while they stayed safe in their God-directed ark. Yet, because they were steadfast and faithful to the Lord's command, they lived and prospered even with the countless wild animals on board. Also, Jesus was in the desert for 40 days being tempted by Satan prior to His suffering and death. We, too, have been tempted and gone long stretches without much success and have been weaken by temptations to give up the fight. However, we have remained strong and continue on our journey. Like Moses, perhaps Nellie Gray was never meant to enter the promised land of an abortion-free United States, but we, the faithful, may indeed finally win this fight. However, perhaps just like Jesus, immediately after our fortieth "day" in the desert we may be challenged even more before we finally triumph. Though the cost of 55 million lives is overwhelming, we must remain strong in the belief that with God on our side, nothing can defeat us! March on!

Parishioners Enjoy St. Thomas More Annual Chili Cook Off and Potluck



The Parish Hall of St. Thomas More parish was overflowing with parishioners and food to supplement the warm creations of those entering the Fourth Annual Chili Cook Off and Potluck. Judges tasted and rated all entrants and crowned Amy Lane the overall winner with Andrew Thompson and Kelly and Shane Veatch tied for second place. Families were encouraged to wear their favorite team jerseys and Harry Young, with surprising support from the crowd, received the "Team Spirit" award for wearing his Cleveland Browns sweatshirt.



Catholic Campaign For Human Development Local Grant Information 2013

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a national social justice program of the United States Catholic Bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations, and through transformative education of the non-poor.

Each year in November, the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky participates in the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection. From that collection, a percentage of monies are retained to provide grant funding to local organizations which meet CCHD criteria. Catholic Charities administers and allocates the grant funding.

To apply, you will need to obtain an application from the Office of Social Concerns for the Diocese of Owensboro please that covers a brief narrative of your organization, budgeting information, how your organization would meet the CCHD criteria of systemic change, and from what community organizations your group receives support. The grant application is a little shorter and a little more simplified to complete this year. Those interested in applying for the grant should contact Richard Murphy at 270/683-1545 or by email at richard.murphy@pastoral.org and an application form will be sent to you.

Applications for grant funding must be received by May 25, 2013 so that grants can be awarded on or before June 25, 2013. The grant is a non-renewable and must be applied for each year. Three years is the total number of years any one group can receive this grant. Each year several grants are awarded averaging between \$800-\$1200 each.

Criteria:

1. The applicant's project must be within the thirty-two counties which comprise the Roman Catholic Diocese

of Owensboro. These counties include: Fulton, Hickman, Graves, Ballard, McCracken, Carlisle, Calloway, Marshall, Trigg, Lyon, Livingston, Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenburg, Todd, Logan, Simpson, Allen, Warren, Butler, Edmonson, Grayson, Ohio, Breckinridge, Hancock, Daviess, McLean, Henderson, Union, Webster, and Crittenden.

2. The applicant project's policy making board would preferably be at least one-third low-income. If this is not the case, please note that the applicant is not disqualified. The applicant is requested to explain why the board does not have setting low-income board members.

3. The applicant project's efforts must seek to benefit a poverty group.

4. The applicant project must seek to create institutional or systemic change by changing the structures that keep people poor and powerless.

5. CCHD will consider favorably only those projects which demonstrate respect for the dignity of the human person. CCHD will not consider projects or organizations which promote or support abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, or any other affront to human life and dignity.

6. The activity for which funding is requested must be consistent with the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

7. Projects should generate cooperation and solidarity among and within diverse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.

8. Projects should document that as a result of CCHD funding there are possibilities of generating funds from other sources or of moving towards becoming self-supporting within the time lines established in the proposal.

Richard Murphy, Director, Office of Social Concerns, Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, Ky 42301 270/683-1545, richard.murphy@pastoral.org

In the photo at left top, from L to R – Scott Babbs, Camilla Shumaker, and Fr. Pat Reynolds judge the chili.

In the photo at left, from L to R – 2nd place - Andrew Thompson with daughter Rebecca, Fr. Ryan Harpole, tied for 2nd place - Shane and Kelly Veatch, Fr. Pat Reynolds, and 1st place Chili Cook Off winner- Amy Lane.

Photos and article submitted by Missy Eckenberg

COME HOLY SPIRIT COME!

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Please continue to pray for these eighteen young men & women to continue to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. May their sponsors, parents and families guide them on their faith journey:

Whitley McGovern, Macey Miles, Maddex Richardson, Houston Riney, Kaylynn Thomas, Maleia Ward, Grace Wright, Weston Jacob, Carson Lee, Coby Daugherty, Lauren Flatgard, Emily Foreman, Michael Hampel, Brady Atherton, Megan Beals, Allie Belcher and Nicholas Belcher



The Immaculate Parish welcomed Bishop Medley to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday February 3rd.

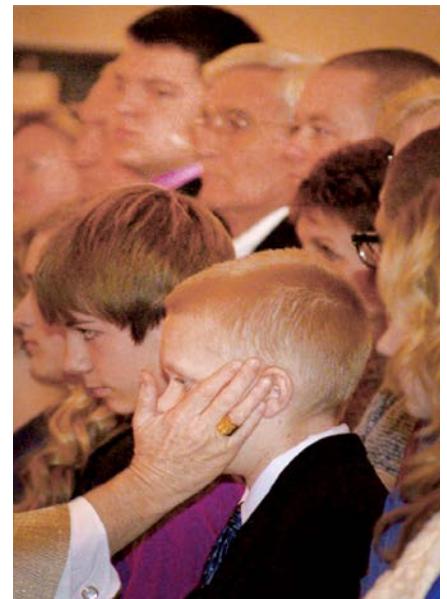
-Submission by Nicole Gray



Sponsor Christopher Atherton with Confirmandi Brady Atherton kneel before communion.



...Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit



Carson Lee receiving the Holy Spirit

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Owensboro Catholic Middle School Aces Academic Team Elevate Their Work

Congratulations to the Owensboro Catholic Middle School Aces Academic team who competed in Regional Governor's Cup competition on Saturday, Feb. 2, at Dixon Elementary school. The Aces came in 3rd place overall in the Region 3 competition.

The Aces Quick Recall team came in 3rd place only being beaten by the #1 and #2 teams: Holy Name, Henderson, and College View Middle school. Aces team members are Tricia Thompson, Allie

Ford, Iona Palmer, Molly Payne, Gavin Jennings, Jacquelyn Gesser, Benjamin Conkright, Kelly Hayden, Geneva Renshaw and John Henry Booth.

Individuals who placed in written assessment testing and who will move on to State Governor's cup competition in March in Louisville are: **Tricia Thompson** - 2nd place Science and 4th place Mathematics; **Allie Ford** - 4th place Language Arts and 5th place Composition; **Iona Palmer** - 5th place Arts and



individual testers prepare for written assessment and have a little fun (Iona Palmer, Kelly Hayden, Jacquelyn Gesser, Allie Ford, John Henry Booth, and Tricia Thompson) Photos submitted by Julie Renshaw, OCMS Religion Department Chair



Tricia Thompson celebrates her wins with her father Al Thompson and mother Molly (in back).



Allie Ford smiles after placing in 2 areas in individual competition for Governor's Cup.



Iona Palmer places 5th in Arts and Humanities



Quick Recall team members are (front row) Benjamin Conkright, Iona Palmer, Allie Ford, and Geneva Renshaw, (2nd row) Tricia Thompson, Jacquelyn Gesser, and Gavin Jennings, (3rd row) Molly Payne, and Kelly Hayden, and (top) John Henry Booth. The Aces team came in 3rd place in Regional Governor's Cup. Julie Renshaw and Margie Ebelhar, coaches.

Humanities

The Aces team also brought home the coveted Hume award for good Sportsmanship. This award is voted on by members of the participating teams.

Congratulations to OCMS Academic team and their coaches, Margie Ebelhar and Julie Renshaw.

A Quarter A Day Makes A Difference For St Joseph Peace Mission

OCES 4-6 Campus Advent project was to collect money for St. Joseph Peace Mission. Students purchased Fridays' non-uniform days and used an Advent Calendar to set aside a quarter each day for the project. Ms. Tracy S. Conkright, principal, back right, Katie Hayden, Elizabeth Ford, and Emily Alvey presented Paula Yevincey, Executive Director of St. Joseph Peace Mission with a check for over \$2,300.00.



Spiritual Direction

Training Program Welcomes Participants

Shelley W. Szoka came to the Ursuline Sisters' Spiritual Direction Training Program from Madison, Ala., in 2010 seeking knowledge, guidance and personal growth. She has gained all of those, and more.

"On the most personal level, the Spiritual Direction Training Program has supported the growth of my own spiritual self," Szoka said. "The most prominent thing I will take away from the program is the importance of my own spirituality. This is foundational for me personally, and as a spiritual director."

The fifth class of the Spiritual Direction Training Program will begin this October at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The class was delayed from fall 2012 to allow more people to participate.

"Participating in the Spiritual Direction Training Program at Maple Mount has been a remarkable and life-changing process," said Monica Armstrong, of Knoxville, Tenn. "The significance of the knowledge and skills gained over the two-year program cannot be overstated. There also occurs an education of the heart and soul that prepares one to enter into deeper union with the Spirit of God in the ministry of spiritual direction."

Armstrong completed the program in July 2012. "For those who are called -- or think they may be called -- to this vocation, and who wish to engage their whole self in the preparation process, I can think of no better way than to allow the Ursulines of Mount Saint Joseph to guide their movement into this holy work."

Janie Monaghan, who like Szoka is from Madison, Ala., completed the program in July. "I have found my weeks at Mount Saint Joseph to be a wonderful time of personal spiritual growth as well as the perfect setting to develop the skills necessary to be a competent spirit-centered spiritual director for others. The program has definitely met my needs."

Karen Siciliano, of Springfield, Ill., was a graduate of the first class, 2004-2006. "The Spiritual Direction Program was a life-altering experience for me," she said. "It helped me recognize the divine spark of God's activity in my everyday experience, and blessed me with the gifts needed to help others recognize God's movement in their lives as well. Spiritual direction skills are applicable not only in formal church ministry, but in numerous life circumstances, including personal relationships with family and friends, and in the dynamics of the professional work environment. I now approach all aspects of life with greater intentionality and deeper faith."

Martha Little, of Owensboro, Ky., was also a graduate of the first class. "I had worked in parish ministry for 18 years at the time of my training so I was familiar with the roots of spiritual direction, I just had no idea the gifts of the program and how they would affect and change my life," she said.

Ursuline Sister Julia Head, a graduate of the 2006-2008 class, said the program provided her with another layer of foundation for her professional and personal life. "As a professional catechist for a number of years, I have frequently been touched by the heart wisdom and heart ache of adults (and children) with whom I have shared faith," she said. "The Spiritual Direction Program provided me with knowledge and skills that have allowed me to sit respectfully and prayerfully with one who is seeking to know God's will in life. The experience is one like opening a window in both my own and in the heart of the spiritual seeker. We sit together and listen for the Holy Spirit to lead us in our conversation and prayer."

Sister Sandy Sherman, an Ursuline Sister of Toledo, Ohio, is a 2010 graduate and said what she learned has proved helpful in many areas of her ministry -- "from my small group of private directees, to the students in the Foundations in Theology Class I teach, to the women I encounter in street outreach and jail ministry. In the spirit of Angela Merici, it is about sharing the journey of those who have trusted me to share their journey with the Holy."

Randy Shelby, of Owensboro, a 2008 graduate, said everyone experiences challenges in the spiritual life and having someone act as a sounding board helps to recognize what is and isn't beneficial to spiritual growth. "Being able to help someone improve their prayer life or to recognize God's presence in their daily experiences and relationships is most gratifying."

2011-2012 Nomination Form for the Diocese of Owensboro

Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award

Previous Recipients

1998-1999	Sr. Maggie Cooper, SCN	1999-2000	Anita Willoughby
2000-2001	Carol York	2001-2002	Sr. Ann McGrew, OSU
2002-2003	Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, OSU and Rosemary Payne	2003-2004	Sr. Julia Head, OSU
2004-2005	Sr. Marie Michael Hayden, OSU	2005-2006	Franki Durbin
2006-2007	Denise Long	2007-2008	Sr. Rosanne Spalding, OSU
2008-2009	Danny May	2009-2010	Mary Helen Rhodes
2010-2011	Marie Rose	2011-2012	Debi Hopkins

The Offices of Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, and Planning and Parish Services are asking for nominations for the Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award. The recipient of this award will be announced at the Appreciation Dinner for Catechetical and Youth Ministers on May 6, 2013 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Anyone from the Diocese of Owensboro may nominate an individual for this award.

Nominees should be (or have been) professional ministers working for a minimum of 5 years in the Diocese of Owensboro in the field of catechetics. Some ministerial roles to be considered are Director of Religious Education, Coordinator of Religious Education, Pastoral Associate, Youth Minister, etc.

The deadline for nominations is April 19, 2013. The Core Committee for Religious Education, consisting of the Diocesan Directors of Religious Education, Youth Ministry, and Planning and Parish Services will discern and select the recipient.

All nomination forms should be mailed to the Religious Education Office, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301-2130 or e-mailed to elaine.robertson@pastoral.org by April 19, 2013.

Nominee

Address _____ Parish _____

Nominated by: Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Relation to nominee _____

On a separate page, please comment on the nominee's performance as a Catechetical Minister.

Please describe the nominee's performance in the following categories:

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

Several participants praised getting to work so closely with Ursuline Sisters Ann McGrew, Elaine Burke and Marietta Wethington, and developing lifelong relationships with their classmates.

"Each and every member of the staff and community that I have come in contact with over the course of the program has been friendly, helpful, encouraging and welcoming," Szoka said. "It has begun to feel like going to visit relatives."

"The sisters who offer the training are amazing, sharing their knowledge and support through the program," Little

said. "I learned a lot about myself those two years. I grew stronger in my faith and I became more confident in myself as a woman called to serve as Christ did."

Registration is open for the next Spiritual Direction Training Program through Aug. 31. For more information, contact Sheila Blandford, (270) 229-4103, ext. 804, sheila.blandford@maplemount.org, or visit ursulinesmsj.org and click on the Conference and Retreat Center tab. The first week of the eight-week class is Oct. 14-18.

A Passionist Profession of Love

Article and Photos by Larena Lawson



On the holy feast day of the Presentation of the Lord, Saturday, February 2, 2013, a humble Passionist novice chose to be presented at the altar of the Lord as His bride, at St. Joseph Passionist Monastery in Whitesville, much like Jesus was presented to His Father by Mary and Joseph in the temple. Sister Cecilia Maria of the Body of Christ, pictured in these photographs, after three years of devout, monastic preparation, professed her first vows as a Passionist Nun.



Sister Cecilia Maria professed five vows: To Promote Devotion to the Grateful Remembrance of the Passion of Jesus, Chastity, Poverty, Obedience, and Enclosure. During her divine wedding ceremony she was clothed in a black veil (in the picture above) and was given a Passionist ring, both of which signify that she is truly the bride of Christ Crucified.



She was also given the Passionist sign that she will wear over her heart that she gives to Christ, a heart that will be united with His Passion and the sorrows of His holy mother; a heart that He has called forth to be consecrated to Himself. Sister Cecilia Maria received these insignia on the eve of the Church's celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life. No doubt, she is a living testament to the gift that the Consecrated are to the world.

The picture at right made during the consecration of the Mass shows most of the insignia Sister Cecilia Maria received, the ring on her finger, the Passionist pin over her heart, the crucifix lying in front of her, and the crown on her head.

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By Larena Lawson

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Father Rodger Hunter-Hall, the homilist at Sister Cecilia Maria's profession, described the work of her new vocation, "Your life will be spent in intercession for the Church and for the world. You will pray for those outside this cloister, whose lives cannot spare all the hours you will spend with the Beloved because that is especially your ministry in the Church. You will be the sentinel who keeps watch when the rest of us do not. Only in eternity will you, and all of us, see how far and wide your life and witness will have reached as a cloistered nun."

As the joyful ceremony and Mass of Profession concluded, newly professed Sister Cecilia Maria made her way to the back of the monastery chapel and tearfully made what was surely a prayer of grateful thanksgiving while standing in front of a statue of St. Paul of the Cross, the founder of their community. Her noticeable sincerity spoke volumes as I witnessed, from a distance, this powerful, yet solemn moment of peaceful prayer. It was a telling picture of the beauty of her religious vocation.



The final Insignia of the Passionist Profession that Sister Cecilia Maria was presented with were the profession crucifix, the cross and the crown of thorns. These were symbolic expressions of her vocation to participate in the Passion of Christ and become one with Him in His love for the Father and for the Church. It was a compelling and beautiful moment. One could see her radiate the joy of her new vocation as the Passionist Nuns sang the angelic hymn, *Veni, Sponsa Christi* (Come, Spouse of Christ.) "The love of the Father has set you apart, *Veni, Sponsa Christi!* The love of the Son now draws you to His Heart, *Veni, Sponsa Christi!* The love of the Spirit of God Most High, has called out to you that eternal cry, *Veni, Sponsa Christi!* *Veni, Sponsa Christi!*"



Bishop William Francis Medley poses with newly professed Sister Cecilia Maria of the Body of Christ at St. Joseph Passionist Monastery in Whitesville. Bishop Medley presided at the Mass and called forth Sister Cecilia Maria in the Rite of Religious Profession. Photos by Larena Lawson

A reception immediately followed the celebration and Sister Cecilia Maria was able to welcome and greet her family and guests in the parlor of the Passionist Monastery. It was a spirited time of congratulations and exchange of heartfelt happiness in the wonder of the grace-filled occasion, one to be remembered as the glorious day that another glowing and gracious bride gave herself to Christ and His Church.

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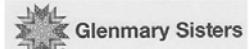
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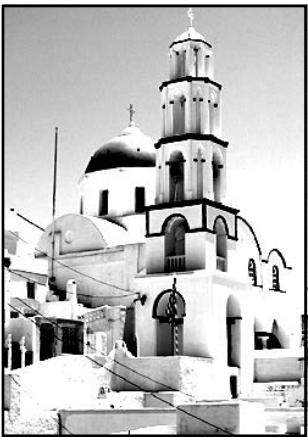
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Falling In Love With A Vocation

By Sister Faith Marie Woolsey

I met the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist in 2005 through my professor, a member of the religious community, Sister Lucia Treanor. She talked me into representing Grand Valley State University at a conference on the New Evangelization with her, despite my protests that she could find someone worthier.

This was the first time I ever experienced her religious order, and while the conference was powerful, I was more impressed and captivated by the community of sisters I met. They were real, vibrant and funny, not what I expected.

Over the next five years our relationship deepened. I took advantage of every opportunity to be with the sisters on their farm in Lowell, Michigan. From mucking the stalls to helping teach teenagers about human sexuality, I cherished every minute there. I found myself happiest and most myself when with them. I also attended several retreats given by the sisters on Pope Paul VI's encyclical on birth control, "Humanae Vitae," and the complementarity of men and women.

It surprised me that I learned the beauty of fruitfulness through celibate women. I took my strong response to the retreats as a sign from God that I was called to sacramental marriage. I was caught off guard when Sister Lucia asked me if I would be interested in attending a discernment weekend at their motherhouse in Connecticut. I remember my response, "I am honored. I would love to go visit the motherhouse, but I am not seriously thinking about a religious vocation. Can I still go?" I went, learned more about the community and grew in admiration of them. At the end of the weekend I felt frustrated because I had no more clarity about my vocation.

Another discernment weekend followed the next year but I was reluctant to go. I was tired of discerning yet did not want to pass up a visit to the motherhouse. I went to have a good time. God had other plans, however. I was there for about three hours when lightning struck. One second I was thinking



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about how amazing the community is, the next second thinking, "Oh my God, You want me to be one of them." I have never in my life felt such panic or such peace. My entire future changed in that instant. Amidst the inner chaos was an overwhelming sense of "rightness," of clarity. At one point the foundress, Mother Rosemae Pender, described discovering one's vocation as falling in love, and I knew I was deeply in love with this community.

I am a novice now and could not be any more ecstatic about the direction my life is going. I fall deeper in love with God, the Church, and community every day. My vocation gives increased purpose to every aspect of my life: in prayer, in personal interactions, and professionally, as a physical therapist.

I will never be a biological mother, as I once dreamed, but I have never felt more life-giving. This journey reveals that the plan God had for my life is so much greater than anything I could have possibly imagined for myself.

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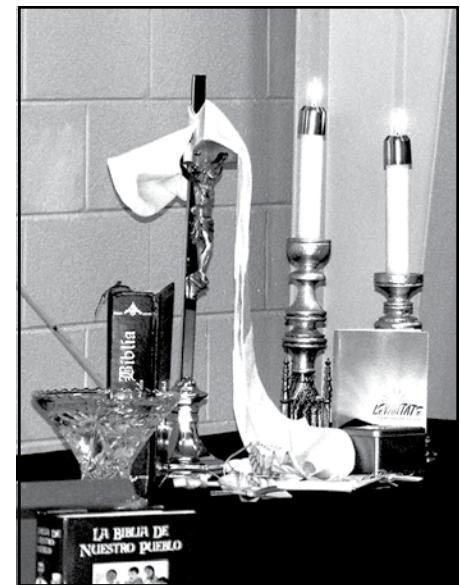
Líderes de Grupos Pequeños se reúnen para planificar la ARISE / Levantate Temporada 2



En esta foto, apreciamos uno de los jóvenes líderes jóvenes de la parroquia de San José de Bowling Greene. Marvin es miembro del grupo juvenil de la parroquia. Es bueno que los jóvenes también participen en el proceso de formación de los mayores.



Miembros de la comunidad de San José en Bowling Greene, Sagrado Corazón de Jesús de Russellville KY. Han acudido con mucho fervor a estas presentaciones del programa LEVANTATE. Felicitamos a todos los líderes quienes han hecho posible esta presencia en esta ocasión. Sagrado Corazón de Jesús es la parroquia donde atiende la Hna. Patricia Sullivan, como Ministro Hispano. Gracias a todos los que viajaron a Bowling Greene para asistir a esta actividad. F.Luis Aju



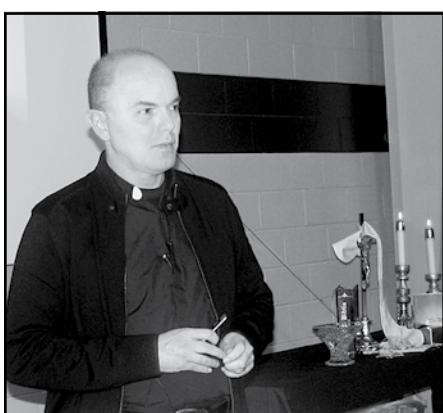
El Crucifijo, las velas y el manto blanco significan la nueva vida, las velas la luz de nuestra fe. Son estos elementos nos dicen algo, signos de los cuales estaban presentes en el día de nuestro bautismo, hoy por hoy son signos de mantienen nuestro proceso de conversión. Esta comunidad y las fotos son de la parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo en Hopkinsville. F. Luis Aju



Como apreciamos en la foto, un joven escucha atentamente a la ponencia del P. Alejandro. Estas actividades son las



que necesitamos para tener a nuestros jóvenes al tanto de lo que pasa con nuestra fe, católica. F.Luis Aju



Padre Alejandro, enfrente del altar donde se aprecia, la Biblia que es la Palabra de Dios, La Planta que es símbolo de vida, el agua signo de vida y las velas como signo de la luz que recibimos para fortalecer nuestra fe y las velas sino de la luz de la fe, para no perdernos. F.Luis Aju

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Muchos rostros en la casa de Dios.

La comunidad hispana provenientes de varios países y la comunidad Estado Unidos de varios países de origen, juntos recibiendo un taller de reflexión y estudio por medio del programa Araise. Esto es un hecho que cumple la pastoral

de conjunto. Todos juntos como comunidades de la Iglesia, dándole sentido de que profesamos una sola, fe, un solo bautismo. Profesando que la Iglesia es Una, Santa, Católica y Apostólica. En la Diócesis de Owensboro. Luis Aju.



La noche del día 27 de Enero. Las comunidades de San José y Pablo dieron inicio su segunda etapa de programa ARAISE. Se hicieron presentes las comunidades De Sto. Redentor de Beaver Dam y Santísima Trinidad de Morgantown. Juntamente con el su Párroco el P. Juan Rene que el acompaña a sus feligreses a participar en este proceso de formación del Levántate en Español. Por Luis Aju



Muchos de los jóvenes, hacen preguntas acerca del tema, el P. Alejandro es una persona que se da a entender a todos, pero por cuestiones de práctica o de seguridad, ha sido interrogado de varias formas, ya que las explosiones son para aprender. Por eso uno de nuestros jóvenes levanta la mano para salir de sus dudas. F.Luis Aju



Nuestra Fe, está basado en los signos de la luz, de la biblia, como elementos que nos dicen mucho en nuestra vida. Por eso en el programa Levántate, usamos como un elemento de volver a meditarlo desde nuestro bautismo. F.Luis Aju

P. Alejandro en uno de sus exposiciones en la Comunidad de San José de Bowling Greene. Los miembros de todas las comunidades están siempre atentos a lo que se refiere al amor y perdón de Dios para con nosotros. También la historia de la Iglesia, el sentido de ser comunidad con todos.

2 Marzo, 2013



+Monseñor
William Medley,
Obispo de la
Diócesis de
Owensboro

Atesoro un vínculo excepcional con el Papa Benedicto XVI

Queridas hermanas y hermanos,

Ningún niño del siglo 20 o 21 se preguntaría si vivimos o no en tiempos interesantes. Incluso los más jóvenes ven como la tecnología y las maravillas de la comunicación instantánea transforman nuestro mundo y las relaciones.

El Papa Benedicto XVI también nos da aún tiempos nuevos y más interesantes.

Todas nuestras suposiciones sobre la pastoral y gobierno de la Iglesia Católica Romana ha sido sacudido. Nuestro Santo Padre ha anunciado que, a causa de su salud mental y del cuerpo, se hará a un lado como Obispo de Roma, y por lo tanto la cabeza visible del mundo de más de mil millones de católicos.

La decisión del Papa es de humildad, gracia y valentía. De hecho, es el siervo humilde quien reconoce a través de la oración, a través de su relación íntima llena de gracia con Jesucristo, que ha servido bien a su amo y puede confiar a su Iglesia amada a un sucesor. El valor se auto-manifesta notablemente al hacer lo que ningún Papa había hecho durante casi seiscientos años.

Atesoro un vínculo excepcional con el Papa Benedicto, ya que fue él quien me llamó a la oficina del obispado y me bendijo al nombrarme como el Obispo de Owensboro. Cuando me presentaron a

Su Santidad en septiembre del 2010, pocos meses después de mi ordenación episcopal, le di las gracias por su confianza en mí y le pedí sus oraciones para mí persona y para la Iglesia del oeste de Kentucky. Él sonrió y dijo: "Ah, Kentucky!"

Vamos a seguir rezando por el Papa Benedicto XVI para que su deseo se cumpla, para que pueda, "servir devotamente a la Santa Iglesia de Dios en el futuro a través de una vida dedicada a la oración."

Tiempos muy emocionantes en verdad! En el antiguo ritual de los Cardenales de la Iglesia se reunirán durante el mes de marzo para elegir al sucesor del Papa Benedicto XVI. Los medios de comunicación estadounidenses, en particular, quieren retratar este proceso que viene como algo similar a nuestra elección presidencial: conservadores, moderados o liberales para prevalecer? Afortunadamente esto es radicalmente lejos de la verdad.

Ahora supongo que los Cardenales antes de entrar en el cónclave encontrarán las oportunidades para reflexionar sobre el estado de la Iglesia de hoy día y se centrarán en cuestiones de liderazgo espiritual. Pero tengo fe en que cuando entraran a la Capilla Sixtina, ellos serán conscientes que el Espíritu Santo se convierte en el motor principal.

Por nuestra parte, vamos a orar para que el hombre que está a punto de ser llamado a servir a la Iglesia encontrará fuerza en Dios quien lo llamará. Vamos a ayudarlo con nuestras oraciones.

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Calendario del Obispo Medley Para Marzo 2013:

1de marzo	9:00 a.m.	Misa Estudiantil, St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
5 de marzo	9:00 a.m.	Reunión de Personal del CPC, Centro Pastoral Católico
6 de marzo	9:00 a.m.	Charlas de 12vo Grado, Owensboro Catholic High School
7 de marzo	8:00 a.m.	Misa Estudiantil, Trinity High School, Whitesville
		Charlas de 12vo Grado, Trinity High School, Whitesville
9 de marzo	5:00 p.m.	Instalación de Ministerios de Seminaristas (Lector & Acolyte), Catedral St. Stephen, Owensboro
10 de marzo	2:00 p.m.	Bendición de Jubileo Católico Casa Habitat, Owensboro
12 de marzo	10:00 a.m.	Misa Estudiantil, St. Mary High School, Paducah
		Charlas de 12vo Grado, St. Mary High School, Paducah
	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Oficina de Paducah, Hospital Lourdes
14 de marzo	8:00 a.m.	Misa Estudiantil, Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville
15 de marzo	8:00 a.m.	Misa Estudiantil Seguido por Ceremonia de Inauguración de Escuela Católica Juan Pablo II, St. Ann, Morganfield
17 de marzo	10:30 a.m.	Misa de Youth 2000, Universidad de Brescia, Owensboro
	2:00 p.m.	Misa de Los Scouts, Catedral St. Stephen
18 de marzo	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Personal de Sacerdotes, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal, CPC
19 de marzo	9:30 a.m.	Misa Estudiantil, St. Joseph, Bowling Green
20 de marzo	8:30 a.m.	Reunión del Consejo Financiero Diocesano, CPC
22-23 de marzo		Conferencia de Reflección Cuaresmal, Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary, Indianapolis, IN
24 de marzo	9:00 a.m.	Misa de Domingo de Ramos, Catedral St. Stephen
26 de marzo	6:30 p.m.	Misa Crismal, Sportscenter, Owensboro Termina el Año de Jubileo
28 de marzo	7:00 p.m.	Misa de Jueves Santo, Catedral St. Stephen
29 de marzo	7:00 p.m.	Servicios de Viernes Santo, Catedral St. Stephen
30 de marzo	8:00 p.m.	Sábado Santo, Catedral St. Stephen

Cinco Seminaristas Serán Instituidos A Ministerios El 9 De Marzo

En una ceremonia litúrgica en la catedral de San Esteban, el día 9 de marzo de 2013, NICK HIGDON y JARED KAELIN serán instituidos al Ministerio de Lector y BASILIO AZ CUC, NICOLAS AJPACAJA TZOC y JAMIE DENNIS se instituirá en el ministerio de acólito para la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Como lector que oficialmente anuncia la Palabra de Dios en la asamblea litúrgica y también cumple el ministerio de la catequesis niños y adultos, y los prepara para recibir los sacramentos de una manera digna. Promete ser dóciles a las inspiraciones del Espíritu Santo, para recibir la Palabra de Dios en sí mismo, y para meditar en ella, conservarla y hacerla operativa en su vida cotidiana.

Como acólito ayuda a los sacerdotes y diáconos para llevar a cabo sus funciones mediante la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión a los fieles como a los que están enfermos. Él promete vivir la vida más intensamente eucarística con espíritu de oblación y sacrificio. Él se compromete a crecer cada día en la fe y en la caridad a sus hermanos y hermanas.

Nota del Editor: La luz está encendida para ti.

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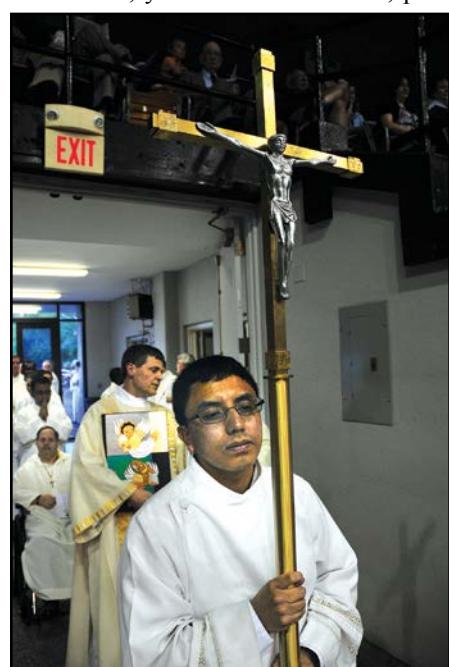
Misa Crismal Semana Santa y Cuaresma 2013

Por Luis Aju

En cada semana Santa, se Celebra la Misa Crismal, que consiste en la Consagración de los tres Aceites que la Iglesia Católica usa para las ocasiones especiales. Aquí está una breve explicación de su significado y porque los usamos, los católicos. Conviene saber su significado y que nos hace como cristianos católicos. La palabra Crisma viene del latín, Crisma que significa Unción. Así se llama ahora el aceite y bálsamo mesclados que el Obispo consagra el día del jueves Santo o cuando el Obispo local lo decide durante la Semana Santa.

El Oleo del Santo Crisma; es decir el aceite perfumado que representa el Espíritu Santo. Nos es dado junto con sus carismas, el día de nuestro bautismo. Y en nuestra confirmación, en la ordenación de los Diaconos, Sacerdotes y Obispos y son ungidos en su ordenación sacramental.

En la Misa Crismal, renovamos nuestro compromiso bautismal como Cristianos Católicos, así como seguir a Cristo Rey, Cristo Sacerdote y Cristo Profeta. En este tiempo difícil, la tarea nuestra de ser Profeta es muy importante y aún más en este periodo de cuaresma. Hoy día ser profeta es anunciar un futuro mejor, pero denunciar el pecado social que agobia a las personas y a las comunidades. Denunciar la situación de pecado que se vive, a nivel personal, a nivel comunidad, y en todos los niveles, pero



que hemos perdido la conciencia de lo que Dios nos ha pedido, amarnos unos a los otros. Este mandato se nos dio para construir un mundo mejor, una comunidad de seres humanos con conciencia humana. Jesus nuestro Hermano Mayor nos enseñó a Amar a todos, sin distinción de color, lengua o nación. Su presencia no fue bien recibida, y sabemos que él, murió por su fidelidad a Dios como Padre Nuestro.

En las noticias en los diferentes medios de comunicación, solo encontramos muertos por la violencia, que reina en todas partes del mundo, se perdió el respeto por la vida desde el más pequeño hasta el más grande en edad. Por lo tanto los sacrificios cuaresmales, no es solamente, no comer carne o pequeños sacrificios sino se nos pide conversión de actitudes para con los otros.

El problema de hoy día es que todos quieren ser poderosos, todos quieren ser prepotentes y controlar a los otros, Jesus nos dice que debemos ser humildes como él. Servir como él. En el tiempo de la cuaresma debemos de Orar con el Padre que está siempre con nosotros todo el tiempo, él nos espera en el silencio, a lo mejor será callarnos y aprender a escuchar, lo que Jesus nos quiere decir hoy día. Si no nos respetan la vida, por lo menos nosotros respetemos la vida de nuestros amigos y compañeros de trabajo y a los miembros de nuestras familias. Gracias por leer esta columna, tenía que escribir algo acerca de nuestros compromisos bautismales como profetas del tiempo.

El Ministerio Hispano, invita a usted y apreciable familia, asistir y ser parte de la Misa Crismal. Pronto sabrá los detalles sobre el lugar y la fecha. Nuestra presencia hispana es importante en la diócesis por lo tanto hagamos presencia.

Chrism Mass Holy Week and Lent 2013

By Luis Aju

Every Easter, the Chrism Mass is celebrated, which is the consecration of the three oils that the Catholic Church uses for special occasions. Here is a brief explanation of its meaning and why we as Catholics use the oils. It's great to know its meaning which makes us Catholic Christians.

The word Chrism comes from Latin, meaning anointing. That is the name given to the balsam and oil mixed that the Bishop consecrates on Holy Thursday or when the local bishop decides during Holy Week. The Oil of Chrism is scented oil which represents the Holy Spirit. We are given it along with its chrisms, the day of our baptism. In our confirmation, and during the ordination of deacons, priests and bishops the Chrism Oils are used for anointing.

In the Chrism Mass, we renew our baptismal commitment as Catholic Christians to follow Christ King, Christ Priest and Christ Prophet. During these difficult

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tells us to be humble like Him and serve as he did. In this time of Lent we should pray to our Father who is always with us as he waits in silence for us, we should be silent and learn to listen, maybe that's what Jesus is telling us today. Therefore Lenten sacrifices, not only involve fasting and small sacrifices but we are also asked to convert our attitudes towards one another. If others do not respect life, at least we should respect the lives of our friends and co-workers and members of our families.

Thank you for reading this column, as I had to write of our baptismal commitments as prophets of time.

Los Hispanos toman varios cargos en la liturgia de la misa Crismal. A la derecha esta Jorge Guarcas como lector. A la izquierda esta Basilio Az Cuc como Cargador de la Cruz. Fotos del WKC

Hispanics fill several roles in the liturgy of a Chrism Mass. At top right is Jorge Guarcas serving as reader. At lower left is seminarian Basilio Az Cuc as cross bearer. WKC Photos