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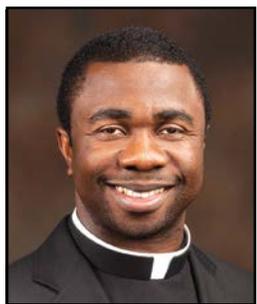
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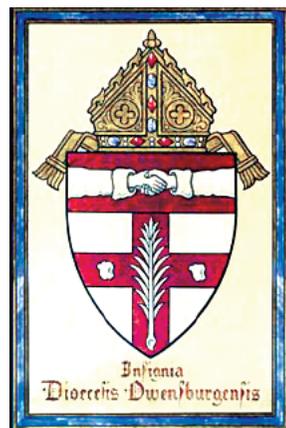


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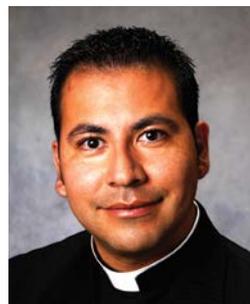
*on Saturday the thirteenth  
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at ten o'clock  
in the year of our Lord  
two thousand and thirteen  
at  
Saint Stephen Cathedral  
Owensboro, Kentucky*



*With Joyful Praise and Thanksgiving  
to Almighty God*

**THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO**  
*Announces  
the Ordination of*

*Rev. Mr. Julio Evaristo Barrera  
Martínez*



*Son of Julio Barrera Rueda and Sara  
Martínez Gómez*

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On Saturday, the first day of June  
Two thousand and thirteen  
Ten o'clock in the morning  
At  
Saint Stephen Cathedral  
600 Locust St. Owensboro, KY 42301*



## Official Statement from Bishop William F. Medley Regarding Pope Francis



**The inauguration of pontificate of Pope Francis March 19, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. USCCB Photo**

It is a time of great joy for the Catholic Church and for the world. We have a new pope. Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the archbishop of Buenos Aires in Argentina, has been chosen by the College of Cardinals to be the Bishop of Rome.

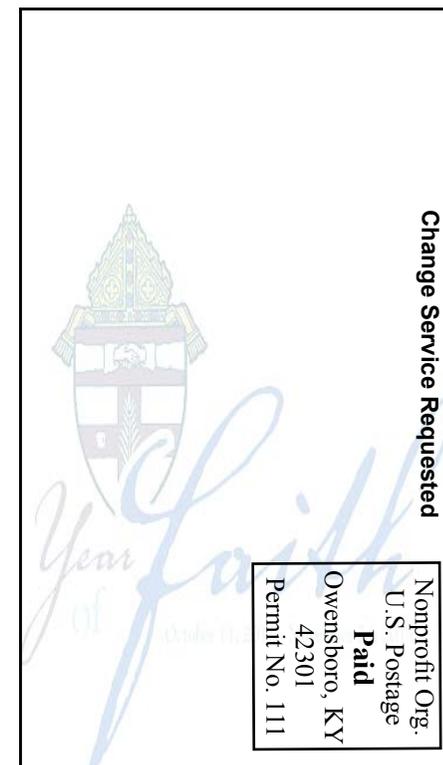
This is a time of grace for Roman Catholics throughout the world as we welcome and embrace our new shepherd, Pope Francis. We look to our shepherd as a visible sign of the unity we share in Jesus Christ.

His election is an important day for all the world. In recent tradition the popes of the church have been voices for right and good in a world too often fractured by war and injustice.

As we learn more about Pope

Francis, we might all be encouraged that the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi will be a positive spirit for our Church and for our world. St. Francis of Assisi, who lived in the 12th and early 13th centuries, answered a call from the Lord to "rebuild my church" when the community of the Church was in decline and disrepair.

I gladly speak for the Catholics of the Diocese of Owensboro in welcoming Pope Francis and assuring him of our prayer and allegiance.



2 April, 2013

## I Believe That Pope Francis Will Call Us to Witness Christ's Love For The Poor



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

My dear sisters and brothers,

What's in a name?

In the weeks leading up to the election of Pope Francis, religious and secular media speculated widely about the name a new pope might select.

It was suggested that his name might be the first indication of what the Church and the world may expect of his pastoral ministry.

At that time, I merely thought how the media always wants shortcuts to create stories for them. If they can label someone's thoughts or actions, then they can merrily write the stories and give the spin they perhaps wanted to cast all along. After all, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio is the man that he is, and we pray will be the Holy Father that he is called to be whether he had called himself Benedict, John, Paul, John Paul, Pius --- or any other of dozens of saints' names.

One day in particular as I listened to the radio I thought perhaps the new pope should just shake everyone up and take a name not previously chosen by a previous pope. I thought of the great saints Joseph and Francis. Now, my first mistake was not sharing this great insight with anyone else, and thus appearing to have perhaps gazed into some crystal ball.

My understanding of Latin is not very good at all. I was joined with others as the identity and name of the new pope was revealed at St. Peter's on March 13th. I was listening for names that might sound familiar from among the names of the media's so-called front-runners. I understood "Habemus Papam," which means, "We have a pope." But everyone knew that he was going to say that. The only other word I understood was the final word of the announcement, Franciscus, the Latin for Francis. I turned to those around me and said, "I don't know who he is, but I think we were just told that he will be Pope Francis. And there has never been a Pope Francis before."

Pope Francis has told the story of his choice of name. As his election became evident within the conclave, a cardinal sitting next to him said, "Remember the poor." Though a member of the Society



**Pope Francis, elected Pope March 13, 2013. USCCB Photo used with permission**

of Jesus (the Jesuits), Pope Francis knew that St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscans, has been for centuries identified with the ministry of Jesus and the ministry of the Church with the poor.

What's in a name? We will in the years to come know more about the significance of the name Pope Francis has chosen. But first we know that the Church has again been blessed with the choice of a man who faces one of the most demanding jobs on earth. He needs our prayers. He needs our support. I believe he will call us all to witness to Christ's love for the poor, to be "a church which is poor and for the poor." This will affect us as individuals, as citizens, as dioceses and nations.

For our Holy Father Francis, we pray to the Lord.

May God bless you all.

+Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

## Pope Francis Presents a Challenge

**By Susan E. Wills**

The secular media are still grappling with the challenge of fitting Pope Francis into an ideological box. Liberal, conservative, traditional, progressive, compassionate, doctrinaire?

Clearly "authentic Catholic" is not a category with which they are familiar.

What to make of a man who immerses himself in the lives and suffering of those whom some regard as "discardables"—slum-dwellers, street children, AIDS patients, the neglected elderly—bringing them faith, hope, companionship, wisdom

## Bishop Medley's Calendar for April 2013:

April 2-4	Visit Fr. Ken Mikulcik, St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada
April 6	9:00 a.m. Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, CPC
April 7	6:00 p.m. Mass, Murray State University, Newman Center
April 9	6:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Francis Borgia Parish, Sturgis
April 10	6:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
April 11	6:30 p.m. Prayer Service for Healing, Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green
April 13	10:00 a.m. Transitional Diaconate Ordination, St. Stephen Cathedral
	4:30 p.m. Confirmation, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro
April 14	8:00 a.m. Confirmation, St. Sebastian Parish, Calhoun
	3:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
	8:00 p.m. Mass, Western Kentucky University, Aquinas Center
April 15	9:30 a.m. Priests' Personnel Committee Meeting, CPC
	1:30 p.m. Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
	6:00 p.m. Total Catholic Ed Committee Meeting, Christ the King Parish, Madisonville
April 16	9:00 a.m. CPC Staff Mass and Meeting, CPC
	6:30 p.m. Confirmation, Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro
April 17	8:30 a.m. Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, CPC
	6:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Ann Parish, Morganfield
April 18	10:30 a.m. Mass, 200th Celebration of Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, St. Stephen Cathedral
April 21	9:30 a.m. Confirmation, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah
	5:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro
April 23	10:00 a.m. School Mass, St. Mary Middle School, Paducah
	12-3:00 p.m. Paducah Office, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
April 25	11:00 a.m. Mass, St. Maximilian Kolbe Montessori School, Owensboro
	6:30 p.m. Confirmation, St. William/St. Lawrence Parishes at St. William, Knottsville
April 27	12:00 p.m. Middle School Day of Prayer, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp
	4:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Henry Parish, Aurora
April 28	8:30 a.m. Mass, Blessing of Steeple and Bell Tower, St. Columba Parish, Lewisport
	4:00 p.m. Confirmation, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
April 29	9:00 a.m. Dedication of Chapel, Owensboro Health Regional Hospital
April 30	6:00 p.m. Confirmation, Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam

and a sense of their human dignity, and who, at the same time, forcefully condemns today's "solutions" to the "problem" of discardables—contraception, abortion and euthanasia?

The journalist F.P. Dunne coined a phrase about a century ago that could apply to Francis during his years as the Cardinal Archbishop of Buenos Aires, while he steadfastly defended human life against every kind of abuse: He "comforted the afflicted and afflicted the comfortable."

For example, he decried warehousing the elderly: "We put them away in

geriatrics facilities like one puts away an overcoat in the summer. ... because they are 'disposable,' 'useless'." He condemned "clandestine euthanasia" where "social services pay up to a certain point; if you pass it, 'die, you are very old'."

He repeatedly attacked the hedonistic "bread and circuses" policies of the Argentine government that promoted free contraceptives and sterilization, and same-sex "marriage," saying these undermine respect for life, the family and religious liberty.

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## Bishop and Diocesan Staff Pray Midday Prayer at 1:00 PM February 28, 2013

Bishop William Medley gathered with Diocesan Staff in the Catholic Pastoral Center chapel Feb. 28, 2013 for Midday Prayer at 1:00 p.m. CT in celebration and gratitude for the service of our Holy Father, Pope-emeritus Benedict XVI who resigned this day. The Bishop and staff sang opening Psalm 119:65-72 which intoned, "Lord, you have been good to your servant according to your word ..." And later, from Psalm 56: "...that I may walk in the presence of God and enjoy the light of the living." The closing prayer petitioned God, "Send your Spirit to make us strong in faith and active in good works. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen." All left chapel in prayerful silence.

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## Learning the History of Our Commonwealth

Ms. Betty Anne Watt's 4th Grade Social Studies classes hosted a "KY Museum Exhibit" for parents and students of St. Joseph School in Bowling Green, KY. After a study of KY History, students were assigned an independent study of a famous person, place or thing that is important to our state. Students' projects had to include a Museum artifact, and information. Ms. Watt, and Mrs. Mary Herbst classes did an outstanding job on this project.

Parents and students from the school learned more about Ky., and enjoyed visiting the "Museum".

In May, the 4th grade students will visit the KY History Center and the state capital in Frankfort. Students will have a greater understanding for viewing exhibits located in the Museum, as well as our Capital. In the picture above at left is Ross Chandler with his exhibit; at right is Mattie Davis with her exhibit.

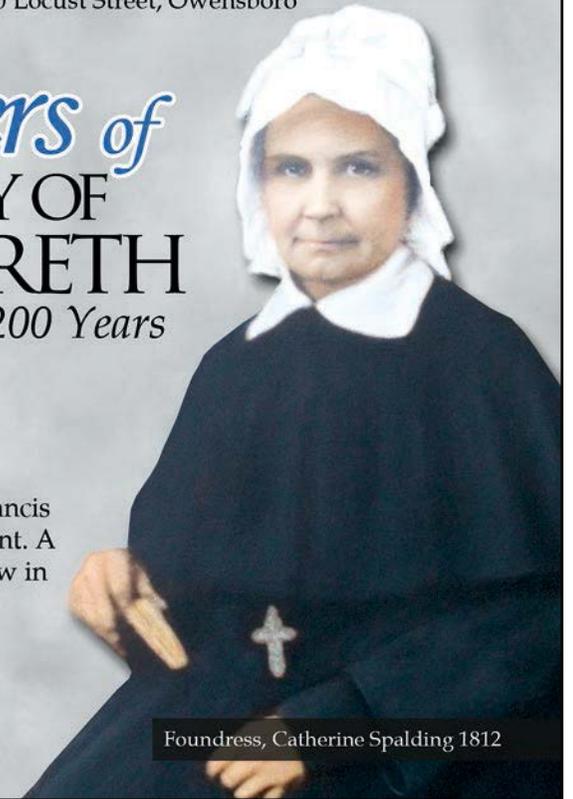
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April 18 | 10:00 a.m.

Saint Stephen Cathedral, 610 Locust Street, Owensboro

## Sisters of CHARITY OF NAZARETH

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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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## Diocese Of Owensboro Priest Assignments For 2013

### PASTOR

- Baker, Rev. Jerry: Pastor, St. John the Baptist, Fordsville, Kentucky will continue as pastor of St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville effective June 11, 2013
- Bittel, Rev. Pat: Pastor, St. Martin Parish, Rome, Kentucky effective June 11, 2013
- Ighacho, Rev. John: Pastor, St. Sebastian Parish, Calhoun and St. Charles Parish, Livermore, Kentucky, effective June 11, 2013.
- Okoro, Rev. John: Pastor, St. William/St. Lawrence Parishes, Philpot, Kentucky effective June 11, 2013
- Riney, Rev. Jerry: Pastor of St. Stephen Cathedral and Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro, Kentucky effective June 11, 2013
- Thomas, Rev. John: Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green, Kentucky effective June 11, 2013
- Vaughan, Rev. John: Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Madisonville, Kentucky, effective June 11, 2013

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

### OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- McClure, Rev. Jason: Director to the Diocesan Office for Vocations while continuing as pastor of St. Leo Parish, Murray, Kentucky effective June 11, 2013.

## 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!**



## Sisters of Charity of Nazareth have served continuously in mission to the Church of Western Kentucky since 1812

By Sr. Eula Johnson, S.C.N.

On April 18, 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Stephen, the people of the Diocese of Owensboro are invited to gather in thanksgiving for the ministries of education and Faith formation given by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth over 200 hundred years.

The Sisters first came to Western Kentucky in 1820 and settled in Union County. They established St. Vincent Academy educating hundreds of students assisting parents in developing the faith life of these children until 1967.

That foundation was followed by establishing these early foundations: St. Frances Academy in 1849 - 1951 when it became Owensboro Catholic High. St. Mary Academy /High School in Paducah in 1858 - 1982; St. Columba Academy/ St. Joseph in Bowling Green 1863-1971; St. Rose/St. Agnes in Uniontown in 1872-1988; St. Louis/Holy Name, Henderson, 1872-2000; St. Romuald, Hardinsburg in 1876-1887; Sacred Heart School for boys in Union County, 1885; St. Stephen School for boys in Owensboro 1879 - 1920; St. Raphael School, West Louisville, 1886-1893; St. Bernard, Earlinton, 1890-1914; and St. Jerome, Fancy Farm in 1892-1974.

Many, many times the Sisters of Charity left their classrooms to nurse cholera, scarlet fever, yellow fever and influenza victims as well as wounded soldiers during the Civil War.

The next wave of schools began with St. Mary, Whitesville in 1901-1990; St. Ann, Morganfield in 1912 - 1986; Blessed Mother School /St. Stephen Cathedral School, 1939-1979; Catholic Colored/Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro, 1940-1960; Catholic Colored, Uniontown/ Blessed Martin, Waverly, 1943 - 1962; St. Pius X, Calvert City, 1954-1968; Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro,



1959-1975; St. Francis de Sales, Paducah, 1965-1982; and Sacred Heart, Hickman, 1960-1968.

At present there is only one Sister of Charity, S. Mary Eula Johnson, SCN, who was in ministry at OASIS, a Domestic Violence Shelter in Owensboro for 11 years and at Boulware Mission, a homeless shelter for women and men and for those with alcohol/drug addictions for 10 1/2 years. So there have been SCNs continuously in mission to the Church of Western Kentucky since 1812 to the present.

Come and join us in celebrating and thanking God for these 200 years and for the many persons who have assumed leadership in Church and society and who owe their education and faith formation in part to the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.



## Ministry of Lector

The candidate at the end of the second year petitions for and if selected receives the Ministry of Lector. This calls them to be servants of the Living Word of God. In proclaiming the readings at liturgy, the reader does more than simply read. Those who exercise the Ministry of Lector must be truly suited and carefully prepared, so that the faithful may develop a warm and living love for Sacred Scripture from listening to the sacred readings.



Bishop Medley conferring the Ministry of Lector upon Nick Higdon and Jared Kaelin March 9, 2013, in Saint Stephen Cathedral during the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.



Lectors Nick Higdon and Jared Kaelin proclaimed the readings during the 5:00 PM Mass in St. Stephen Cathedral.

At right, during a Catholic Mass, standing next to seminarian Michael Charles Ajigo, as Preston Hans illustrates, there is always someone watching, listening intently, trying to understand what is happening. The Holy Spirit is at work. This was a scene in St. Stephen Cathedral during the March 9, 2013 conferral of Ministries. Mel Howard Photos

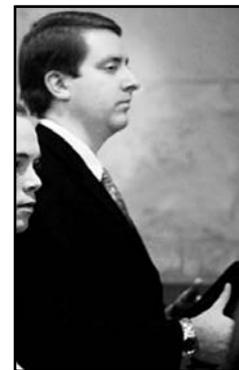
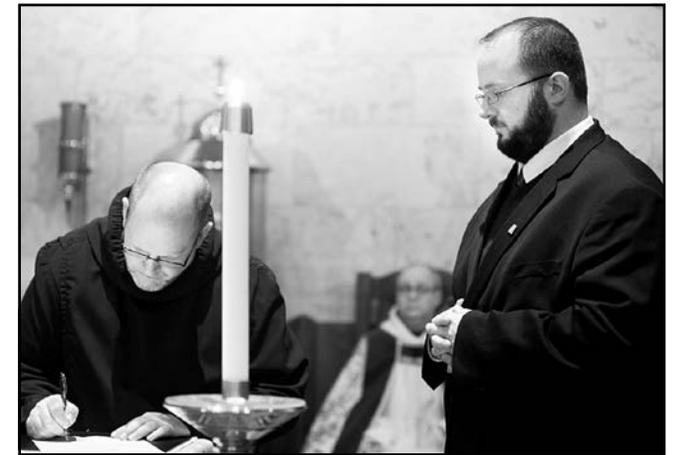


## Ministry of Acolyte

The candidate at the end of the third year petitions for and if selected receives the Ministry of Acolyte. As an acolyte the candidate is appointed to aid the deacon and to minister to the priest. It is his duty to attend to the service of the altar and to assist the deacon and the priest in liturgical celebrations, especially in the celebration of Mass. He distributes communion as a special Eucharistic minister when appropriate.



Acolyte candidates ready to present themselves to the Bishop March 9, 2013 in St. Stephen Cathedral; from left, Basilio Ac Cuc, Nicolás Ajpacaja Tzoc, and Jamie Dennis. Mel Howard Photo



## Promises Made

Transitional Diaconate promises held at St. Meinrad on March 7, 2013. Above, Will Thompson, at right in photo; left, Emmanuel Cyril Udoh; lower left, Jared Kaelin; below, Deacon Julio Barrera. Photos submitted by Dr. Fred Litke, Associate Director of Vocations.



# Convincing a Child He's Beautiful

By Tami Urcia

As I endured yet another night of insomnia at 9 months pregnant, my thoughts drifted to a young boy I met over a year ago. He was about 8 years old and a patient at Hogar San Francisco de Asís—Home of St. Francis of Assisi - in Chaclacayo just outside of Lima, Peru, where I had spent a month doing missionary work. I had originally hoped to work at this location the entire month, but upon learning they were at capacity with a high school volunteer group from the U.S, I made other arrangements. Nevertheless, I wanted to check this place out.

My boyfriend (now husband) Felix and I set out just two days after I arrived in Lima. We traveled almost 2 hours by bus through poverty stricken areas and finally disembarked in a nice neighborhood with large houses. An American doctor from Florida left a successful practice in Atlanta to dedicate his life to helping Peruvian children with serious medical issues. The children, up to 50+ at a time, stay at the house free of charge until they are well enough to return to their families. Dr. Tony Lazzara either treats them himself, brings them to a medical facility for treatment or on rare occasions even brings them to the United States for surgery.

When we first arrived, Felix picked up a little girl with down syndrome. They

were both smitten, as she grinned from ear to ear. After interacting with her for a bit, we noticed a large group of children gathered around watching TV. It was Sunday afternoon - movie time! However, a few of them were restless and not into the film, so Felix and I wandered outside with some of the younger children. Despite deformations, burns and illness, they were playing happily. The beautician was there and one by one they were getting their haircut. We would tell them how handsome/beautiful they looked as each one finished. I'm not sure if they believed us, but they smiled politely.

Wandering back into the house, A moment or two later, I noticed this young boy. He wasn't interested in the movie and just kept saying how he wanted to go to the park. After inquiring with the volunteers, we decided to take him. He scooted along the sidewalks in a tricycle made for someone half his size and we walked along behind him. All of a sudden, he stopped dead in his tracks. We were directly diagonal from the park at this point and he could see that there were other people there. We tried to talk to him, reason with him, and even push his tricycle, but nothing was going to convince him to move on. His feet were cemented to the ground. "Allí están las chicas," ("There are girls there") he kept telling us over and



**This young boy pauses pensively near a plaque in a park in Chaclacayo, Peru. He is a burn victim and a patient at Hogar San Francisco de Asís (Home**

**of St. Francis of Assisi). Most of his family was lost in the fire. (Tami Urcia photo)**

over. "Allí están las chicas." His head was bowed in shame and defeat.

You see, this young boy is a burn victim, his entire body now wrapped in scar tissue, his face deformed. He lost his mother and siblings in the fire and some how escaped with his life. He was grieving the loss of his family, the loss of his home, the loss of a positive self-image. I began asking myself: How do I convince this child he's beautiful?

I tried telling him he looked so handsome after just getting his hair cut, but in the end nothing helped. Instead we took him to a neighborhood store for some ice cream to cheer him up. He agreed, enjoyed his ice cream, and we took a peak at the park again. The girls that were there before had gone, but there were still other children. After convincing him that they were all his friends from the Hogar, he hesitantly agreed to go.

Once in the park he took off like a shot and we hardly saw him again as we mingled with other kids, playing on the monkey bars and kicking a soccer ball around. We kept an eye on him from a distance and noticed he was a solitary little fellow. He rode around on the side walks by himself, at one point stopping meditatively at a plaque in the middle of the park. It was almost as if he were visiting a tombstone at a gravesite. But who's was it? His mother's? His siblings'? His own?

I will never forget my encounter with this young boy, nor the deep sadness in his countenance. Through his pain and through his scars he was beautiful. I just wanted to scoop him in my arms and tell him so.



## Diocesan Food Service Workers Impact Schools Culture and Climate

Providing healthy and nourishing meals for Catholic school students can be a challenging task given the rules that the federal government requires. Regular meetings between the Diocesan Food Service Director, Theresa Ballard, at right, and the cafeteria managers of the diocesan schools such as this one Feb. 3, 2013, insures that the regulations are being followed as well as give opportunities for these dedicated cooks to learn new recipes and improve our schools' menus and services. Mel Howard Photo

# Picnic Day Is Coming Soon!

## To A Parish Near You

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DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
May 10-11	International Barbecue Festival	Downtown, Owensboro
May 18	11:00 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
May 26	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
June 1	4:00 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
June 1	3:00 p.m.	Saint Joseph, Leitchfield
June 1	5:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
June 1	10:00 a.m.	St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove
June 8	4:00 p.m.	St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro
June 15	3:00 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
June 15	3:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
June 29	5:00 p.m.	St. Peter, Waverly
June 29	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
July 6	2:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Peonia
July 6	3:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Axtel (Rough River)
July 6	11:30 a.m.	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
July 13	3:30 Noon	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
July 13	4:00 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
July 20	11:30 a.m.; 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles, Bardwell
July 20	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
July 27	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
July 27	3:00 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield.
July 28	4:00 p.m., parish family picnic	St. Anthony, Browns Valley
Aug. 3	11:00 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Aug. 3	Noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Aug. 3	5:00 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
Aug. 10	4:00 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Aug. 17	3:00 p.m. (EST)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Aug. 24	4:30 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
Aug. 25	1:00 p.m. parish family picnic	St. Thomas More, Paducah
Sept. 7	11am to 9 pm	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 7	4:30 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
Sept. 8	11:30 a.m.	Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Sept. 14	11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 15	11:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence/St. William Parishes
Sept. 21	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Sept. 21	4:00 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
Sept. 22	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Sept 27-28		Holy Name Fall Festival, Henderson
Sept 28	3:00 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
Sept. 29		St. Leo, Murray
Sept. 29	10:00 a.m.	St. Joseph, Central City
Oct. 6	12:00 Noon	Rosary Chapel Feast Day Picnic, Paducah



Photos for this picture essay were taken by Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal shown here peeling onions for burgoo at July, 2012 St. Peter of Alcantara Church picnic. Photos used with permission.

## Lenten Almsgiving Benefits CRS

The Parish of the Immaculate concentrated its efforts on CRS Rice Bowls this Lenten season with three separate events.

Students attending Wednesday evening Religious Education classes were challenged to bring in their Rice Bowl money weekly. The grade with the largest donation percentage will be rewarded with a pizza party after Easter. As of March 20, fourth grade won with \$177. The total collected at fourth week of Lent was \$675.00.

The Thursday morning Scripture study group gathered March 21 for a taste of recipes from third world countries. Sylvia Lovett and Meredith Dolinger prepared several meatless recipes for the group to enjoy. Lovett said, "I think that it is important that we realize that there are other cultures that don't have all the advantages that we have." Sharing the meals found on the CRS website, we were reminded that we were "eating alongside our brothers and sisters who enjoy this meal each night of the year."

Meatless meal recipes were submitted by parishioners to the Social Concerns Committee and the collection was shared online. The first step of each recipe was to place money in the CRS Rice Bowl. The recipe collection reminds us of almsgiving and abstinence of meat on Fridays during Lent. This looks to be an annual event.

**Photos - top right: Fourth Grade Religious Education Class donating to Operation Rice Bowl.**

**Lower right - Not a Rice Bowl, but a Rice barrel!**

**Far right: Sylvia Lovett and Meredith Dolinger prepare the meatless meals suggested on CRS website.**



## Brown Bag Lunch Series

For the second year in a row, Immaculate Parish sponsored a Brown Bag Lunch Series during Lent. DVDs from the Catholicism series were shown for five consecutive Wednesday lunch hours. Participants lunched while watching Fr. Barron discuss various topics: Mary, St. Peter & St. Paul, the Saints, Prayer and the Life of the Spirit, and Last Things.



## Year Of Faith And Vatican II

During this Year of Faith, Immaculate Parish will sponsor a three class series on Vatican II. "The Story of Vatican II" will be presented Monday, April 15. The following Monday, April 22, the "Documents of Vatican II" will be discussed. The series will finish with a discussion on "Reform of the Sacraments" on Monday, April 29. All classes will be held at 6:30pm in the Parish Family Center at Immaculate Parish. The series will be presented by Diane Willis, Director of Faith Formation at Immaculate Parish.

## Bible Study draws to an End

Thirty eight Catholics from Owensboro and Sorgho recently completed the Acts of the Apostles Bible Study through Ascension Press. Two groups met Mondays (morning and evening) for 20 weeks. For the past four years, Immaculate Parish has been hosting study groups including; A Quick Journey through the Bible, The Great Adventure, a Study of Matthew, and Acts of the Apostles. Next year the group plans to study the book of Exodus (first semester) and the book of Revelation (second semester). The study is open to everyone. For more information, contact Diane Willis, Director of Faith Formation at Immaculate.

Those completing the 20 week Acts of the Apostle course: (Morning Class) Linda Beckman, Jeannie Clark, Pam Collignon, Margaret Frey, Sherleye Goff, Sue Gough, Sharon Hart, Mary Hartz, Patsy Hartz, Susie Imel, Gene Lyon, Michael McLavaine, Karen Mischel, Jane Pfeifer, Sue Weaver, Fred & Gloria Zinobile, Bobby Zimmerman and (Evening Class) Susan Belcher, Cathy & Harvey Bowlds, Lillian Chapman, Meredith Dolinger, Isa Ebelhar, Mary Ann Ebelhar, Fred & Helen Meister, Carol & Philip Morris, Joan Perry, David & Julie Renshaw, Mona Riggs, Joan Sanford, Marilyn Strong, Shirley Taliaferro, Diane Willis and Theresa Wyatt. At left, Picture of morning class.

## A Reflection About Reconciliation ... A Baptist's First Confession

By Eddie Price



“Why do Catholics bother with confession? It serves no purpose.”  
 “Priests don’t have a real life. Other people’s confessions give them a chance to experience it!  
 “WE have a direct line of communication with God to confess our sins and ask His forgiveness. Obviously Catholics don’t believe they have that.”

“It’s just more of that needless superstitious claptrap in the Catholic Church that clutters people’s faith.”

I had heard all of these scornful remarks and more in my fifty-six years before joining the Catholic Church. Let’s not mention the jokes! On the surface, some of them were very witty; most were not very nice—and I must “confess” that I even retold some jokes for laughs, especially if I had a crowd to play to. Never did I imagine that one day I would be alone, face to face with a Catholic priest, telling him my deepest personal sins—and truly believing that I would find absolution.

One definition of “confession” is: “a statement made by a person acknowledging some personal fact that the person would otherwise prefer to keep hidden.” I’m sure that everyone reading this can identify! Imagine going into a big auditorium as the guest of honor. You are brought before a huge audience (including many people that you know) and you are informed that in just one minute the house lights will go down and a big movie screen will light up and everyone will be entertained with “all the thoughts you have ever thought in your life.” You would probably remove yourself within the blink of an eye...never to be heard from again and with no forwarding address left behind!

I, the veteran classroom teacher, was a student in RCIA class at St. Rose of Lima. Autumn of 2010 had given way to the winter months of 2011. Easter Sunday was on the near horizon. It was coming down to “high noon,” the point where I must make my final decision about joining the Catholic Church. I already had the answers I needed, but there was still one sticking point that made me—uh—hesitate (and that is putting it mildly!) Earlier that year I had briefly scanned over the workbook chapter on Confession. I remembered wondering if I could offer up a few of my “lesser transgressions” for the priest to hear. I recalled humorous remarks about Catholics giving up asparagus or watermelon during Lenten Season—in the old days these items were either not someone’s favorite food or not in season, therefore easy to give up. Could I get away with it? But when I read the “Confession” chapter in depth I realized that to make a perfect confession, one that truly counted, I had to fully open my heart and examine the very depths of my soul, and then—horrors of all horrors—confess my sins to a live person. I felt comfortable speaking in silence with God, but this revelation cast everything into a whole new realm. Did I really want to go through this? Was it really necessary? Doesn’t God forgive sins when asked?

I learned that First Confession was part of the whole

process of belonging to the Catholic Church. If I wanted to participate in the entire Mass, including the Eucharist, I would have to go through with it. I had read scriptures that talked about “creating a clean heart,” “renewing a right spirit,” and “confessing your sins before men.” But this had an all-too-stark reality about it. Then I relied on what I had done throughout the whole RCIA class. I compared one Christian faith to another. Ministers in protestant churches often schedule times to talk to people who are in trouble—and my guess is, they have heard just about the same confessions as Catholic priests have. People are, after all, people. The major difference is that Catholic Church involves a much more formal approach and it connects this sacrament directly to numerous scriptures—especially the words of Jesus Christ. There are indeed several steps that each believer must make in Confession, steps that are rooted in Biblical scripture. And while Confession is a requirement, no one is forced to go. It must be a conscious and willing act made by the penitent.

That led me to the next line of thinking—penance. What would mine be? I had read and heard about various forms of penance. While researching early Kentucky Catholic history for my novel *Widder’s Landing* I had read about Father Stephen Theodore Badin (see the January edition of *WKC* 2013.) Father Badin was a man of strong physical constitution, coming all the way from France to the wilds of America, traveling over poor roads and obscure game trails to bring the Gospel and the Sacraments to far-flung and isolated communities. According to the Honorable Benjamin Joseph Webb in his historical work *The Centenary of Catholicity in Kentucky*, “Father Badin was known throughout western Kentucky for his intolerance of sin—and for the harsh penances he sometimes administered.” Once, a young lady had united in marriage with a non-Catholic, without asking permission and without receiving a dispensation. The priest had ordered her to appear in the room where he proposed to say Mass for the Catholic people in the area, clad in a coarse sack and sprinkled with ashes. In his eyes, the public scandal deserved public mortification—as a deterrent to other would-be sinners. On another occasion he ordered a parishioner to dig a two-foot grave and then, for a fortnight, to lie in it each day for a while, contemplating upon his transgressions. In his younger days Badin thumped rowdy toughs who sought to disrupt an outdoor Mass. He was not a man to be trifled with! But that was “way back when.” This was NOW! What would my penance be? Must I say a specific number of “Hail Mary’s” or “Our Fathers”—like when I was in school and had to write “I will not talk in class” one hundred times? Surely not! The classroom reading focused a great deal on “preparing one’s heart” and understanding that Confession is all about forgiveness from sin and making things right with God. Who does not need that? But would the actual event truly be that redeeming?

I prayed the whole week before the RCIA class on Confession, hoping that God would look upon this old sinner and lift away his sins, that he would give me strength to confess them unreservedly before a priest. Father Greg Trawick, our priest at St. Rose of Lima, explained the “whys” of Confession, the process, (including the scriptural

### Note from the Editor:

## The Light Is On For You.

Last month, we invited Western Kentucky Catholic readers to send in brief articles reflecting experiences with the Sacrament of Reconciliation for consideration in the April or May, 2013 editions. The articles here and on the next page answered. Eddie Price’s article is autobiographical; Julie Ward Murphy’s is a short story, a work of fiction. She said, “I came up with the story myself, but have had many inspirations from many conversion stories from books, to EWTN, etc... But it is my own imagination I relied on for my short story fiction.”

We hope more writers take us up on this offer. As one *WKC* reader wrote, “I really seem to be tuned in more when someone shares with us chapters from their life.”

basis behind it all) and the uplifting feeling that many first-time confessors experience. He told us about a young boy who was in literal agony before going into confession and how he literally skipped out of the room when it was over. Although skeptical about such elation, I made up my mind to follow through—and do it right. It was like that time I bungee-jumped from a 168-foot platform in New Zealand—I had walked over to the edge several times to take a number of long, hard, calculating looks. Then there was that final moment when I knew I would jump. And when I took that first critical step, I knew that everything else would just “happen.”

Fast-forward one week to that Saturday morning of my First Confession. I had engaged in a lot more prayer and had realized that God had been calling out to me for some time—on the very matters I was about to confess. Still, I walked down that church aisle with the leaden legs of a condemned man going to the guillotine. Father Greg was waiting and he listened with an ear that was tuned to God’s command. The words he spoke were the same words I had heard God speak while on my knees in prayer—“I had to put the past in the past.” What was it Jesus said? “Go and sin no more.” What I had dreaded for so long turned out to be one of the most emancipating experiences of a lifetime! Liberation, relief, release, forgiveness—what is the best word to describe that feeling? It was as if a great stone had been rolled away! And I, the skeptic, had to control myself to keep from skipping out of the church!

Prayer had been an important key. I had cast aside all the grown-up doubts and trepidations, replacing them with the trusting faith of a child, opening up my heart to God in a real dialogue, and preparing myself spiritually before the actual real-life experience of Confession that brought true closure. I felt renewed and invigorated—and ready to be presented to the Catholic Church!

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## Union County Catholic Community Breaks Ground For New Catholic School

By Mel Howard

On October 17, 2011 a Core Committee of parishioners from all the Catholic parishes in Union County met with their pastors at St. Francis Borgia Church, Sturgis, to begin planning for the new interparochial John Paul II Catholic School to be built on a site across from the St. Ann Church in Morganfield.

On March 15, 2013, Most Rev. William Francis Medley, Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro, and the Catholic community of Union County, celebrated a St. Ann School Mass, followed by a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new John Paul II Catholic School at 307 S. Church Street across from St. Ann's Church. A reception followed in the St. Ann Parish Hall.

On March 3, 2013, the total amount pledged from among the parishes and friends of the Catholic community in Union County was \$3,917,267.16, with \$35,556.89 in Memorials, and an Old National Pledge Match of \$1,250.00. The capital campaign goal is \$8 million.

Officials invited to the ground breaking ceremony 3-15-13 included Bishop Medley, the four Catholic pastors in Union County: Fr. Dave Johnson (St. Peter/Sacred Heart); Fr. Terry Devine (St. Agnes); Fr. Freddie Byrd (St. Ann); and Fr. Greg Trawick (St. Francis Borgia/St. Ambrose), state & county & city officials, local papers, WMSK, bank officials, and KU.

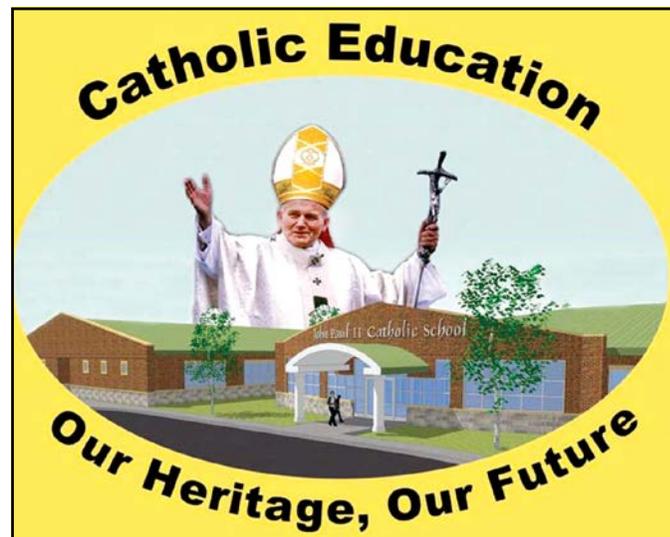
Bishop Medley presided at an 8am Mass in St. Ann Church, and then shared a breakfast with the St. Ann 8th grade class before the groundbreaking ceremony.

A post on the St. Ann School website noted, "Bishop Medley will be visiting St. Ann School on March 15, 2013 to break ground for John Paul II Catholic School. According to the school calendar, we are scheduled to be out of school on this day. Because of the scheduled events for the day, we WILL have school on March 15th. Parents will be responsible for transportation of their students to and from school on this day."

The school's parents did bring their students to school that day, and from the size of the crowd, an estimated 500 people, stayed to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony of their new school. Later that day, the St. Ann School prayed the Stations of the Cross at 1:30 pm in St. Ann church.

Even with all the excitement of the groundbreaking celebration and visitors galore around school that day, a regular school day's order was kept from the morning's usual "parking" of student cell phones in the school office to meeting the vehicles for the ride home.

For more information about the construction progress of the diocese's newest Catholic School, look online at <http://jpiischool.com>.



Background image for the John Paul II Catholic School website, <http://jpiischool.com/>

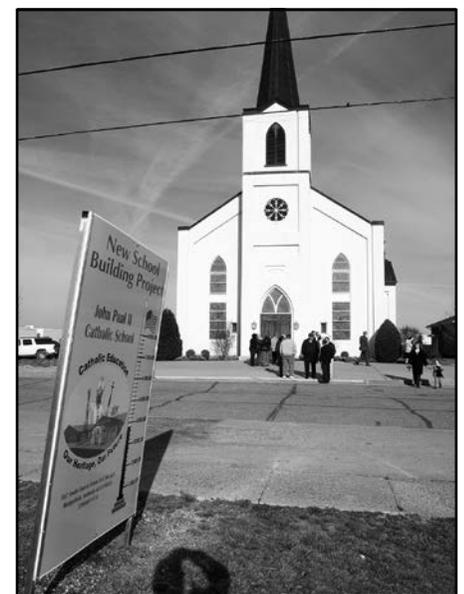


Photos: above center, St. Ann School alumni pose in front of the new school sign March 15 before the groundbreaking ceremony; above the stage with the day's dignitaries, from left, Ann Flaherty, Ass't Superintendent of Diocesan Schools, Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU, Diocesan Administration Office, Beth Hendrickson, St. Ann principal, Bishop William Medley, Fr. Greg Trawick, Fr. Terry Devine, Fr. Dave Johnson, Lark Buckman, Fr. Gerald Baker, and Fr. Freddie Byrd at the mic; lower left, Bishop Medley turns the first shovel of dirt for the new Catholic School's foundation; at right, two future Pope John Paul II Catholic school students, Harper and Hudson Cobb, wait for a cookie at the reception with their mother, Erica Cobb, left, and grandmother Mary Rose Thomas. Mel Howard Photos





Photos: Top left, St. Ann School alumni, now members of the Union County High School Class of 2013 attended the March 15 Mass in celebration of the groundbreaking for the new John Paul II Catholic School, as did other St. Ann School grads, UCHS sophomores and juniors who found kneelers in the choir loft (top right); middle left, a Union County Catholic bowed with folded hands during the prayers in the groundbreaking ceremony; middle center, Bishop Medley accepts a donor's check; middle right, former St. Ann pastor Fr. Gerald Baker signed a shovel used in the groundbreaking; lower left. Bishop Medley greeted many of the St. Ann School students March 15 asking them who was the one in each group most likely to become a priest."You can't say that a bishop has never asked you to be a priest now!" he quipped. At lower right, visitors began to gather outside St. Ann Church March 15 for the groundbreaking ceremony across the street from the church. Mel Howard Photos



## Greetings from Bani: Mission Appeal Money at work

By Father Stan Puryear

All baptized members cooperate in the missionary activity of the Church in different ways. Besides sharing our faith through words and actions to those close by, we belong to a Church that sends missionaries to work in different countries. In the Diocese of Owensboro, the Ash Wednesday collection is sent to the Diocese of Mandeville (Jamaica), while there are several envelopes for special collections each year that contribute to the Church's missionary activity. And each parish of the Diocese of Owensboro invites a missionary at least once every three years for a Mission Appeal Sunday.

In the Mission Appeal weekend, missionaries or members of missionary religious orders arrive at the parish, speak about their activities, then take up a second collection, with the money going to various missionary activities in the United States and throughout the world. Afterwards, missionaries send a nice thank you note and assure everyone in the parish that the money is being put to good use. And in nearly every case, the money is put to excellent use. It's amazing how much one US dollar can purchase once that is exchanged for local currency.

In September 2012, yours truly was one of those missionaries who gave a Mission Appeal at the parishes of Saint William and Saint Lawrence in eastern Daviess County. People in the parishes were exceptionally



**Boys being fed. "A generous response to a missionary can make a great difference in the lives of many."**

**Niños comiendo. "Una respuesta generosa a un misionero puede hacer una gran diferencia en las vidas de muchos."**

generous and the customary "thank you" email was sent. What was not anticipated at the time of the collection was a need that arose shortly thereafter. Such is often how the Lord works, without informing us of the plans beforehand. Thus, the money collected at Saint William and Saint Lawrence established an unforeseen ministry to fill a new void in the missionary activity taking place here in Saint James the Apostle Parish in Paya, in the Diocese of Bani.

The main meal in the Dominican Republic is at noon each day and consists primarily of rice and beans. If one is fortunate, meat is also a part of the meal, and if one is exceptionally fortunate, a salad is also included. Part of the daily routine for me was walking two blocks to a local cafeteria for such a meal. The cost was 125 pesos, including the non-optional Coca-Cola. At an exchange rate of 40:1, that meant for a very filling meal for \$3.10. While eating, young shoeshine boys were walking around trying to shine enough shoes of dining patrons so that they could buy a half-plate meal for 50 pesos. The

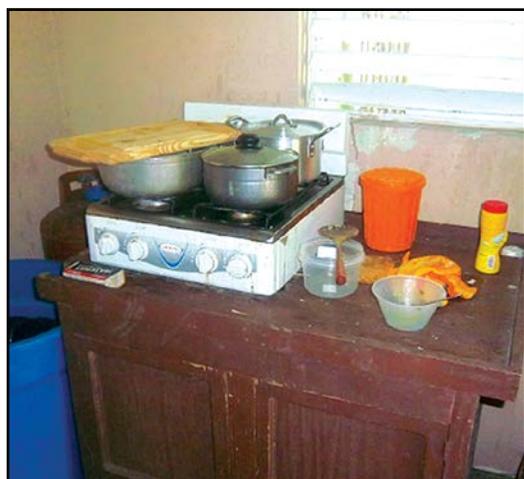
## Saludos de Bani: Misión dinero de apelación en el trabajo

nota agradable de agradecimiento, asegurando a todos los miembros de la parroquia que el dinero se está gastando en obras buenas. Y en casi todos los casos, el dinero sí se gasta en obras excelentes. Es increíble cuánto un dólar puede comprar una vez se cambia por moneda local.

En septiembre de 2012, fui uno de los misioneros quedando apelación de las misiones, en las parroquias San Guillermo y San Lorenzo en el este del Condado Daviess. La gente de las parroquias fue excepcionalmente generosa y fue enviado el agradecimiento. Lo que no se preveía en el momento de la colección era una necesidad que se presentó poco después. Tal es como trabaja el Señor, sin informarnos de sus planes de antemano. Así, el dinero recaudado en San Guillermo y San Lorenzo estableció un ministerio imprevisto para llenar un vacío nuevo en la actividad misionera, llevando a cabo aquí en la Parroquia Santiago Apóstol en Paya, Diócesis de Bani.

La comida principal en la República Dominicana es al mediodía y consiste principalmente de arroz y habichuelas (frijoles). Si uno tiene fortuna, la carne es también parte de la comida, y si uno es excepcionalmente afortunado,

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**The kitchen I inherited. Pots and pans were purchased with Mission Appeal money. La cocina que he heredado. Ollas y sartenes fueron compradas con dinero de la apelación de la misión. Photos by Fr. Stan Puryear**

Por Fr. Stan Puryear

Todos cooperemos en la obra misionera de la Iglesia en diferentes maneras. Además que compartir su fe por palabras y acciones a los cercanos, pertenecemos a una Iglesia que manda misioneros a trabajar en diferentes países. La recolecta del Miércoles de Cenizas en la Diócesis de Owensboro es enviado a la Diócesis de Mandeville (en Jamaica) mientras que hay varias recolectas anuales que contribuyen al ministerio misionero de la Iglesia. Y cada parroquia de la Diócesis de Owensboro invita a un misionero al menos una vez cada tres años para una Apelación de las Misiones.

En la Apelación de las Misiones, unos misioneros o representantes de un orden religioso de misioneros llegan a la parroquia, hablan de sus actividades y luego hacen una recolecta. El dinero va a diversas actividades misioneras en los Estados Unidos y en todo el mundo. Después, los misioneros envían una



**For some reason, the sink is located outside in the sun. If we had water on a regular basis, perhaps the setup would be inconvenient. Por alguna razón, el fregadero se encuentra afuera en el sol. Si tuviéramos agua regularmente, tal vez la configuración sería inconveniente.**

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going rate for a shoeshine is 10 pesos, meaning that they would have to find five patrons in order to eat a meal.

The boys always looked disappointingly at my nylon Nikes, shoes that are not conducive to being shined. But rather than let them go away disappointed, a plate was ordered for the boys. Being street smart, it didn't take long to learn my routine, so the boys waited until the appropriate time and then put on their saddest faces so that they could get a meal.

Perhaps it is a weakness of mine – and if so, it shall continue to be – but I absolutely refuse to let a child go hungry if I have money in my pocket. The money these boys make is contributed to the family coffers so all in



Some people take eating very seriously.  
Algunos comen seriamente.

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se incluye una ensalada. Parte de la rutina diaria mía incluía caminar dos cuadras para una comida en una cafetería local. El costo fue de 125 pesos, incluyendo la Coca-Cola obligatoria. En un tipo de cambio de 40: 1, la comida me deja lleno por solo \$3.10. Mientras que comía, note que unos chicos que limpian zapatos (aquí se llaman "limpiabotas") caminaban, tratando de limpiar suficiente zapatos para que pudieran comprar la mitad de una comida por 50 pesos. Ganan 10 pesos por cada par de zapatos que limpian, así que tienen

que limpiar los zapatos de cinco personas para comer.

Los muchachos siempre veían lamentablemente los Nikes gris que llevaba, dado a que son zapatos que no necesitan limpieza. Pero en lugar de dejarlos salir tristes y con hambre, fue ordenado un plato de comida para cada muchacho. Siendo inteligentes en los asuntos de la calle, aprendieron rápidamente llegar al momento oportuno con sus caras tristes para recibir comida.

Tal vez es una debilidad mía – y si es así, seguirá siendo – pero absolutamente no voy a dejar que

un niño pase hambre si tengo dinero en mi bolsillo. El dinero que estos muchachos ganan en la calle es dado a sus familias para que todos puedan comer. En la República Dominicana, según un estudio publicado este mes, 51% de las personas no ganan suficiente dinero para comprar suficiente nutrición diaria para ellos y sus familias. En algunos casos, si los padres no trabajan por dos días, lo que ganan los limpiabotas

es la única fuente de ingresos para la familia. Si no ganan dinero, ellos y sus familias sufren los dolores del hambre. Pero pronto se identificó otro problema: con las noticias de un sacerdote norteamericano que compra comida para los niños con hambre se difundía, el dinero no alcanzaba.

Allí es donde fue útil el dinero de San Lorenzo y San Guillermo. Dinero de la apelación de las misiones fue utilizado para equipar una cocina con ollas, utensilios, platos y comida en la casa parroquial, para que se pueda preparar una comida diaria. Ahora, cada día, entre cuatro y ocho niños comen al mediodía. Ha sido una experiencia interesante, siendo educativo para todos los involucrados.

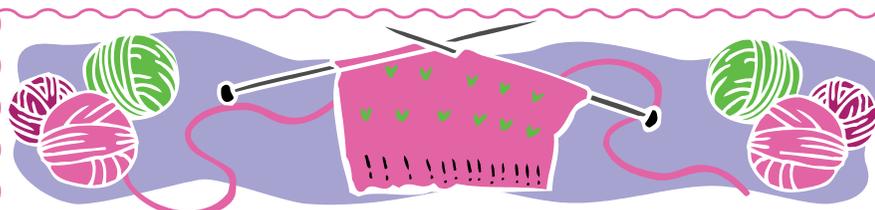
Una vez que los muchachos dieron cuenta que iban a disfrutar de una comida todos los días, ellos comenzaron a aparecer más tarde en los días que había clases en la escuela. Anteriormente, siempre llegaron a mediodía si estuviera clases o no. Se descubrió que algunos de ellos fueron no asistían a sus clases con el fin de ganar suficiente dinero para la familia. Con la garantía de una comida regular, los chicos pueden asistir a la escuela, pudiendo ganar suficiente para contribuir a la familia y la familia tiene una persona menos que alimentar.

Una lección de humildad vino en notar que algunos de los muchachos solo comieron la mitad de su comida, guardando la otra mitad. Entiendo



Shoeshine boxes are parked outside.  
Cajas de limpiabotas son estacionadas afuera.

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### Join our next Spinning Day! Saturday, May 11th

Whether you are an experienced spinner, weaver, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the Arts at the Mount spinning gatherings at Mount Saint Joseph (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Highway 56).

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## Diocese Opens New Human Resources Office

By Mel Howard

The Diocese of Owensboro hired Mary Hall on March 4, 2013 as the Director of Human Resources with an office in the Catholic Pastoral Center. The position, under the direction of the Chancellor, assists in the personnel functions of the Diocese of Owensboro, including employee benefits administration.

Mary Hall with her husband, Terry, and sons, Sam and Charlie, are members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro. A runner, Mary encourages her sons to compete in cross country running for the Owensboro Catholic Schools. Originally from Evansville, In., Mrs. Hall has been employed as a certified public accountant, as a Director of Finance for Owensboro Health, as Finance Director and Human Resources for Pr Care Home Health. Her primary responsibilities in her career has been performing audits, helping people with their health benefits, and any employee problems in the companies she worked for.

"There are two sides to everything," she said in an interview with *The Western Kentucky Catholic* March 6, "often a resolution of problems between people is finding the truth somewhere in the middle (of the conflict)."

Though the hallmark of all her past career work has been to keep confidential



**Mary Hall is the first Human Resources Director for the Diocese of Owensboro.**

Mel Howard Photo

what people wish to share with her, Mrs. Hall said that "If I have to let someone else know (information revealed), then I have to let them know. Please understand that before we continue talking." She said it is important to have that understanding between herself and any person seeking her help right from the beginning of an interaction.

Mrs. Hall is busy in her first days and weeks learning the terms of the benefits packages of diocesan employment, including a retirement plan, healthcare insurance, savings plans. She will be involved in a review of the Diocesan Employee Handbook and a review of job descriptions for diocesan employees.

"These first few days," I am trying to get to know people. For instance at the staff meeting, I was struck with the professionalism of all the people around that table, how competent they are. I'm looking forward to working with this diocesan staff."

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the family might eat. In the Dominican Republic, according to a study published this month, 51% of people do not make enough money in order to provide enough daily nutrition for themselves and their families. In some cases, if the parents are out of work for a couple of days, shoeshine profits are the only means of support. If they do not earn any money, both they and their families suffer the pangs of hunger. But unfortunately, as word spread of the American priest who would buy a plate of food for a hungry kid, the coffers began emptying quickly.

That's where the money from St. Lawrence and Saint William comes in. Money from the Mission Appeal was used to furnish a kitchen with cooking pots, utensils, plates, and food in the parish house so that a meal could be prepared. And now, each day, between four and eight shoeshine boys eat a meal at midday. It's been an interesting experience, one that has been very educational for all involved.

Once the boys realized that they were going to have a meal every day, they began showing up later on the days that school is in session. Previously, they were always prompt whether classes were being held or not. It turns out that some of them were skipping school in order to make enough money for the family. With the assurance of a regular meal, the boys don't have to skip school, as they can make enough money to contribute to the family funds and the family has one less mouth to feed.

A humbling education came with a couple of the boys after it was noted that they would only eat half of their food and would set aside the other half. Granted, my cooking isn't that great, especially when it comes to beans and rice, but it wasn't that bad. (It has improved lately, in my humble opinion.) The boys would say that they were full when questioned why they hadn't cleaned their plates. Finally, one admitted that he was saving the food for another kid. Now, both of them are eating well.

Cooking has always been an enjoying endeavor, evidenced by my waistline of prosperity. Cooking for others, is

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bien que no soy experto en la cocina, especialmente que no tengo experiencia con arroz y habichuelas, pero no tan malo. (Ha mejorado últimamente, en mi humilde opinión). Los muchachos dirían que estaban llenos, hasta que al fin uno admitió que guardaba su comida para compartirlo con otro. Le mandé a buscar el otro después de comer el suyo. Ahora, ambos comen bien.

Cocinar siempre ha sido un esfuerzo disfrutado, lo que se nota por mi cintura de prosperidad. Cocinar para otros, sin embargo, no es tan fácil. Cada persona tiene sus diferentes gustos, y cocinar interculturalmente trae de aprendizaje. La comida dominicana se basa en ingredientes frescos y condimentos naturales. En nuestro caso, todos han tenido que cambiar sus expectativas. Además, en lugar

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de concentrarme sólo en aprender platos dominicanos, los niños han aprendido de las

comidas de Kentucky. Pan de maíz cocinado en la sartén han sido un gran éxito, junto con peces y hushpuppies (perritos, como ahora se llaman). Traté de imitar la sopa de frijoles de Old Hickory Barbecue de Owensboro, pero el asunto recibió críticas mixtas. No habrá ningún intento en burgoo o pollo a la barbacoa. Pizza se ofrecerá una vez que una estufa se compra con dinero enviado por una señora maravillosa en Bowling Green. Mientras, las habichuelas se han mejorado y uno de los muchachos cocina el arroz. Creo que aún sigo tratando, el pollo criollo dominicano no será perfecto.

Recientemente, un médico que necesitaba descansar visitó y examinó a los niños. Los encontró sanos. Y disfrutó su tiempo con ellos y ver donde vivían. Afortunadamente, la realidad de la pobreza sin una red de seguridad causó una impresión sin darle demasiada miseria emocional. A veces, es más que los visitantes pueden aguantar. Para él, fue una revelación, y él está deseando volver con refuerzos.

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Submitted by Haley Fitzgerald

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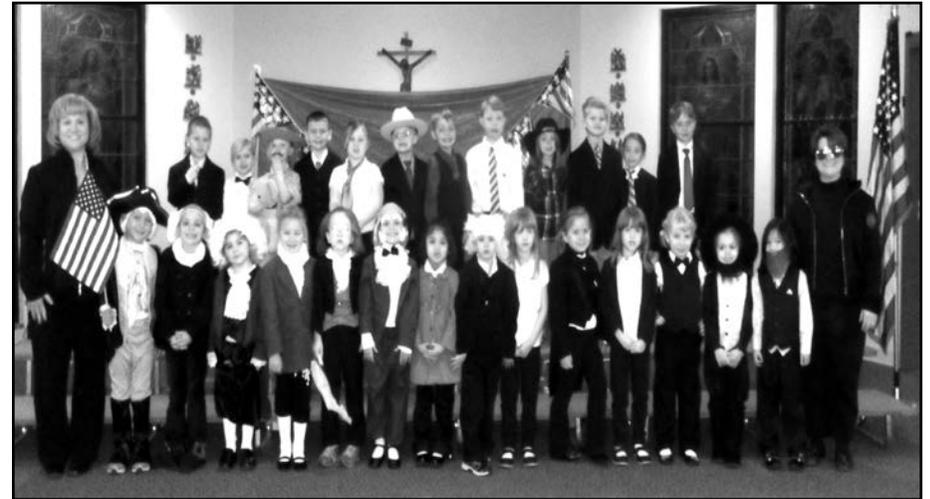
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# St. Mary is the Place to be!



St. Mary celebrated Catholic Schools Jan. 28 - Feb. 1 with ice cream sundaes on Monday, Donuts on Wednesday, a Pep rally on Thursday and a silly sock hop on Friday. On Tuesday we were

blessed by Bishop Medley's presence at Mass. All St. Mary Elementary students, with the direction of Mrs. Piper, serenaded the Bishop to the tune of "St. Mary is the Place to be!"



The Kindergartners classes of Mrs. La Barge & Mrs. Heath at St. Mary Elementary presented their annual Presidents Program. The first President of the United States to the present day President were represented. The students dressed as and shared interesting facts about their character. Students pictured: Skylar Marquardt, Caroline Crider, Anna Martin, Brett Haas, Clayton Givens,

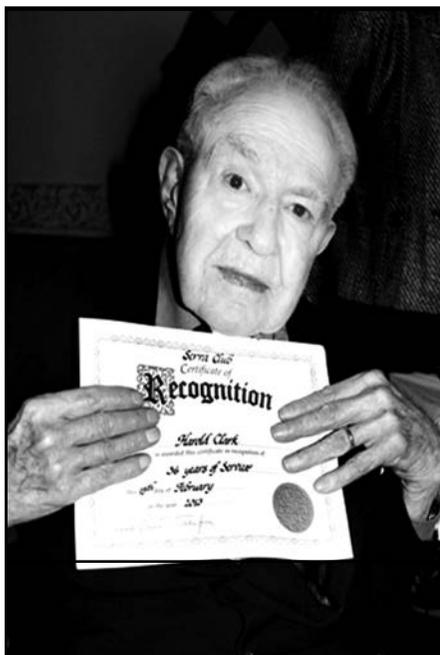
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*Coming St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville, Ky. in May 2013!*

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## 36-Year Serran Honored for Faithful Service



Every year the Owensboro Serra Club gathers to celebrate the anniversary of the charter of their club. This year they celebrated their 49th year together, fostering and supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Blessed Pope John Paul II called Serra, "The Vocation Arm of the Church." The Serrans gathered for dinner at Briarpatch restaurant on Tuesday evening, Feb. 19th. After their meal, they inducted four new Serrans into their club and honored a longtime member for his faithful service of 36 years. Harold Clark, pictured above, has been exceedingly valuable to the club, most especially gifted in recruiting new members. He has served on the Serra Board of Directors, taking on many different roles throughout the years. Thank you Harold, for your enduring service and zealous support of vocations in the Church. Submitted by Larena Lawson



## Cub Scouts Receive Arrow of Light Awards

In the picture above, on February 12, 2013, members of Troop 7 Cub Scout Pack received their Arrow of Light, the highest honor a Cub Scout can receive. The boys will go on to Boy Scout Troop 7, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy Council #11591. Boys pictured: Matt La Barge (Cub Scout Leader), Ian La Barge, Kyle Johnson, Nathan Hodges, Clay Englert (Boy Scouts receiving boys into Troop 7), Marshall Johnson, Cody Browning, Ryan Chua, J. Barber, Joey Newcomb, Isaac La Barge, William Seay, (Boys transferring to Boy Scout Troop 7) & Steve Shoulta (Boy Scout Leader).

## Greetings from Bani

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not as easy as one imagines. Each person has different tastes, and cross-cultural cooking involves a great deal of learning. Dominican cooking is based on fresh ingredients and natural seasoning. In our situation, all of us have had to make some adjustments. And rather than concentrate only learning Dominican dishes, the kids have been introduced to Kentucky staples. Corncakes (cornbread cooked in the skillet) have been a huge hit, along with fish and hushpuppies (with the latter now called perritos, "very small dogs"). An attempt at mimicking Old Hickory Barbecue's bean soup (a personal favorite) received mixed reviews both from me and the kids, but for different reasons. There will be no attempts at either barbecue chicken or burgoo. Pizza will be offered once a stove is purchased with money provided by a wonderful lady in Bowling Green. Along the way, the beans and rice have improved considerably, although Dominican stewed chicken (pollo criollo) is probably never going to be mastered.

Recently, a doctor in need of rest visited here and gave the boys checkups after a meal one day. He found them healthy. And he enjoyed his time with them and seeing where they lived. Fortunately, the stark reality of poverty without a safety net made an impression without bringing him too much emotional misery. Sometimes, visitors are overwhelmed. For him, it was an eye-opener, and he is already looking forward to returning with reinforcements.

The needs of the poor of the world are great. Missionaries respond to those needs as best we can, understanding – and coming to peace with the understanding – that we can only do so much. Most importantly, we pray that through our outreach, Christ's love in action makes the world a better place. Through the offerings of people in Saint William and Saint Lawrence Parishes in eastern Daviess County, the lives of a few shoeshine boys and their families in Paya, Diocese of Bani, the Dominican Republic, have improved./

### Eucharistic Adoration

1 p.m.- 5 p.m.



### 4th Sunday of the month - St. Stephen



In this Year of Faith, you are invited as members of the Church of Western Kentucky to come together to pray for an openness to God's call to the vocation of single, married, consecrated or ordained life. Eucharistic Adoration will be held every fourth Sunday at your Cathedral from 1-5 p.m. The prayer concludes with the Prayer of the Church, Liturgy of the Hours, at 4:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

*"The Paschal Mystery is also the wellspring of the Church's missionary nature, which is reflected in the whole of the Church's life. It is expressed in a distinctive way in the consecrated life. To the extent that consecrated persons live a life completely devoted to the Father, held fast by Christ and animated by the Spirit they cooperate effectively in the mission of the Lord Jesus and contribute in a particularly profound way to the renewal of the world."* – #25 **Vita Consecrata**



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### Una respuesta generosa a un misionero puede hacer una gran diferencia en las vidas de muchos.

del mundo son muchos. Misioneros responden a las necesidades lo mejor que podemos. Lo más importante, oramos que a través de nuestro trabajo, el amor de Cristo en acción hace del mundo algo mejor. Por las ofertas de los feligreses de las

parroquias San Guillermo y Saint Lorenzo, se ha mejorado las vidas de unos limpiabotas y sus familias en Paya, Diócesis de Bani, República Dominicana. Una respuesta generosa a un misionero puede hacer una gran diferencia en las vidas de muchos.

### Summer Retreats for Women Religious

## Considering the Vows and Community in Light of Angela's Rule, Counsels and Testament



Participants can choose between the conference retreat, led by Father Michael Crosby, O.F.M., Cap., or a directed retreat. Directed retreat participants will meet each day with a spiritual guide: Sister Helen O'Brien, OSU, or Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU. The retreats begin at 7 p.m. Sunday (registration starts at 6 p.m.) and ends after the 8 a.m. breakfast on Saturday. The cost to attend is \$450 or \$275 for commuters.

## July 14-20, 2013

Father Michael Crosby is a Capuchin Franciscan. He lives in community with other friars in a downtown Milwaukee parish that serves the urban poor, homeless and marginalized. As a published author, he has led many retreats, workshops and parish missions.



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**June 23-28, 2013**  
CLI - Christian Leadership  
Institute

**July 27, 2013**  
World Youth Day at  
Gaspar River Catholic  
Youth Camp

**November 21-  
23, 2013**  
NCYC - National Catholic  
Youth Conference,  
Indianapolis

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Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and Over  
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Thomas & Shirley Coomes, 54  
Louis & Mary Aull, 52  
Ward & Mildred Pedley, 58  
Wendell & Melissa Sloan, 25  
Dennis & Thelma Clark, 61  
Richard & Lori Whitehouse, 25  
Albert & Joan Hofmann, 54  
Carl & Mildred Spurrier, 60  
Paul & Joyce Christian, 64

**Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson**

James & Debra Carroll, 40  
Robert & Virginia Davidson, 65  
Daren & Krista Emerson, 25  
Carl & Reba Grossman, 40  
Mark & Lorie Hurm, 25  
James & Denise Ringlein, 25  
Albert & Nadine Schwallier, 61  
Allen & Brenda Welch, 25

**Holy Spirit, Bowling Green**

John & Kathy Montella, 25  
Timothy & Mary Edelen, 25  
William & Beth Borders, 25  
James & Helen Bailey, 57  
John & Constance Barbalas, 58  
Rena & Robert Livsey, 60  
Cecil & Cacilda Phelps, 53

**Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

John & Marlene Wheatley, 40  
Clayton & Gloria Gray, 51  
Kenneth & Jeanie Hanks, 58

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro**

James G. & Barbara Alvey, 58  
Gordon & Rose Cobb, 51  
Brad & Beverly Hamilton, 53  
Ken & Dorothy Raley, 56  
Ralph & Judy Thomas, 54  
Charles & Anna Ruth Thompson, 57  
Maurice & Shirley Wink, 54

**Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro**

Edward Benedict & Agnes May Stallings, 50  
Frank & Barbara Nell Crump, 58  
Frank B. & Elinor Ann Harris, 62  
James D. & Rachel Mahoney, 52  
Joseph B. & Mary Lou Mudd, 60  
Charles A. & Mary Lois Payne, 52  
Thomas Anthony & Martha Rhodes, 61  
Simon & Patricia Sanders, 56  
Robert Louis & Mary Pearl Vollman, 60

**Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Eldred & Eulaine Robertson, 56  
Glenn & Joyce Young, 40

**Sacred Heart, Waverly**

Richard & Nancy Mayes, 55  
Thomas & Sue Mary Wedding, 56

**St. Agnes, Uniontown**

James & Gladys Austin, 68  
Mike & Michelle Whitfield, 25  
Bill & Nadine Hargrove, 64  
Benny & Rita French, 59

**St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph**

J. T. & Angela O'Bryan, 64  
Donald & Ginny Peters, 51

**St. Ann, Morganfield**

Roger & Cindy Wells, 40

**St. Anthony, Axtel**

Carl & Joyce Eskridge, 50

**St. Anthony, Browns Valley**

Thomas & Helen Catherine Zaleski, 75

**St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers**

Paul & Jessie Frey, 50  
Robert & Lois Tashjian, 57

**St. Francis de Sales, Paducah**

Jim & Clorinda Covert, 54  
Leonard & Norma Neihoff, 50  
William & Judith Neihoff, 50  
James A. & Lila Hayden, 53  
Michael & Peggy Word, 25

**St. Henry, Aurora**

John & Doris Sergeant, 62  
John & Carol York, 51

**St. Jerome, Fancy Farm**

Algene & Mary Vernon Goatley, 54

**St. John the Evangelist, Paducah**

William T. & Mary E. Willett, 58

**St. Joseph, Bowling Green**

David & Sherry Bryant, 25  
Julian & Betty Durbin, 63

**St. Joseph, Leitchfield**

Murrell & Jackie Richardson, 54

**St. Joseph, Mayfield**

Joe & Anne Mikez, 58

**St. Lawrence, Philpot**

Victor & Lois Johnson, 58  
Anthony & Mary Helen Rhodes, 52

**St. Leo, Murray**

Raymond & Lillian Urbanovich, 67  
Edward & Marilyn Wolf, 50

**St. Martin, Rome**

Richard & Anita Dixon, 40

**St. Mary, Franklin**

Richard & Vickie Hearn, 40  
Clavin & Lois Oshefsky, 60

**St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho**

Dan & Darlene Thomas, 25  
Gerald & Betty Bartley, 50  
Mike & Sherleye Goff, 52  
Bernard & Patty Ann Beyke, 64

**St. Mary of Woods, Whitesville**

Joey & Michelle Payne, 25  
J. Edgra & Amelia Evans, 60

**St. Michael, Oak Grove**

Frederick & Marie Welter, 50

Alton & Chin Ferguson, 40

**St. Paul, Leitchfield**

Robert & Anna Frances Portman, 57

**St. Paul, Princeton**

Herman & Beth Berton, 52

**St. Peter, Stanley**

Joe E. & Jean Coomes, 64

**St. Peter, Waverly**

Joe & Rose Curry, 55

**St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City**

James & Rose Drury, 54

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Alan & Shirley Howard, 54

James C. & Jeannetta Mayfield, 59

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Gale & Frank Rickard, 25

Ronald & Phyllis Calvert, 40

Fred & Faye Whelan, 58

Archie & Angela Clark, 58

Anthony E. & Mary Alice Higdon, 61

**St. Thomas More, Paducah**

David & Gina Winfield, 25

Scott & Mary Lawson, 25

Bob & Camile Maglasang, 25

**St. William, Knottsville**

Jerome & Betty Hamilton, 58

Paul & Theresa Crowe, 51

C. Vincent & Thelma Mattingly, 50

Michael & Jane Haynes, 40

**Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro**

Stephen & Diane Lindsey, 40

Darrell & Lois Hood, 53

Henry & Mary Patton, 65

John & Clara Patton, 57

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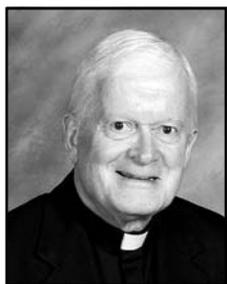
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## 60 Years A Priest In The Catholic Church



Father Joe Mills

By Mel Howard

Love one another as I have loved you.

Lay down your life for your friends.

Whom does this sound like? Jesus? A priest?

More clues: Say your prayers and love your people. Lost 54 games in a row in the first three years as an athletic director, and could do it because of his promise of obedience to the Bishop of Owensboro to pastor a parish. His main sentiment after 60 years of priesthood? Joy and Gratitude.

One last pair of clues: taught hundreds of Brescia College students about the documents of Vatican II; was Judicial Vicar and Vicar General for the Diocese of Owensboro.

Father Joe Mills told me in an interview that during his sixty years as a priest, he has almost never failed once to pray the Church's official prayer, the Divine Office, the Liturgy of the Hours. That is an impressive statement, though expected of a Catholic priest. It won't make the TV evening news, but for a Catholic, this is really great news! Why?

It is a priest's canonical obligation as an official representative of the church. When Father Joe and every ordained Roman Catholic priest prays the Divine Office, they do so in our name, in the name of all the church, in order to make the church holy, to sanctify us. Father Joe Mills is first and foremost a person of prayer.

Father Mills' greatest joy is to celebrate Holy Mass every day. "It is the center of my life," he said. His second greatest joy and privilege is administering the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Father Joe Mills could tell a lot of stories from his sixty years as a priest, but as his 60th Jubilee nears this year, he first tells a listener that his priestly life has been powered only by the grace of God. "How does a young

man of 24," Father Joe asked, "make a commitment to live as a priest without a wife and without children?" Only by the grace of God, he said.

"Once you have said, 'Yes, I do,'" Father Joe continued, "you are going to do that. This is the same commitment every person makes when deciding to live out a call from God to a vocation (priest, vowed religious life, marriage, or as a single Catholic." One of the hallmarks of Father Joe's priestly ministry for many Western Kentucky Catholics has been his pure love for the priesthood, and his total commitment to helping all others devote themselves to their particular calling from God in life. Many know Father Joe Mills as a "Marriage Encounter" priest since his ME rookie weekend in 1977 as a priest chaplain.

After learning the communication technique, "Ten and Ten", from Marriage Encounter (a time set aside each day to write for ten minutes and talk for ten minutes with a spouse or spiritual companion), Father Joe said that he began to keep a prayer journal based on the daily Mass readings. His Ten and Ten started with "Dear Jesus," and ended with "Joe."

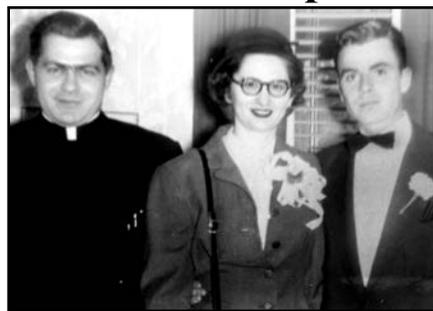
"I have a library shelf of bound copies of my journal," Father Joe said.

Father Joe was encouraged by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in a 1971 retreat he gave for the priests of the Owensboro presbyterate to keep a daily Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. "Any success," Father Joe said, "I may have shared as a priest is due to the Lord leading me along (during the daily Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament)," he continued.

"Being a parish priest is a real joy, knowing and dealing with people. The joy I found as a priest also came in doing what I was told by the Bishop. I've had just about every job in this diocese except bishop; enabling ministry in the parish as a pastor has been my joy and what I always do, even when I worked as a diocesan official, I was still a parish priest."

## A Celebration: 60 Years Of Love And Friendship

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Fr. Aloysius Powers posing with Hugh and Betty Cecil in 1952 above, and in the photo below, as they were in 2012 on the occasion of the Cecil's 60th Wedding Anniversary. Photo and story submitted by Monica Rice



On November 24, 2012 I was blessed to witness a unique celebration of both love and friendship. On this date, Hugh and Betty Cecil celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary at St. Peter of Alcantara Catholic Church in Stanley. The Mass was beautiful. Hugh and Betty's children and spouses, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren participated in the ministries of the Mass. Friends and relatives from near and far joined to celebrate the love and dedication that this couple represents. 60 years of marriage is a joyous reason to gather and celebrate, but that is not the only thing

that made this celebration so unique. I noticed that Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal, our priest at St. Peter's, was not the only priest on the altar during the ceremony. Fr. Aloysius Powers also attended the renewal of their vows at this celebration.

After the ceremony, I had a chance to speak with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil. Fr. Aloysius Powers has been an important friend in their lives for longer than 60 years. When Betty Iglehart was a young adult, she decided she wanted to become a Catholic. Fr. Aloysius gave Betty her instructions to join the Catholic faith, and he was present for her first sacraments. When Betty married Hugh Cecil in the year of 1952, Fr. Aloysius was there again to join the couple in the Sacrament of

Holy Matrimony. He continued to be an active member of their family, baptizing several of their 9 children. Hugh and Betty even named one of their sons Clay Aloysius, after their dear friend. Mr. Cecil explained that it is truly a blessing that all three of these close friends are so active at their ages, Fr. Aloysius - 92, Hugh - 87, and Betty - 81.

Mrs. Cecil stated, "Fr. Aloysius will soon celebrate 65 years as a Holy Priest, and I am sure he has helped to save many souls. We will always love him, and we are so blessed that he could be present tonight for our celebration." Through their spiritual relationship, these three people have shared the Sacraments of Initiation, Healing, and Service of Communion. They have shown others the true beauty of love and friendship in the name of Jesus Christ.

Father Joe acknowledged that he had many good days and some challenging days. "There have been hard days," he said, "but suffering through hard times and remaining responsible is true in anybody's vocation," he said. "I have the wonderful support of my brother priests. I've been blessed. But this is what happened: find joy in doing what you are asked to do. Only by the grace of God does any of us come to do what we are asked to do."

Father Joe Mills would love to invite all of the diocese to Saint Martin Church in Rome, Ky, on May 26, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. for a Mass celebrating his 60th Anniversary of Ordination. Then all are invited to a reception afterward in the parish center. Father Joe concluded, "No gifts, please, other than your presence."



**Melvin Fleischman, Wendell Booth, Billy Mills, Dr. Matthies Carrico Feb 9, 2013 at Brescia for the Mens' Conference. Photo by Jerry Kuntz**

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The 3rd annual Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky was held at Brescia University in Owensboro, Kentucky on February 9, 2014

Men from the Diocese of Owensboro joined the conference in the quest to enrich our faith. The Catholic Men's Conference addressed such issues as:

- What does it mean to be a Catholic Man in a secular world.
- How can we become better sons, brothers, fathers, husbands, etc.
- Do we have an obligation to evangelize, and if so, how do we go about it



**David Hyland, Randy Clemens, Brian Wright at Brescia for the Mens' Conference. Photo by Jerry Kuntz**



**Johnathan Estes and Mike Baas from Bowling Green at Brescia for the Mens' Conference. Photo by Jerry Kuntz**



**Greg Cash and son, Al Thompson, Dr. Joe Danzer, Richard Whitehouse and others Feb 9, 2013 at Brescia for the Mens' Conference. Photo by Jerry Kuntz**

### The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:  
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary . . .

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:  
Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary . . .

And the Word was made Flesh:  
and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Soenneker asked that the "Angelus" be prayed for vocations during the Holy Year for Reconciliation in 1975



### Prayer for Vocations

Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*The Diocese of Owensboro, KY. Established December 9, 1937. Celebrating 75 years*



**Ronald M. Sullivan and Charlie Payne during a morning break Feb 9, 2013 at Brescia for the Mens' Conference. Photo by Jerry Kuntz**

## Eucharistic Adoration

1 p.m.- 5 p.m.



### 2nd Sunday of the month - Maple Mount

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



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Ursuline Sisters. Those who cannot attend are asked to pray during that time for new members to hear the call to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph or a vocation within the church. For more information about the Ursuline Sisters, visit [www.ursulinesmsj.org](http://www.ursulinesmsj.org)



By Vickie Shepherd

## Rite Of Sending, The RCIA Process

This rite and the Rite of Election go hand in hand within the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Unless you live in the Cathedral Parish or something similar within your diocese, where the Bishop will come and receive you in the Rite of Election; you will experience the Rite of Sending. These two rites are all about sending you for a reason, receiving you and returning you to the parish in anticipation of Easter Sacraments in a few short weeks. In many diocese the Rite of Sending may be celebrated on the same day or weekend as the Rite of Election. I believe the Rite of Sending is better celebrated the weekend before the catechumens and candidates actually go to the Rite of Election. It gives everyone involved time to reflect on what the rite is actually about. The fact that there is so much going on within both rites can become so overwhelming for the candidates, that they miss out on much of the symbolism we are using to assist in spiritual inspiration. These symbols should create in them the Spirit-driven need to seek and find the love and peace of Jesus in their lives. As you probably know by now, I am an advocate of symbolism. The heart of any rite is how the symbols are presented and received by you. What would be the use of doing something and not having a response or reaction that would move you to want to continue to seek the love of God?

Each rite you celebrate is a passing from one way of understanding the Christian life to another more discerning, zealous approach to the life in Christ you are seeking. I feel that each rite has its place in reminding you of the last rite you have passed from and builds to a new height and natural progression, of your conversion experience. Remember the Rite of Acceptance you celebrated a few months ago? This Rite of Sending echoes the steps of that experience while building up to a new more heightened experience. In the Rite of Acceptance, remember:

Standing at the church doors and knocking as  
The doors were opened wide for you to enter?  
You were accepted into the body of Christ,  
Being introduced to the new community by  
Your sponsor and becoming a part of this  
Parish community, as you Embraced the  
Word of our Lord, as well as accepting His  
Cross. You then promised to walk in the  
Light of Christ and inspiration of the Holy Spirit

Once again you find yourself standing before the parish community in which you have become a “vital part” of Christ’s body. Now is the time your sponsor/godparent and the parish community must give their testimony that you have experienced true conversion of faith and attest to your commitment to the Catholic community.

### What does it mean, “to be sent”?

Each week during the Catechumenate period you have been dismissed from the general assembly to further reflect upon the word of God and the homily. You are disciples of Christ in a period of intense training. During this training you are sent to receive Christ through the word. He has left a message for us to use in our daily lives, and to share with others. When the others at Mass are dismissed to go out into the world to love and serve the Lord, you are also sent forth to do the same. This is a time you can put what you have learned into practice. The song that tells the world; “they will know we are Christians by our Love” is a great testament to your life in Christ.

At the Rite of Sending we are preparing to send you to meet with the Bishop who will receive you at the Rite of Election. The Rite of Election is a testimony of your faithfulness to this process in the past year or so. You will never be asked to stand alone. You will have your sponsor, team and community members who have been asked to accompany you on this part of your journey. So as you continue on this “road” we send our experienced disciples along with you, our “disciples in training”. It is their mission to let the Church know that you are ready to be in full communion with the Catholic Community. Another integral part of this ceremony is the signing of the book of the elect. As you sign this book you will seal your covenant with God. Just as you were signed with His cross in the last rite, you are now signing with Him in a promise to know, love and follow Him throughout your life. As the bishop signs this same book in

the Rite of Election, he is receiving you into our family of Christ. You are now called the “elect” and have been elected to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil mass. Welcome to the family!

*\* I would like to let you know that these articles are my experience and personal feelings about the Rites you will be experiencing for yourself. It is based on the material I mentioned in each article and there are many books and articles written by experts in this field. I will research these and make a list for you. The webmaster (<http://www.ecatholic2000.com/rcia/rcia5.shtml>) has kindly put up sites that you may access from some of these experts, especially the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. I have been the co-ordinator of my parish RCIA process for 3 years now, and a team member for the past 15 years in my parish. I have seen many changes in the past and I am sure I will experience many in the future. This RCIA webpage is my experience as I reflect on the recent past. ~Vickie*

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## Living and Sharing Our Life of Prayer

March 7th, 2013 - Saint Joseph Monastery, Whitesville, Ky. - Last week brought us the largest Nun Run we have ever welcomed to the monastery. About 40 high school gals came all the way from St. Mary of the Woods parish in Whitesville, KY – about 3 minutes from our monastery. They arrived in a large charter bus! I should have gotten a picture of that.



It was a joy to share with them the riches and treasure of Passionist life, of being a bride of Christ and living as love in the Heart of the Church.



Here we are with the chaperones. Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM, spearheaded this group. Way to go Fr. Geraci! I have to take this opportunity to put in a good word for our dear Fathers of Mercy. Fr. Geraci was just ordained a priest with this community last summer. He is currently assigned as Associate Pastor at St. Mary of the Woods. After leaving our monastery the group headed off to visit the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, TN – about 2 hour drive from here.

Source: <http://www.passionistnuns.org/blog/2013/03/07/living-and-sharing-our-life-of-prayer/>

## Rite Of Election: Candidates and Catechumens Introduced to Diocese



The Rite of Election for Owensboro and the surrounding area was held at St. Stephen Cathedral on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2012. The ceremony began with the Liturgy of the Word, followed by a homily given by Bishop William F. Medley. After the homily, the Catechumens were presented to the Bishop. Pictured here, Catechumens from St. William and St. Lawrence Parishes stood, as their names were called by Nancy Greenwell, the Coordinator of the Catechumenate from their parish. They were being introduced to the Bishop. Sitting with them are their godparents. They also stood before the Bishop and answered the questions that he asked of them and then they had the opportunity to offer personal testimony for the Catechumens they are sponsoring.

Following the testimony, Bishop Medley asked the Catechumens, "Do you wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist?" After answering, "I do," the Catechumens and godparents approached the altar to sign the Book of the Elect. After all Catechumens signed the Book of the Elect, Bishop Medley asked them and their godparents to stand, at which point he declared them to be members of the elect to be initiated fully into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Photos and texts  
by Larena Lawson



Pictured here are Catechumens and their godparents and Candidates and their sponsors from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro. They were joining in the prayers offered for all those who will soon be joined in full communion with the Church. After the petitions, Bishop Medley prayed over the whole group with outstretched arms. Then everyone offered one another a sign of peace, after which, the Rite of Election concluded with a closing hymn.



After the Catechumens signed the Book of the Elect, all of the Candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist were presented to the Bishop. When the name of their parish was called out, the Candidates and sponsors came as a group through the center aisle to the Bishop. Here, Candidate Jon Veach, from St. Lawrence Parish, center, was introduced to Bishop Medley by his sponsor, Coty Johnson, at left.



The end of the Rite of Election Ceremony offered a time for special prayer for the Catechumens and Candidates. All those present stood. The godparents and sponsors were asked to put their right hand on the shoulder of the Catechumens and Candidates during the intercessory prayer. The Candidates from St. Lawrence, Tom Smith and Jon Veach, are pictured above with their sponsors, James A. Smith and Coty Johnson.

In the picture at left, After all of the Candidates were introduced to Bishop Medley, their sponsors were asked to stand. The Bishop addressed them and asked them several questions to which they appropriately responded. He then asked them to be seated and gave them the opportunity to offer personal testimony for the Candidate that they are sponsoring. Bishop Medley then asked the Candidates and their sponsors to stand, at which point, he recognized their desire to enter into full communion. Tom Smith is pictured above at center. His sponsor, James A. Smith, is standing at his side. He is a Candidate from St. Lawrence Parish.

# Welcome to Those Joining the Catholic Church at Easter

April, 2013 23

## CANDIDATES, 2013

### Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Frances Jo Murray, Pamela Joy Faulkner, Heather Ann Lohman, Brandi Wright Moorman, Kari Lyn Cecil

### Christ the King, Madisonville

Deborah Ballard, Dustin Cook, Zachary Petterson, Keenan Ratliff

### Holy Name, Henderson

Desiree Ashley Cano, Brenda Hamon, Tyler Haynes, Leeanne Meuth, Brandon Majors, Isabella McChessney, Kevin Gordillo, Josh Renaker, Tonya Dreyhaupt, Saundra Ross, Allison Rust, Stephen Rust

### Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Susan Dee Barbalas, Mary Esther Bower, Ashley Dawn Crowe, James Daniel Dale, Sharon Frances Harrison, Scott David Janson, James David Monroe, Helen Louise Monroe, William Woodford Monroe, Melissa Ann Monroe, Paul Clay Motley, Jr., Julia Elizabeth Payne, Stephanie Gayle Silvano, Ellen Louise Smith, Dwayne Lee Smith, Edward Brooks Thomas, Christian Israel Silvano, John Wayne Embry

### Newman Center, Murray

Mary Hopkins, Kathleen Donahue, James Mulvihill, Meagan Moffat, Caitlin Nichols

### Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Katrina Cooper, Steven Cooper, Marlena Hadden, Sam Hadden, James Hunter, Ashlyn Stout, Lisa Stout, Julie Vickers

### Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Kristen Bachmeier, Mandy Boswell, Kristen Morgan, Britney O'Bryan

### Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Aleja Grant

### St Agnes, Uniontown

Jill Ann Marshall, Stephanie Renee Thomas, Kelby Frasier

### St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus

Jenny Patrick

### St. Anthony, Browns Valley

James Lawrence Hooper, Tracy Lynn Day, Bryan Colburn, Benjamin Sehkar

### St. Augustine, Reed

Ruth Raley, Sheila Ralph

### St. Elizabeth, Clarkson

Braxton Allen, Dawn Brown

### St. Elizabeth, Curdsville

Becky Clements

### St. Francis deSales, Paduah

Lisa Jo Aly, Karen Lynn Kelley, Terri Lee Nelson, Jeffery Nichols, Paula Mae Parrott, Nick Shane Rolens

### St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Jason Mark Wilson, Gregory Todd Dowdy, Virginia Richeal

### St. John, Paducah

Atoshia Irene Baldwin, John Bryan Hayden, Haleigh Gae Hayden, Shawn Anthony O'Brien, Valerie Lynn Rodgers

### St Joseph, Bowling Green

Christy Basham, Heather Morris, Kim Phelps, Jeremy Matthews, Hannah Harlan, Erin Elliott, Randy Elliott, Morgan Foster, Darren Bowen, Scott David Payne-Emmerson

### St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Brad Riley

### St. Joseph, Mayfield

Donald True

### St. Lawrence/St. William, Knottsville

Thomas Smith, Jonathan Veach

### St. Leo, Murray

Kimberly Marie Hopkins, Daren Charles Pingel, Lanthan West Ritzie, Brian Ray Smith, Andrea Zimmerman

### St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Ryan Hughes

### St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Shelby Lee Estes

### St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Jessie Vega, Elizabeth Vega, James Cobb, Leda Cobb

### St. Paul, Leitchfield

Perry Lucas

### St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Marti Posey, Andrea Cecil, Far Patrick

### St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Brandon Taul, Gabe Van Lahr, Melissa Ann Allen

### St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Kelsey Ranes Atherton, James Frankin Lebold III

### St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Melinda Wise, Lila Sue Knight

### St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Campus Center, Bowling Green

Joel Blankendaal, Gracey Klapp, Mariah Stiles

### St. Thomas More, Paducah

Shawn Barber, Chris Bell, Kelly Butts, Josh Esper, Sherry Harpole, Rodger Harrison, Roger Kephart, Michelle Marquardt, Donna Monk, Trina Vaughn

### St. William of Vercelli, Marion/St.

### Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Christopher Cullen, Lindsey Wells

### Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Javier Guadarrama, Jan McCorkle, April Morales, Robin Barna, Kevin Keown, Traci Davis, Jesse Applegate

### Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville

Stephanie Renee Blankenberger, Katherine Judith Larwa, Vinna Humphries, Grayson Elaine Rogers, Shane Patterson, Emily Carol Taylor

## CATECHUMENS, 2013

### Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Alexis LaTrece O'Bryan, Stephen Louis Smith

### Christ the King, Madisonville

Andy Naghtin, Jon Ratliff, Robin Sanchez, Kathryn Barber

### Holy Name, Henderson

Richard Colonel, Brittney Fulcher, Melanie O'Nan, Jim Ozee, JoAnne Ozee

### Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Elizabeth Paige Daniels, Garrett Alan Dinkens, Alicia Nichole Sells, Mark Cameron Gardner, William Leland Monroe

### Newman Center, Murray

Shannon Russell

### Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Alexandria Cooper, Corydon Cooper, Kaden Cooper, Ashley Hornbrook

### Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Kolbe Mattingly

### Precious Blood, Owensboro

Joe Finley

### St Agnes, Uniontown

Renee Burke

### St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus

Jack Holtzman

### St. Augustine, Reed

Macey Peerman

### St. Elizabeth, Clarkson

Katherine Brown, Alexandria Brown, Caroline Brown, Stetson Higdon

### St. Elizabeth, Curdsville

Ricky Taylor

### St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

April Nicole Riley, Alicia Marie Reesor, Shea Aniston Speed

### St. Francis deSales, Paducah

Nicholas Scott, Bethel R. Parrish

### St. John, Paducah

Natalie Alexis Baldwin

### St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Kimberly Dix

### St. Joseph, Mayfield

Brenda Toon

### St. Lawrence/St. William, Knottsville

Ashley McDonald, Makayla Brown, Leah Bowlds

### St. Leo, Murray

Beth Ann Brown

### St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Desaray Goetz

### St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Eric Neal Miller, Mark Allen Shelton

### St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Patricia Balbas

### St. Paul, Leitchfield

Terry Jagers, Timothy Geary, Charlie Lampton

### St. Pius X, Calvert City

Wesley Hayes

### St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Makayla McKannan, Joseph Blus

### St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Cassie Bennett, Abbie Whitfill, Steven Higgs, Heavynne Church

### St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Campus Center, Bowling Green

Sarah Ann Greiner, Travis Girten

### St. Thomas More, Paducah

Matthew Barber, Natasha Kimble, Skylar Marquardt

### Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Jorden Walker, Dave Mullins

## Becoming Catholic

## Welcome to the journey

## Elvis is in the House!

And you are invited  
to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount  
Saint Joseph Annual Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 27**

- **Live Auction**
- **Art Sale**
- **Steak Dinner**

Doors open at 6 p.m.  
Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

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Dinner tickets are \$50 per person or \$385 for a  
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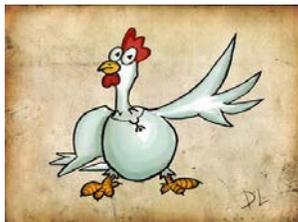
## Rite of Sending Part of RCIA Receiving New Catholics Into The Parish



The RCIA candidates preparing for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church are joined by their sponsors at the altar for the Rite of Sending.

### Fried Chicken Dinner

**May 4**  
**5:00-7:00 PM**  
**St. Joseph's**  
**Parish Hall**  
**in**  
**Bowling Green**



**Tickets:**  
**\$8.00 for**  
**adults**  
**\$3.00 for**  
**children**

**Menu:**

<b>Fried Chicken</b>	<b>Green Beans</b>	<b>Rolls</b>
<b>Mashed Potatoes</b>	<b>Gravy</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	<b>Drink</b>	

Carryout available.

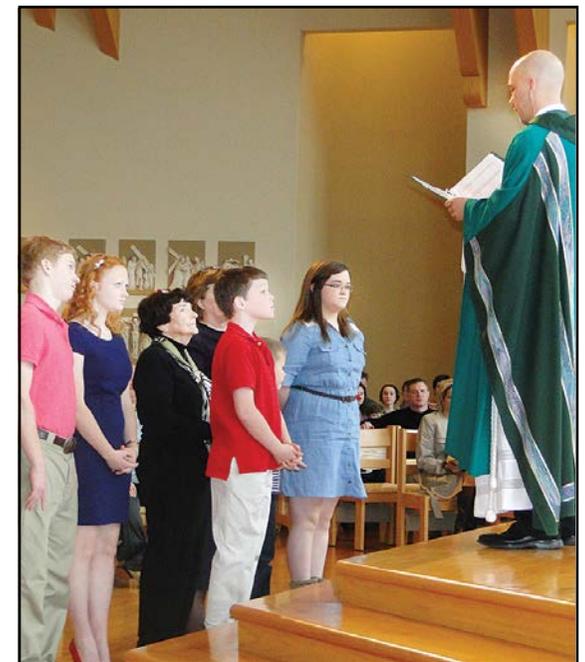
Proceeds to benefit the missions of Mandeville, Jamaica  
Fundraiser sponsored by Pilgrims of Hope



PADUCAH, Ky. - On Sunday, February 10, 2013 the parish of St. Thomas More, Paducah, celebrated the Rite of Sending with our catechumens who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, along with our candidates who are preparing for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. The Rite of Sending offered the parish community an opportunity to express its approval of the catechumens and candidates before sending them, later that day, to the Rite of Election at St. John's Parish.

Rite Of Sending is a part of the RCIA Process. This rite and the Rite of Election go hand in hand within the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Unless you live in St. Stephen Cathedral Parish where the Bishop will come and receive you in the Rite of Election, you will experience the Rite of Sending. These two rites are all about sending you for a reason, receiving you and returning you to the parish in anticipation of Easter Sacraments in a few short weeks.

*(Editor's Note: Some of this text is from Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, The RCIA Process, by Vickie Shepherd at <http://www.ecatholic2000.com/rcia/rcia5.shtml>; page 21 in this WKC edition.)*



Fr. Ryan Harpole sends forth catechumens who will receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Vigil.

# The Fish Fry: A Part of Catholic Culture During Lent

April, 2013 25



Father Jason McClure, Pastor of St. Leo's, Murray, testing the white beans and corn bread along with Janet Fitch, Karen Paul & Allie Loomis Director of Campus Ministry.

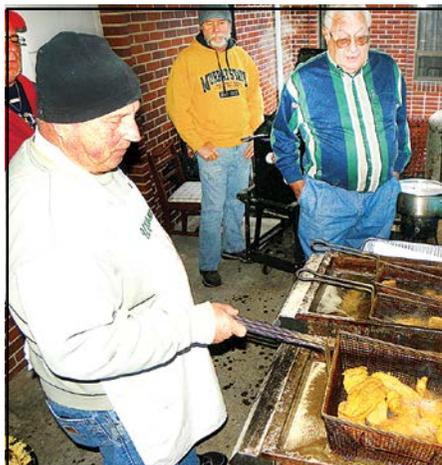
Submitted by Kevin D'Angelo MURRAY, Ky. - The proceeds for the fish fry in Murray, Ky. is for St. Leo parish to use as needed. The Knights make around \$1000.00 per week on the fish fry. The people love the fish and wish we had the fish fry more often than just Lent. We sell around 260 to 320 meals every Friday. There are carry-out meals. The fish fry is advertised in the Murray Ledger and Times newspaper along with the Chamber of Commerce and a fish fry sign in front of St. Leo's Catholic Church. We have more Non-Catholic's than Catholic's come to eat our fish dinners.



Father Jason McClure greeting St. Leo Fish Fry patrons. Second photo has Third photo has the Q.C group of Father Jason McClure, Janet Fitch and John and Karen Paul.

In the picture at right, Janet Fitch, right, preparing the fish to be cooked with Karen and John Paul and Father Jason McClure admiring the fish prep techniques.

Members of the Knights of Columbus Father Saffer Council #6897 tend to the fryers Friday as they supply the main course for the first round of Lenten fish fries at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Murray Ky. The fish fries were offered each Friday night through March 22 in observance of Lent, where Catholics give up meat on Fridays for lent. Pictured are Bill Durben, Paul Kurz and Carl Woods of the Knights of Columbus Father Saffer Council #6897. Photo by Kevin D'Angelo.



Above, Allie Loomis checking the white beans.



Grand Knight Kevin D'Angelo of Council #6897 with a tray of baked fish.



Serving the public. Patrons of all ages come to St. Leo Fish Fry in Murray.



John and Karen Paul, left, Janet Fitch, center, wait for St. Leo pastor Father Jason McClure to take this call.



Ed Wolff and Lathon Ritzie breadng the fish.

## Four OCHS Seniors Named National Merit Finalists



### OCHS Leads Way with Four National Merit Finalists

February 25, 2013 - Four Owensboro Catholic High School students have been named National Merit Finalist! These four were among the 8 to earn this honor across the Daviess County, Ky. area. From left, Neil Mattingly, Justin Magnuson, Chase Carrico, and Kevin Thompson, earned this distinction and joined 15,000 teens nationwide by taking the qualifying exam; which includes a writing component, critical

reasoning, and math. The four OCHS seniors selected as National Merit Scholarship Finalists hope to enter one of the helping professions after college. Three are considering teaching degrees and careers in their future, and one is thinking about medical school. Congratulations to these outstanding students! Photos by Mel Howard

### Isaac Wilkerson commits to Georgetown

By Henderson Gleaner Staff February 25, 2013



Isaac Wilkerson

Isaac Wilkerson, a Henderson native who attends Owensboro Catholic, signed a letter of intent Friday to play football at Georgetown College as a punter and kicker.

Wilkerson, a two-year varsity starter for the Aces, was selected all-district, the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer All-Area and the Big Eight all-conference

kicker as a junior in 2011. He was all-district and Messenger-Inquirer all-area punter for his senior season. Wilkerson, who was also a member of the Aces soccer team, averaged 40 yards per punt and made all of his PAT attempts in 2012 as Owensboro Catholic finished the season 11-1.

"I've attended private school since I was in the first grade and I really liked the small school atmosphere at Georgetown," said Wilkerson, who attended Holy Name School in Henderson through eighth grade. "I really liked how much personal attention you get from the professors."

Wilkerson, who plans to study elementary education, was attending Owensboro Catholic when his family moved to Owensboro from Henderson during his sophomore year. Wilkerson had also considered attending Illinois State, Austin Peay, Morehead State and Kentucky Wesleyan before choosing Georgetown, which finished last season 10-1 and was ranked No. 1 in NAIA before being upset by Bethel in the first round of the national playoffs.

The Tigers must replace their kicker and punter, and Wilkerson is one of four special teams players in Georgetown's recruiting class.

The past two seasons, Wilkerson has received instruction from Henderson County special teams coach Steve Tow. "Steve has really helped me a lot. He's a really big part of me being where I am," he said. "Henderson County is fortunate to have a kicking coach like Steve. He's a great teacher. He knows what he's talking about."

Henderson County running back/linebacker Keileen Chappell is among Georgetown's 33 newcomers, but will be part of Henderson County's team signing ceremony later in the year.

*This article is reprinted with permission from the Henderson Gleaner.*

Owensboro Catholic High School celebrated the achievements of Chase Carrico, son of Mark and Mary Alice Carrico; Justin Ahnell Magnuson, son of W.L. Magnuson and Kirsten Ahnell; Kevin Thompson, son of Al and Molly Thompson; and Neil Mattingly, son of Jim and Laura Mattingly.



Chase Carrico

Carrico, 18, already tutors and helps coach at OCHS. He plans to attend the University of Kentucky for secondary education in mathematics. "I'm good at explaining things to other people," he said. "Math is definitely my field, and I really like working with this age group in general. Just about anything I'm doing right now, I might be interested in helping out with in the future."



Justin Magnuson

Magnuson, 18, will study chemistry at Vanderbilt University in the fall. He doesn't have a long-term plan. "Maybe medical school," he said.



Kevin Thompson

Thompson, 18, chose the University of Notre Dame like his parents. He said he wants to study mathematics or foreign language so he, too, can teach high school. "I like helping people, like with the tutoring I do here at school," he said.



Neil Mattingly

Mattingly, 18, will seek a double major in political science and accounting at UK and a law degree later on. "It's just something I've always been interested in," he said. "I like attention to detail. It's something I always thought I might be good at."

*This information was originally published in the Messenger-Inquirer on Feb. 25, reprinted with permission.*

### Catholic School Position Available

Mary Carrico Memorial Catholic School Knottsville, KY is currently seeking applications for the position of PRINCIPAL beginning July 1, 2013. School is Pre-K through 8th Grade school with presently 89 students enrolled.

Qualifications: Practicing Catholic, Minimum of four years teaching experience, Master's degree preferred, Kentucky Administration certificate or working toward certification, Excellent administration/communication skills.

Please send resume to the following address:  
Reverend Father Pat Bittel, Pastor, St. William Catholic Church  
9515 KY 144, Philpot, KY 42366 Phone Number: 270-281-4802

# Jenny Beth Willis Welcomed Back To OCHS After Competing On 'American Idol' April, 2013 27

An Owensboro Catholic student was welcomed back to school Feb. 26 with a big surprise from her fellow classmates. Jenny Beth Willis recently returned to Western Kentucky from Los Angeles, CA after she sang her way into American Idol's top 40 contestants.

Her classmates welcomed her back in a surprise morning assembly. It was the young star's first time returning to school in two months. It was an emotional loss, but Jenny Beth says she's not discouraged after being eliminated from American Idol. She plans to audition for American Idol again this year.

"It was just so surreal to have the golden ticket in my hand cause I've been watching the show ever since I was little," she says. "If I don't go I think I would regret not going -- but yeah, I definitely want to do it again."

Jenny Beth's mother, Mary Beth, was at her daughter's side throughout the entire experience. Jenny Beth had to have a parent with her at all times during the competition because she is a minor.

"I've never been through anything like that in my life and, you know, it's your child. And you want them to do their best and I knew she'd be devastated if she made a mistake so I had everybody and their brother praying for her," says Mary Beth. "I'd do it again in a heartbeat."

Mary Beth acknowledged the elimination was a hard, tear-filled loss for her and her daughter. "I told her she was my American Idol and I loved her and I was proud of her," says Mary Beth. "She's a great kid, I'm lucky, I really am." Mary Beth says she would support Jenny Beth if she auditioned for American Idol again because it is a huge opportunity for her daughter.

As this chapter of Jenny Beth's musical career ends, a new one is beginning. In March she recorded a demo in Nashville with Wade Hayes and Randy Lanham. But for now, it's back to school -- a small step away from the national spotlight.

*Excerpted from article By: Kayla Moody, February 27, 2013 at [tristatehomepage.com](http://tristatehomepage.com).*



**Jenny Beth Willis of "American Idol 2013".** <http://www.poptower.com/jenny-beth-willis-american-idol-picture-109325.htm>

**Right, OCHS principal Gates Settle welcoming Jenny Beth. Harold Staples photo**

**By Mel Howard**

OCHS junior Jenny Beth Willis has been through a tough few months already in 2013 as she continued in January and February the travel, auditioning, singing country music songs for voice coaches, television producers, music industry professionals, only a few hundred other girls from across the USA who were also trying to become America's next rising music star by competing on TV's American Idol.

Owensboro Radio's Chad Benefield, a WBKR-FM dj, wrote Jan. 25, 2013 on the station's website, "Jenny Beth has performed on The WBKR Waking Crew many times. She has performed the national anthem at The Big O Music Fest and been a finalist in our Battle for The Big O. With her group Straight Laced, she has performed at WBKR's Denim & Diamonds, at our St. Jude Radiothon and the Taste of Country concert at Ellis Park. This gal most definitely has talent and the pipes to go far on Idol." And she did!

Jenny Beth made it into the top 20 girls out of hundreds who tried out in several auditions in Bowling Green, Baton Rouge, Las Vegas, and Hollywood. All the singers were vying for American Idol's "golden ticket," like the one in the 1971 film adaptation, "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory." Jenny Beth said that it was so surreal to be standing holding that



golden sheet of paper (which she did not get to keep) because she has been dreaming and training her voice and singing since she began doing solos in church, listening to her Mom's singing. "Every little girl wants to be like her Mom," Jenny Beth said, "You know? My Mom has been my biggest inspiration and supporter all a long."

Who else does Jenny Beth say inspired her to try for the golden ticket on American Idol? Country music singers Martina McBride, Carrie Underwood, and Taylor Swift all have that big, powerful voice; all these can really belt out a song. And all these performers play to an audience, know their fans, and deliver the sound, the music, the messages, and the meanings that their country music fans want. Jenny Beth has that same personal touch; she even remembers the names of the girls in her Group Round as they sang "Sin Wagon" by the Dixie Chicks - Morgan (CA), Lauren (KY), and Brandy (La).

What did some of the American Idol judges say to Jenny Beth? That big voice, the big, bright, beautiful smile, she just has so much fun while singing. She doesn't do any embellishments to cover up anything. The audience had so much more fun with your song than you. "I can listen to your voice all day!"

Her friends say what? She's an amazing singer, has the face of an angel and a

voice to match, surprised by her talent, And Jenny Beth herself? Well, she likes her "never ending pile of boots. She understands that country music can be a nerve-wracking business, and a lot for a 17-year-old to handle. And when she was eliminated from American Idol, she told a TV interviewer, "Yeah, I feel bad. It's all in God's plan, so I'm just keeping my head up!" She keeps herself together.

Yeah, Jenny Beth Willis has been through a very tough bunch of months since last October, 2012 when she started on the American Idol audition road. Along the way she struggled with the flu and with mono and a lack of energy. She missed hours of sleep while practicing and competing. Feeling it a little as she sang for auditions, she pulled herself together, again and again, and performed the music, and toughed it out. Her vision of singing country music for a national TV audience was strong, and that put something extra into her singing and the choreography for competing. Watching her sing, one can feel that there's something that exists beyond the words, the song, the music. What is it?

Asked about why she sings, Jenny Beth Willis thought, "Wow. That's a different question. It's my dream to make music for a living. Music is what I do, what I feel most comfortable doing. I want to touch people with music, and if I do, then that would be my dream come true."

## 2012-2013

### Nomination Form for Diocese of Owensboro Catholic School Educator of the Year

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

The winner will be announced at the dinner following the annual Professional Development Day. Anyone, with the exception of an immediate family member, may nominate an educator for the award. All information concerning nominees will be kept confidential, including the name of the person submitting the nomination.

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

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

The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2013. A committee will serve as judges. All nomination forms should be mailed to the Catholic Schools Office, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301-2130.

#### Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Subjects, Grades Taught \_\_\_\_\_

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

Nominated by: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to educator \_\_\_\_\_



### A Blessed Sacrament Honor Guard

The senior class at Owensboro Catholic High School formed an honor guard as Campus Minister Fr. Ed Bradley and altar servers Kalyn Frizzell (left) and Lucy Kurtz take the Blessed Sacrament to the chapel for adoration during the 2013 Catholic Schools Week celebrations. Photo printed with permission from OCHS Parentlines, Feb. 28, 2013

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Time: 8:00 – 9:00 am (CST) - Registration  
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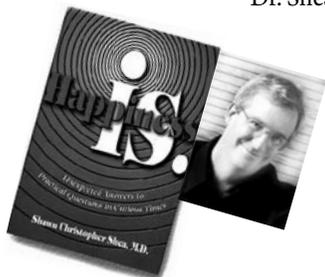
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## A New Sacramental Life in the Church

In the picture at left, on February 7th, the Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated with 22 8th graders at St. Romuald Catholic Church. Fr. Tony Bickett and Bishop William Medley presided on the Mass. Gayle Poole is the CRE for the 7th-12th Gr Religious Education program. ; Row 1: Rhiannon Huffines, Jordan Board, Mariah Critchelov, Sadie Carwile, Anna Flood, Nikita Barton, Casey Hazelwood & Katie Himmelhaver.; Row 2: Joseph Noblett, Michael Hardesty, Shelbi Pollock, Bailey Morgan, Molly Dowell, Taylor Lucas & Ty Voyles; Row 3: Bishop William Medley, Luke Mattingly, Drake Bennett, Zack Brown, Wyatt West, Chase Taul, Morgan Dooley, Ella Potts & Fr. Tony Bickett.

In the picture below at right, on December 2nd, 24 second-graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Romuald Catholic Church. Fr. Tony Bickett and Fr. Dan Kreutzer presided over the Prayer Service. Kim Brumfield is the CRE for the K-6th Religious Education program. Row 1: Nicholas Killensworth, Spencer Wilson, Austin Carwile, Thaddeus Hall; Row 2: Cade Whitfill, Lucas Whitfill, Phillip Shalosky, Parker Davis; Row 3: Tyler Young, Cecilia Bertschman, Makenzie Whitfill, Preston Flood, Luke Carwile; Row 4: Lane Taul, Sydney Galloway, Micah Siler, Mary Grace Mattingly, Devon McCarty, Benjamin Aldridge, Eamon O'Donoghue, Haley Weise, Delaney Flood, Hunter Barr \*the parents of this little boy do not want him named-so just stop at Hunter Barr on this row\* ; Back Row: Catechist Betty Whitfill, Fr Tony Bickett, Catechist Carol Smith. Photos submitted by Kim Brumfield



Bishop William Medley celebrates Mass with every school in the Diocese of Owensboro every school year. He celebrated Mass at St. Romuald School on March 1. The Kindergarten is pictured with the Bishop and pastor Fr. Tony Bickett as they were the liturgical ministers and the choir. They did a beautiful job of singing, reading, taking up the gifts and responding. In the back row of the picture above are, from left, Kelli Rothrock, Kindergarten Aide, Robynn Brown, Kindergarten teacher, Fr. Tony Bickett, Bishop Medley, and Debbie Horsley, Kindergarten Aide. Photo submitted by Ann Flaherty



## It's A Woman's World -- ?

The Brescia University Contemporary Woman Program (CWP) celebrates its 50th Anniversary with a presentation by Sr. Michele Morek '66, OSU, Coalition Coordinator at UNANIMA International in Manhattan, on April 4th about women's status around the globe. "It's a Woman's World --?" takes place at 7 pm in Taylor Lecture Hall. This event is free and donations will be accepted to assist in funding the CWP's Endowed Chair. For more information, call 686-4275.

## Heroic priest, Fr. Emil Kapaun, to receive Medal of Honor

ATLANTA, Feb 28, 2013 – He was a soldier. He was a war hero. He was a priest. His Cause for Canonization is being considered by the Vatican. And now Fr. Emil Kapaun will receive the Medal of Honor from the President of the United States on April 11 at the White House in Washington, D.C. A second ceremony will occur the next day, April 12, at the Pentagon.

Fr. Emil's heroic story will be told in the soon-to-be-released book "The Miracle of Father Kapaun," published by Ignatius Press. One of the most remarkable aspects of his story surrounds the atypical movement of support for both his sainthood cause and his Medal of Honor award. The witnesses to both his sanctity and his bravery have come from non-Catholics, men of Jewish faith, Muslim faith and Protestant tradition, who served with Fr. Kapaun in battle or in the brutality of conditions where he drew his last breath – a prisoner of war camp.



**More than 60 years after his death as a POW, Fr. Emil Kapaun to receive nation's highest award for bravery.**

Fr. Kapaun died as a prisoner of war, and the Korean War veterans who

served with him, who were saved by him, have lobbied the Army for more than 60 years to award Kapaun the Medal of Honor for his acts of bravery. They have also spent years petitioning the Vatican to elevate him to Sainthood because of what they witnessed on the battlefield.

Roy Wenzl and Travis Heying, the authors of "The Miracle of Father Kapaun," interviewed the dozens of men who survived the POW camp because of the courageous acts of this young priest. "They said he repeatedly ran through machine gun fire, dragging wounded soldiers to safety. In the prison camp, he shaped roofing tin into cooking pots so prisoners could boil water, which prevented dysentery. He picked lice off sick prisoners. He stole food from his captors and shared it with his starving comrades. Most of all, Kapaun rallied all of them, as they starved during subzero temperatures, to stay alive. When their future seemed hopeless, he persuaded them to hope. Hundreds died in the camps, but hundreds more survived," recounts Wenzl and Heying.

One of the surviving POWs, who will be at the award ceremony in April at the White

House, said Fr. Kapaun was murdered by Chinese prison camp guards in 1951 because he openly defied many of the camp rules, including praying the rosary with other prisoners. Mike Dowe, who like dozens of other survivors of the camp has petitioned both Congress and the Vatican for these honors, recalls that by the time Kapaun died, Protestants and men of other beliefs were praying the Catholic rosary and were openly resisting the Chinese torture.

Since opening Kapaun's Cause for Canonization in 1993, there have already been several allegations of miracles – healings attributed to Fr. Kapaun's intercession that defy scientific explanation. These cures have been witnessed once again by non-Catholics – doctors, in fact, who can attribute no logical answer to the healing of seriously ill or injured individuals.

The last surviving members of Fr. Kapaun's immediate family and several of the living POWs who served with him will travel to Washington, D.C., for the Medal of Honor award ceremony on April 11.

*Source: Feb. 28, 2013 release from Carmel Communications.*

## Lourdes Cardiac Kids Academy Helps Practice of Heart Health

February 26, 2013 (Paducah, KY) – Lourdes' Cardiac Kids Academy is a free six-week program that targets "at risk" children for developing early or premature coronary artery disease.

Lourdes and the Purchase Area Health Education Center have teamed up to offer the comprehensive cardiac screenings to identify at-risk children. The screenings included blood pressure, height and weight, glucose levels and a cholesterol check, which all relate to heart health.

"Heart health is a process - it doesn't happen overnight," said Karen Smith, Lourdes RN, BSN fitness specialist. Smith is one of several nurses who are a part of the program that not only screens the students, but also educates them on how to have fun while exercising, gives nutrition education and promotes healthy eating and healthy lifestyle choices.

"Adults play huge roles in the kids' lifestyle choices...we can make a difference," said Smith.

Once students are screened, their results are compiled into a spreadsheet and the at-risk children are identified and sent an invitation to join Lourdes' Cardiac Kids Academy. The program provides two free physicals: a pre and post program physical, by Dr. Christopher Sperry of Mercy Primary Care. "In six weeks we will see an improvement in the children's



fitness score. This will be checked pre and post by our fitness specialists. Improved fitness along with the nutritional education will give these children the tools they need for a healthy future," said Lindsey Wiles, Lourdes Health & Wellness Coordinator.

The program began in 2008 with just one school. "This has grown from one school participating in the 2008 school year to 16 schools as well as two inner-city after school programs in the 2012 school year," said Wiles. During this time, 964 children have been screened, and 63 percent have had some form of an elevated result. "A follow-up phone call and an educational packet was sent home with the student with a voucher for a free lab to re-check blood work," said Wiles.

Lourdes' Cardiac Kids Academy's goal is to improve the child's nutrition and fitness choices and help them to understand how family medical history affects their life-long wellness. Early identification of these risk factors provides the opportunity work with the child and family to reduce the risk of disease.

To learn more about Lourdes' Cardiac Kids Program, contact Lindsey Wiles, Lourdes Health and Wellness Coordinator at (270)444-2911.

**St. Mary Elementary 4th Grade Students participating in the Lourdes Fitness Program. Left to right: Lilly Brown, Isaac Brown, and Emily Veatch. Photo by Jackie Hopper**

## Catholic Committee on Scouting Confers Awards

April, 2013 31



**Members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting attending the Religious Emblems Awards in St. Stephen Cathedral March 17, 2013. Mel Howard Photos**

The Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Committee on Scouting conferred the 2013 Religious Emblems Awards at a Mass in St. Stephen Cathedral March 17, 2013. Bishop William Medley presided.

Cub Scouts who received the Light of Christ Award were Nathaniel Conley, Pack 533; Matthew Durbin, Pack 220; Johnathan Ford, Pack 220; Landon Reffitt, Pack 220; and Slayton Reyes, Pack 533

Cub Scouts who received the Parvuli Dei Award were Malcom Reynolds, Pack 220; and Oskar Vazquez, Pack 37

A Boy Scout & Venturer Award, the Ad Altare Dei, was conferred upon Benjamin Conkright, Troop 76; Michael Lewis, Troop 120; Adam Nixon, Troop 27; and William Onley, Troop 76.

A Bronze Pelican Award was conferred upon A St. George Medal was conferred upon

Father Ken Mikulcik is Chaplain of the Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Committee on Scouting. J. David Ashley is chair of the Committee. The other officers are Steve Shoulta, Calvin "Buzz" Colburn, and Ken Keller.

In the homily for the Mass, Bishop William Medley preached on the mercy of God and His forgiveness, reflecting upon the parable of the woman caught in an act of adultery and about to be stoned by the elders.

"Have you ever done something dumb" Bishop Medley asked, "and got caught at it?" He reflected that it seems that these days there is always somebody there with a cell phone camera just waiting to make a video of something and post it on YouTube or Facebook.

The elders were mainly trying to trap Jesus in a conflicting response to a question about Jewish



**Johnathan Ford received his "Light of Christ" medal from Bishop Medley March 17 in St. Stephen Cathedral as Ken Keller looks on.**

law, he said. The woman was humiliated, made a fool of, but Jesus took pity on her, and asked the elders who among them was without sin, and let him cast the first stone. They cleared out, leaving Jesus with the woman. He told her to go her way, and not to sin any more.

"That's what Confession is," Bishop Medley said, "We say our sins to a priest, and once absolution is given, we are told 'OK. Try to do better.' Jesus has no desire for us to suffer, but to live in Heaven with Him."

"Go and sin no more. Go and try to do better. That's the message we get in Confession."

## St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Enhance Mt. Carmel Cemetery



**Members of the Divine Mercy Council of the Knights of Columbus and five members of the Grounds Committee of St. Thomas More worked to replace trees in the cemetery. Photos submitted by Missy Eckenberg**

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Saturday of March 2, 2013 was blowing snow, but the ground was not frozen so members of the Divine Mercy Council of the Knights of Columbus joined with members of the St. Thomas More Grounds Committee to plant 23 trees in Mt. Carmel Cemetery to enhance the resting place of so many family members and fellow Catholics. The Cemetery Board provided funds to purchase deciduous trees that would replace those that had died over the years for various reasons. This effort, which will last for generations to come, marked the first public service project for the new Knights of Columbus Council.

**Pictured at right, from left, Mike Wurth and Craig Willett, assist in the planting of 23 trees in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.**





The Knights of Columbus sponsors Lenten Fish Fry's to raise money for many of the Charitable acts the Knights provide. J. Brooks, J. Poat, C. Hinkebind and T. Fraley help prepare fried fish for the above mentioned fish fry. Submitted by RJ Witowski for Council #10988.

## A Profile in Faith

*Thank you Jesus for your love and for the peace and joy you have given me in my life at this time. I know there will be trials and tribulations. I accept your will knowing you will never leave or forsake me.*

**By Carol Hulsey and Seth Hulsey**  
*Marie Montanez*

We meet people every day and often enough their struggles remain unknown. Rarely do you meet someone as humble and sweet as Marie Montanez, who is willing to share her faith story. She is a tiny lady, four feet ten inches short. For all that is missing in height she makes up for with an attitude both delightful and outgoing.

A Californian by birth she was raised by loving parents who offered her no religious formation. She had two daughters with her husband Ralph Montanez, a fervent Scientistologist. However, Marie essentially had no religious affiliation, but she did have a passion and that was running-marathons, no less. Full of vitality, grit and discipline, she trained almost every day for years.



Marie Montanez at holy water font. Photo by Carol Hulsey



At left, a Calvert City resident purchases several fish dinners from Barbara Cirrito, St Pius X, Calvert City KY, parishioner, at the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry's conducted at St Pius X, Calvert City, Parish Hall on March 1, 2013. Below, he makes food selections during the aforementioned activity.



At left, several parish children watch a children's movie during the March 1, 2013 K of C Lenten fish fry.

Marie was in peak physical condition, but one morning awoke with poor balance, lack of coordination, and severe hallucinations accompanied by terrifying paranoia. Her husband and two daughters struggled ineffectually to understand and help. Ralph was her custodian, thereby giving him legal authority to dictate her care, and Marie received no medical treatment for two years because of his zeal for Scientology. At 71 pounds, anorexic and depressed, Marie lived in an altered reality filled with dark fears, hopelessness, and inescapable pain and suffering that only she could fully understand. In the midst of her lonely hell she attempted suicide three times.

As her condition worsened, battles raged in the family between Marie's brothers and Ralph about her care. The matter ended in the courts where Marie's brothers won the day, and Marie finally received the long overdue medical treatment. Weak, with severe delusions of time and place, Marie was hospitalized in a mental institution. For ten years she

received an exotic cocktail of medications and therapies. While her physical condition improved, Marie's paranoia and depression still haunted her. Eventually, electro convulsive therapy was initiated, and she began to improve almost immediately.

As the veil of shadows lifted, Scripture beckoned her to the light. During this time, Marie answered God's call in her heart. She began to pray and attend Mass, seeking the God who loved her immeasurably. Where there was darkness and despair, she now found solace in God's infinite love. Marie realized that God never abandoned her, even during her dire desperation when all seemed lost. She grew close to Jesus, and recognized the numerous gifts God bestowed to her. This led to Marie's entrance into the Church through RCIA.

Miraculously, Marie is no longer on psychiatric medication, but healthy and in peak condition for a seventy-one year old, even participating in a few 5k runs. Now she lives for God and the family He blessed her with.

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Limited Single Rooms at Supplement of \$650.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Items not specified above, e.g. all lunches & 2 dinners, optional sightseeing, optional cancellation insurance (\$195 offered at final payment to cover cancellation, trip interruption due to medical conditions), **mandatory group gratuities (\$90 per person will be collected at final payment)**, items of a personal nature, passport & visa (if applicable) fees, increases in prepaid air taxes & fuel surcharges if imposed by airline prior to ticketing (\$550 on 3/13 as included above).

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**Any Questions?****EMAIL: [nealbiggers@yahoo.com](mailto:nealbiggers@yahoo.com)**

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**Homecoming Candidates**

Seniors (l-r) Lindsay Batts (St. Thomas More, Paducah), Samantha Mills (Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Bowling Green), and Hannah-Rose Hagan (St. Thomas More, Paducah) were selected as Homecoming Candidates at Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY. Lindsay is the daughter of David and Melisa Mast, and Tim and Christy Batts. Samantha is the daughter of William and Cindy Mills. Hannah-Rose is the daughter of Steve and Susan Hagan. They are all on Bellarmine's Senior Gift Committee as well as members of several other school organizations. Lindsay is studying Political Science and Communications, Samantha is studying Elementary Education, and Hannah is studying Business Administration and Theology. Submitted by Susan Hagan

**Catholic School Position Available**

Mary Carrico Memorial Catholic School Knottsville, KY is currently seeking applications for the position of PRINCIPAL beginning July 1, 2013. School is Pre-K through 8th Grade school with presently 89 students enrolled.

**Qualifications:** Practicing Catholic, Minimum of four years teaching experience, Master's degree preferred, Kentucky Administration certificate or working toward certification, Excellent administration/communication skills.

Please send resume to the following address:

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St. William Catholic Church  
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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled

## Please, God, Don't Let Me Forget

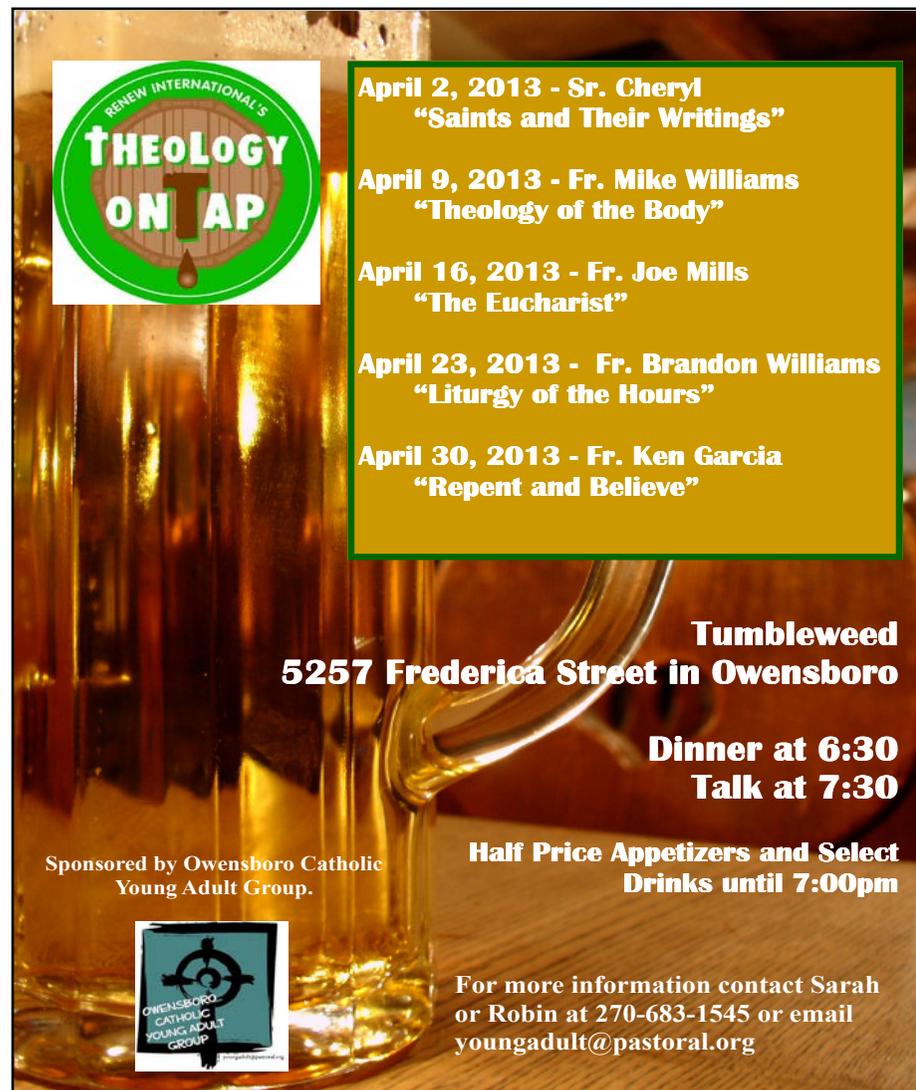
By Louanne Payne

I must admit, when I stepped off the airplane in Entebbe, Uganda, on January 28, 2013, I was filled with many conflicting emotions: fear, excitement, intimidation, joy, anxiety, and exhilaration. I was so happy to again be seeing my dear friend, Fr. Titus Ahabyona, and realizing a dream that we had discussed for many years become a reality. However, I would be less than honest if I did not admit that at the same time I was filled with great fear. Maybe it was being so far away from home. Maybe it was being away from my family and friends for 16 days. Maybe it was simply fear of the unknown.

My anxiety soon subsided with the presence of the welcoming spirit of the people of Uganda. Everywhere we went from Entebbe to Kampala to Fort Portal, and points in between, we were met

by a hard-working people who were filled with joy, faithfulness, and immense pride. The children especially touched my heart. I spent a great deal of time on the trip in self-reflection. Admittedly, I have always enjoyed the amenities of life and prefer my life to be orderly and neat. I have not fared so well when it wasn't. Why wasn't I more joyful, faithful, and proud like these beautiful people I was meeting? After all, I have many "things" to make me happy! How could they be this way when the electricity was off frequently, laundry had to be washed by hand, meals had to be cooked on an open fire? It literally took all day to perform the basics and to just survive everyday life. And yet, they were so happy and thankful. It quickly became apparent that I had a lot to learn.

I saw a lot of people with rosaries around their necks. God was often mentioned in the conversation. Mass attendance was abundant with people standing outside of the church participating through windows or beyond the boundaries of the doors. Many would walk for miles, not all with shoes on their feet. We were shoulder

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to shoulder to celebrate the gift of Mass together. I awoke one morning with the question in my mind, "How far would I walk for Mass?" Shamefully, my answer was, "not very far!" This was especially powerful for me because many of the "outstations," located in small villages around the parish church, were blessed with Mass only every three to four months because their pastor is responsible for 20, 60 or even 90 outstations.

Before this trip, I took so much in my life for granted. When I went to the light switch, I expected electricity; when I went to the faucet, I expected water; when I drove, I expected decent roads; when I wanted to go, Mass would be celebrated; when sick, quality healthcare and medicine would be available; education would be available for me, my children and grandchildren. One self-revelation was that I had a sense of entitlement that I didn't know I had. In fact, that was always something about "other people" that bothered me. I discovered I was one of the "other people."

I am thankful to God that my 16 days experiencing the beauty of the country, spirit and people of Uganda has changed my life forever. I did not return the same person. Back home, everything looked the same as when I left but nothing will ever be the same again. It just can't be. Nor do I want it to be. I don't want to squander the experience. I want God to do incredible conversion through it. I want to be a better

wife, mother, stepmother, grandmother, friend, parishioner, co-worker -- person. It has given me inspiration to be more faith-filled and vocal about my faith.

I have also noticed that my internal responses to various circumstances have changed. I hope the changes last, personally. For example, it's taking more to upset me than before I left. I'm more patient and when I feel that twinge to react creep back in, I remind myself of the lessons learned. That's a welcome benefit.

It seems I've also developed an intolerance for intolerance. I hope it lasts, too, so long as I can properly channel it for good. Since returning, I have encountered people getting bent out of shape and blowing up over trivial matters. I try to gently diffuse their anger and frustration. And it was very real to me and very convicting that I have been that person. Another lesson learned.

Without having experienced this first-hand, I don't know if you can truly understand. But I am a witness. I now know I am truly blessed by God and I don't ever want to forget that or the lessons I have learned. I will forever be indebted to the beautiful people of Uganda, and thank you, God, for bestowing this blessing on me! When describing my trip and the conditions, several people have responded by asking me if I'd go back. My answer is always the same, "Absolutely. When do we leave?"

## For the Love of God and Uganda

By Father Mike Clark

How poor they are. How poor they are. “God hears the cry of the poor”, perhaps because those who subsist rather than wallow in luxury realize and readily acknowledge their utter dependence upon God. Stark realities – abject poverty, remnants of tropical forests scarred by clear-cutting, dirt paths considered roads by locals and utilized by people on foot, bicycles, small motorized vehicles and shabby cars, jar my senses as a visceral tightening pricks my conscience. Inmost thoughts are laid bare by all I see, smell, and touch.

Why on earth am I on high alert despite being met by friend and confrere Fr. Titus Ahabyona? “Gather information quickly; take in everything possible; begin to construct a frame of reference.” These subconscious stirrings bubble, flow and gain speed. I become aware of what I’m doing. I’m sizing up the people of Uganda and trying to organize and take control all while being wary and travel weary.

A new environment enveloping me precludes “settling in”; prayer in the midst of the transition offers comfortable, familiar space. Lord help me to be open to what you desire to teach me. Help me to move past the constraints of the physical toward the spiritual. I utter fervent words to God for the nameless I’ve encountered, for friends, for my travel companions, for those to whom we come to serve and instruct, for family, for parishioners back home and for myself.

I regain bearing by focusing on the primary purpose of the trip. At the invitation of Bishop Robert Muhirwa, through the instigation of Fr. Titus Ahabyona, we, Sr. Celeste Boda, OSB, Louanne Payne and I, travel to the Diocese of Fort Portal so we can offer a tangible expression of thanks to their local church [diocese] for sharing Fr. Titus with our Owensboro Tribunal for six years. He was gift to us – serving as a judge in our tribunal, substituting in parishes on weekends, heightening our awareness of the universality of the Church. Now we bring the gift of our expertise in tribunal practice to those serving in parish ministry throughout the Diocese of Fort Portal. Our plan: present a two day workshop on tribunal advocacy reiterating the rights of the faithful, lay ground work for the establishment of a tribunal in Fort Portal, and support the notion that their newly



**Father Mike Clark speaking with workshop participants.**

appointed Judicial Vicar, Fr. Titus, truly is their local expert in canon law.

In typical Western fashion, my energy surged as our team attempted to script – in conversation with Fr. Titus – a well organized schematic of how our days in Uganda would be spent. If we intended to bring our skills to the parish priests, religious sisters and other lay ministers working in parish settings, I wanted maximum efficiency and effectiveness. Despite the fact that our journey to Fort Portal would span nearly two complete days and whisk us forward in time by nine time zones, we had every intention of allowing ourselves a mere two days in the country before presenting a two day workshop. Thereafter we would assist Fr. Titus with formation of staff, be available to his bishop to answer questions, etc. Then, and only then, would we relax and absorb the local culture, meet friends and family of Fr. Titus, and possibly see some exotic African animals that one from the U.S. would generally see only in a zoo.

God’s love of us broke through the mapped out schedule in a remarkable manner. Our workshop started four days later than originally planned! We, the Americans, had no inkling of what cities/villages we would visit, how long we

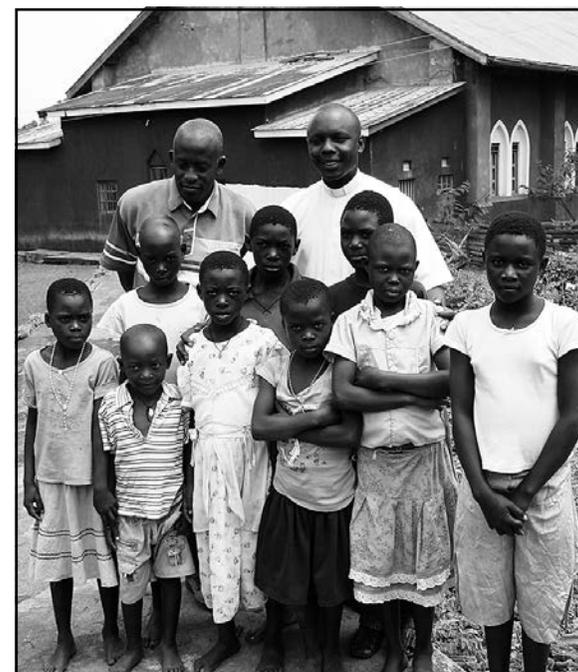
eyes. Rich and lush, can this be so close by a city chock full of poor people?

Trekking around Uganda we encountered most of Fr. Titus’s family members and many others who knew him. Often these meetings were by happenstance; occasionally they were planned. Inevitably none of them transpired on our timetable. Even upon arrival at the parish Fr. Titus serves, St. Charles Lwanga, the invitation to preside and preach for the weekend came quickly and unexpectedly. How dare Fr. Titus encroach upon my preparation time as I readied myself for The Workshop, the centerpiece of our trip? Saying yes to his requests brought me more integrally into the lives of the people and a bond was forged for Sr. Celeste and Louanne too. We moved among and with locals; they shared their faith, their belief, their hopes, their welcome, their joy.

Surprisingly, I did not blow a gasket at the seemingly fluid notion of time and the lack of control I felt. God was working on me, partially through Fr. Titus’s humility and spiritual insight. He after all had allowed us to come in. He unabashedly showed us the majestic beauty alongside the gut wrenching primitive conditions with which many of his fellow countrymen contend. He entrusted his parishioners to me at Mass. He facilitated our interaction with his staff. He made time for us amidst balancing his pastoral and canonical duties.

Now we are equipped to relate to those who gather for the workshop. We have been opened a bit through the brief exposure to the people they serve. Oh what wondrous deep faith is on exhibit. A relationship of trust and mutual respect begins to unfold in God’s time and not on our schedule.

Do I comprehend and appreciate these blessings?



**Father Titus Ahabyona, at back left, and Fr. Edward with school children.**

would be in any location, which “hotels” or in whose homes we would be staying. Fr. Titus had arranged this for us – some of the arranging happened as we went. Neither did we realize that we would be toured around Kampala, the extremely impoverished capital city of 3 million people. Our first two days were filled with shocking experiences, abrupt “acclamation”, serene natural beauty and time to visit and reconnect with our friend, Fr. Titus.

Moving about Entebbe, a city near the capital, located on the edge of Lake Victoria, another view of Uganda came into focus. Sources of the Nile River are here. Dams like those in our own diocese, generating hydroelectric power stand before us. Vibrant green fields of tea plantations, coffee trees, abundant fruit trees as well bearing both familiar and exotic treats all draw my



### Students of the Month

Bishop William Medley recently visited Sts. Peter & Paul School and recognized the February "Students of the Month" following an all school Mass. In the first row are Andrew Folz, Tyler Adcock, Emma Benford, Walter Kunnmann, and Preston Chaudoin. In the back row are Bishop Medley, Rayna Pound, Matthew Ramos, Alex Allard, and Virginia Cincotti. Submitted by Sarah Kranz

## St. Paul School Students Triple Goal for St Jude Math-A-Thon Fundraiser

SAINT PAUL, Ky. - A few weeks ago the students from St. Paul School were given a goal of raising \$300 for St. Jude Math-A-Thon. If they reached \$350, they would receive a Jeans Day, movie, popcorn, and coke. With 100% participation in grades kindergarten through sixth grade, the students raised \$1,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital! The students earned t-shirts and look forward to having St. Jude T-shirt Day.

Representatives from St. Jude's Hospital, Laurie Kintner and Jane Strunk took the time to meet and shake the hand of each student to thank them for their gift of giving. The representatives spoke with the students about St. Jude. The students learned that the hospital has played a key role in the U.S. pediatric cancer survival rates rising from 20 to 80 percent. Leading the research and treatment of blood disorders and infectious diseases in children, St. Jude's is the only designated Comprehensive Cancer Center devoted to children.

The students, pictured at right, were so happy knowing the money they raised would be given to help children in such great need. The students pictured here are as follows: Laura Higdon, Gabriel Mudd, Isaac DePoyster, Katie Embry, Lydia Mudd, Keegan Sharp, Nathan Witten, Shelby Davis, Angelica Elliott, John Pirtle, Molly Geary, Rebecca DePoyster, Dakota Litsey, Alex Skaggs, Ethan Crawford, Alyssa Skees, Hailey Lampton, Luke Sharp, Avery Davis, Alie Skaggs, Noah Higdon, Dominick Licata, Lilly DePoyster, Owen Meredith & Keaton Crawford. Also pictured are teachers, Joan Butterworth, Emily Drake, Janice Darst and St. Jude representatives, Laurie Kintner and Jane Strunk. Submitted by Gina Sims





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# Two Franciscan Sisters Grateful To God To Be In Service To His People

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By Edie Keeney

PADUCAH, Ky. - This is a story about two Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin, Ohio and the changes that have occurred since they became members of the Order in the 1950's. Sister Lucy Bonifas or should I refer to her as she was known before she became Sister Mary Lucy, Mary Angela, and Sister Mary Kateri Kaufman was Marlene. This is their story and the story of many young women who are also Sisters of St. Francis and many other Orders of Sisters.

Sister (Mary) Lucy thought about becoming a Sister in grade school. As a freshman she attended the preparatory school at Tiffin, Ohio. Sister Kateri explained, "In the 7th and 8th grade I felt drawn to the Sisters. I had a cousin in the Saint Francis Order in Tiffin and I just knew that is where I belonged. I knew within myself that it was just what I wanted to do. I believe it is a calling". They both spent 3 years at the prep school. The young women worked with the Sisters and observed their way of life; it was a time of discernment. In their senior year of school Sister Lucy and Sister Kateri entered the convent as postulants, wearing black dresses with starched white cuffs, white collars, black capes and short black veils. This was followed by two years of novitiate spent deepening their prayer life, various areas of studies and religious and historical education.

"At last, in August after high school, on the feast of St. Clare, the day came to be 'Sisters'! We processed into the chapel dressed as brides, declared our desire to be a religious and the Bishop handed us the religious habit. We departed to be clothed and returned dressed in the traditional Franciscan habit of that time: the long, brown, floor length, long sleeved, simple garment and scapular, cord, large rosary and white veil. On returning to the chapel, 2" x 4" cards were put into our folded hands with our new names written on the back out of our sight. As we knelt before the Bishop, he removed the card and announced to all, 'Mary Angela Bonifas, you shall henceforth be called Sister Mary Lucy.' And 'Marlene Kaufman, you shall henceforth be called Sister Kateri.' Two years of deeper prayer life and spiritual studies brought us to temporary profession of vowed religious life before we made our Final Profession of vowed life of poverty, chastity and obedience," Sister Lucy and



Sister Lucy on the left and Sister Kateri on the right. Edie Keeney Photo

Sister explained.

Sister Lucy entered the convent in 1954 and Sister Kateri entered in 1959. The Community of the Sisters of Saint Francis was founded in 1869 as a Diocesan Community to care for the orphans and widows in the area. In the 1950's the Franciscan Sisters requested Papal Approbation. Once approved the Sisters were able to serve in Mexico, Eastern and Western Kentucky and in the Appalachians where they remain today. Other changes were allowed after Vatican II. Sisters were permitted to return to their baptismal names if they desired. The religious habit was modified several times, the Sisters could wear a short veil that was less confining or no veil at all, the cross formerly hanging from a cord could now be hanging on a chain. As the years passed, many Sisters began wearing modest secular women's clothing. Before Vatican II, visits with family were restricted or limited. The Sisters were generally not able to visit overnight with their families and had to return to a convent to sleep. Very few Sisters were allowed to drive and had to depend on people from the parishes for transportation. Before Vatican II, Sisters were annually 'assigned' to their work place without any input as to their wishes. Now, after discernment and prayer, with permission, Sisters can seek new or renewed employment. Annual discernment occurs each year regarding ministry.

Sister Lucy has had many duties. For several years she worked as a seamstress with two other Sisters in the motherhouse, making all the new habits and repairing the old. She also worked in various areas of the Home for the Aged, the Retreat House in Carey, Ohio, and as House Mother to the Senior Girls at St. Anthony's Orphanage, Toledo, Ohio. She came to Lourdes Hospital, Paducah, in 1969 as an LPN, and continued to work while she studied to obtain her RN license. She served Hospice, Pastoral Care and Child Care while Director of Spiritual Services. Presently, Sister Lucy serves as Chaplain at Lourdes. "My vocation has been a great blessing to me. It surprises me that 20,30,40 years after the fact, people recall how I impacted their lives. That is what I am here for, to serve God's people in whatever and however He can work through me. It truly is humbling to realize what I did in service was so meaningful to those on the receiving end!. God is so good! I look at our religious community

now through all of the changes and we are still here, working and serving Him," Sister Lucy remarked, "Someone just asked me if I was retiring. My only response was: I am listening but God hasn't told me yet".

Sister Kateri worked as a housekeeper in Ohio for several years for the Sisters who were teachers; she worked in the kitchen, the sewing room and did general domestic work. In 1976 she moved to Paducah where she worked in a daycare center with children for 36 years. "The children couldn't remember or pronounce Sister Kateri; they called me KK. So many people know me as KK or Sister KK. I have even received mail addressed to KK and the mailman knows the mail is for me. I attended the wedding of the first child I ever helped raise at daycare. I have seen the second generation of the first children I helped raise. I enjoy so much being with the children." When asked if she will retire, she replied, "I treasure my vocation; to be able to serve others, my prayer time and my ministry to others. As long as I am physically able, mentally component and enjoy my ministry, I feel grateful to God to be in service to His people."

## A NIGHT AT THE RACES

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## Coaches vs. Cancer donation sets new record!



American Cancer Society representative, Karami Underwood, is pictured accepting a check for \$1,032.00 collected during the annual Coaches vs. Cancer night held at St. Mary on February 9. Coach Greg Overstreet stated that this was the largest donation to date from this effort. "This is most generous and we are very grateful to St. Mary for this

level of support," stated Mrs. Underwood. Presenting the check to Mrs. Underwood are senior cheerleaders Katie Stewart and Maddie West, and senior basketball players Elliot Bray, Lydia McManus, and Leann Thweatt. Also pictured is Jackie Hopper who was honored as a St. Mary cancer survivor at Coaches vs. Cancer night. Submitted by Jackie Hopper.

### The multinational One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies

prayer event is scheduled to happen on May 3rd(Friday), May 4 - 5. The Rosary will be prayed for the following intention: For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. A person may register to be a participant by going to the website [www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org](http://www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org) and registering; or, a person may let his/her intention be known in writing and then send it to: Saint Michael the Archangel Organization, P. O. Box 41257, Memphis, Tennessee 38174. As of March 25th, 2013, more than 100,000 Rosaries had been registered for the One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies prayer event.

## Please Pray For The Repose of the Soul of Sister Ann Leo Wilson, S.C.N., Who Died Feb. 22, 2013



Ann Leo Wilson, SCN, 96, a native of Fancy Farm, Ky., died at Carrico Hall, Nazareth, Ky., on Friday, February 22, 2013. She had been a Sister of Charity of Nazareth for 78 years.

Sister Ann Leo served in community service and health care in Kentucky and Tennessee as Local Superior, Dietary Supervisor and LPN for 60 years. In Louisville, Sister served at Our Lady of Peace Hospital as Central Kitchen Supervisor from 1950-65; at Saints Mary and Elizabeth Hospital as Dietary Dept. Supervisor from 1965-66 and in the Sister Visitor Program from 1966-67. Sister Ann Leo served at

various facilities as an LPN in health care from 1970-80. She served in community service in SCN facilities in Louisville from 1980-2002.

Survivors include a brother, Paul Wilson of Fancy Farm, Ky., nieces and nephews, and her religious community.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, February 25, 2013, in St. Vincent Church, Nazareth, Ky., followed by burial in Nazareth Cemetery.

Funeral Arrangements were handled by Ratterman Funeral Home, 3800 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Ky. Memorials may be made to SCN Missions, P.O. Box 9, Nazareth, KY 40048.

## A NIGHT AT THE RACES

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## Please Pray For The Repose of the Soul of Sister Mary Mercedes Knott, 90, Who Died Feb. 21, 2013



Maple Mount — Sister Mary Mercedes Knott, 90, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Feb. 21, 2013 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 65th year of religious life. She was born in Knottsville, Ky., but while she was a child, the family moved to Wilhelmina, Mo., where she grew up.

A gifted homemaker, Sister Mary Mercedes was a quiet person known for the many kindnesses she showed, and her devotion to Mary. She served

in the diet kitchen at Mount Saint Joseph (1951-57, 1964-65, and 1975-81), and part of that time was diet kitchen director. She also served elsewhere in Kentucky, New Mexico and Nebraska.

Survivors include three sisters, Mary Frances Smith, Boone, N.C., Mabel Eloise Macke, St. Paul, Mo., and Margaret Aurelia Brown, Arnold, Mo.; two brothers, Charles C. Knott, Arnold, Mo., and James Patrick Knott, Imperial, Mo.; nieces and nephews, and the members of her religious community.

The funeral Mass was Feb. 26 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery.

Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements.

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

# Praying For Protection And Healing

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By Molly Thompson  
(www.rcdok.org/safe)

Protection and healing: our Church's committed response to child sexual abuse.

At the diocesan Office of Safe Environment I try to keep that focus: healing for those harmed by abuse and protection for our children and young people. I provide background screenings and sexual abuse prevention training for Church employees and all adults who work with youth. My tools are mainly a database, a youth policy, Codes of Conduct, and emails.

Other people, however, do the real protecting. They operate all over western Kentucky, assisting in Catholic school classrooms, staffing parish offices, teaching faith formation classes, driving on field trips, coaching on ball fields, volunteering with liturgies and at camps and in kids' clubs. These adults have taken time to learn about child abuse and the trauma it causes to a child's spirit. They have read our diocesan youth policy and diocesan sexual abuse policy and have agreed to follow their requirements. They are committed to making our activities as safe as possible.

Sometimes they have to change plans to provide better oversight at an event. Sometimes they have

to arrange an activity sooner because of necessary safety requirements. Sometimes they have to confront another adult who hasn't considered the safety expectations. It takes work, but each step shows commitment to our children's safety. We should all appreciate the adults who are willing to learn and change things to keep our children safe from the harm of abuse.

Child abuse remains an evil in our communities, but we must work to eliminate it as we spread God's message of love for even the youngest among us. Confronting this curse requires courage, determination, and always prayer.

Recognizing April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Bishop Medley will again preside at a Prayer Service for Protection and Healing. This year's prayer service will be held at Holy Spirit Parish (4754 Smallhouse Road, Bowling Green) on Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m..

Everyone is invited and encouraged to join Bishop Medley on April 11. We will be praying for healing for those harmed by abuse and for the Lord's blessings on our Church's protection efforts. Come join us.

## April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



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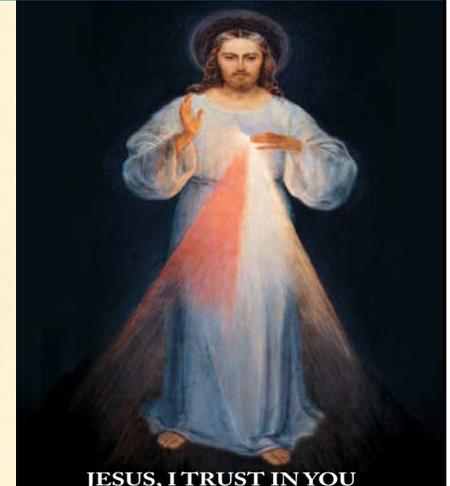
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# Functions of Hispanic Ministers In parishes with Hispanic Ministry



By Luis Aju

Each Hispanic Minister present in each parish has a mission. It is to fill the gaps where the Bishop, the Pastor or other leaders are not able too because of the many needs in the communities. I will discuss some points of action of Hispanic Ministers who accompany our Hispanic or non-Hispanic communities, since the Catholic Faith should not see or have differences of any kind. We, who constitute the Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese, work as a team. We assist those who need our support in dealing with physical, emotional or spiritual pain. We have embraced the mission to serve others and never expect to be served. We make this mission a reality when we reach out to those in need. It is good to mention the emotional wounds, because in this country we are foreigners, that implies that we have sacrificed our relationships as parents, siblings, friends, neighbors, and relatives, including our homeland where we were born. This is an emotional constant wound.

There is an issue that exists which is our love for our land, the country, culture, and our people. In our Latin American towns we live with the silence of nature, respecting the richness of the land, from which we were created from and turned into people by our creator. Returning to the sources is returning to God the creator in soul and with the grace of God. This was the purpose of these 40 Lenten days of preparation to find new life as a New Dawn. However there is no new day, for those who have not fought to change our way of living and thinking in these 40 days.

There are many of us who think excellent things, but we always just end up with good thoughts, and do not move a finger to change our relationship with our brothers sisters whom we can see and much less with God whom we can not see, so it will be very difficult to make changes in our behavior with each other.

The work of a Hispanic Minister

P. Jose Carmelo, Habraham Brown, Hna. Esther de St. Thomas More, Cristobal Gutierrez, Sts. Jose y Pablo Owensboro, Patricia Gutierrez, Sebree, Luis J. Aju CPC de la Diocesis, Hna. Maria Luisa de san Jose Mayfield, Hna. Fran Panchita del Centro Latino, Gina Homes de San Jose Bowling Greene. P. Juan Rene, de Beaver Dam y Morgantown, Gina Holmes de San Jose de Bowling Greene, Hna. Patricia Sulllivan Russellville, Luis Aju del CPC. Photo courtesy of the Diocesan Office for Hispanic Ministries



is: to protect the people in our communities in their various needs, be with young people, adults, children and the elderly. We should do this without seeing or preferring their origin, color, nationality or language. Serving Jesus by serving those who comes to the door, and be to do it without making any distinctions. Each of the ministers protects and commit to this rule, serve and not be served. All who serve in Hispanic Ministry have a mission to fulfill the will of God. We have analyzed and understood that the Church has a vision that all people receive the Good News of Jesus as savior of the world.

Hispanic Ministers also guard and protect our cultural values and our Catholic religion and its various forms of expression. We teach our children and our community by serving them in different ways that we are united by the will of God. We are very successful in keeping our roots, because we live in a society composed of many cultures from many countries and yet we keep our values in the best way possible. A cultural value learned from childhood is impossible to remove, because it is an intrinsic value that nobody can change or avoid. These cultural values are a gift that God has given to us and is inviolable.

Luis Aju is Director of the Office for Hispanic Ministries for the Diocese of Owensboro.

## MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 2013

- 8 J.D. Byrider Breakfast Meeting
- 11 **Study of the Catholic Catechism for Adults**
- 12-14 Secular Carmelites
- 13 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 **Study of the Catholic Catechism for Adults**
- 11 **Yarn Spinning Day**
- 13 Nursing Retreat
- 15 Nursing Retreat
- 18-19 MSJ Alumnae Weekend
- 26-6 Glenmary Sisters' Chapter and Retreat
- 31-6 Come and Serve Week for single Catholic women\*

### June 2013

- 8 Associates and Sisters Day
- 13 **Study of the Catholic Catechism for Adults**
- 13-15 Y-DOSA Summit
- 23-28 Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) Retreat
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# Bishop Medley Blesses Foundation for Catholic Jubilee House in Owensboro

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On March 10, 2013, Bishop William Medley met the Ashley Bonds family, a single mother with two young sons, at 1545 West Fourth Street, the site of their new house in Owensboro.

Some call the site Habitat for Humanity (HFH) Build #108. Others call it the Catholic Jubilee House. Bishop Medley blessed the Bonds family's new house foundation as well as the foundation for Build #197 next door.

"These house numbers," Bishop Medley said, "shows the vibrance of this community, its energy to help people." He thanked the families of the two houses for allowing the 40 or so people attending the blessing "to visit with you at your home. This is most gracious of you to have us here today," Bishop Medley said.

The Catholic Jubilee House is the last event of the diocese's Jubilee Year before its ending at Chrism Mass March 26. The Habitat for Humanity build #108 is a collaborative among HFH, the Diocese of Owensboro, Brescia University, and Owensboro Catholic High School's HFH Chapter, and all the Owensboro Catholic Schools who are helping to raise funds for the sponsorship of the Catholic Jubilee House.



**Bishop William Medley posed with Ashley Bonds and her two sons after the blessing of their new house's foundation on March 10, 2013 in Owensboro.**



**Above photo, Virginia Braswell, Executive Director for Owensboro's Habitat for Humanity, at right, introduced Bishop William Medley for the blessing of two new homes in Owensboro. Mel Howard Photos**

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## Good Communicators

St. Mary Middle School students took top honors in all age levels at the McCracken County Regional 4-H Speech competition. Students who will advance to area competition are: 11 years Winner--Lexi Carter, Alternate- Charlie West; 12 years Winner--Megan Morrow, Alternate--John Wilson; 13 years Winner-- Alexa Azar, Alternate--Emily Hodges; 14 years Winner--Ellie Vaughn. Submitted by Jackie Hopper, Development Officer, St. Mary School System



*This story is a fictitious account about a conversion.*

**By Julie Ward Murphy**

She was only ten going on 25. When she would introduce herself she would say, "Why hello, my name is Avery and one day I am going to be famous!" Now, how many ten-year-olds introduce themselves to strangers like that? Well, little Miss Avery Margaret Ward did. She would light up a room with her big blue eyes, and smile with that one deep dimple on her right cheek, and twist her curly blond hair with her fingers. Avery was very high strung, always one step ahead of everyone else for such a tender age. People would always tell her mother Lucy, "That little Avery of yours is something else!" Lucy didn't quite make the connection because she was pretty much high on drugs and drunk because she was an alcoholic and a drug addict.

What few happy memories Avery did have from her childhood were when her momma was still married to her daddy and he would tuck them in bed every night. There wasn't storytelling, no bedtime prayers; it was just tucking them into bed with a kiss on the cheek and a pat on the head. Avery craved affection because she never received it at home, and that is why she was a dreamer, and she dreamed big! She wanted the whole world to know her and love her. She dreamed of nice houses, nice clothes, pretty hair, makeup, all the things little girls are made up of when they pretend and play house. But there were many obstacles that could have held Avery back.

Avery was born very poor in the projects. She had four other siblings, two brothers and two sisters; she was the oldest. The first two siblings had the same father, but the two little sisters had different fathers. Her brother Dominic was eight at the time and her brother Ben six; Maria was four and Sophia Rose was two.

Pretty much, Avery was the one who took care of her brothers and sisters because of her mother's addiction. Only her dreams kept her from losing herself on that path of bitterness and destruction. She was going to get out of the projects, and she was going to do it without anyone's help, especially from her mother who drove away her father into the hands of another family.

Avery had a plan since she was a ten-year-old little girl and that plan was to never go hungry again and feel that shame of being poor. She was determined to never be made fun of because she had to wear the same jeans all week and only had two really nice shirts she wore every day to school.

As the years passed and Avery turned 16, she ran away with her boyfriend. Her mother Lucy didn't even notice she was gone until she sobered up and was getting hungry. Unfortunately, after years of substance abuse, Avery's mother died from a drug overdose and her brothers and sisters were put into foster care. Avery didn't know any of this because she never looked back on her past.

## A Reflection About Reconciliation ... Looking For Love, In All the Wrong Places

Avery never had real love to hold onto. She couldn't remember a time her own mother hugged and kissed her, or even complimented her. Fifteen years have passed and that would make Avery thirty-one. There was not anything she wanted or needed because she was very rich, just like she always knew she would be. She was a model, and married a wealthy business man in the oil industry. Her husband James knew she came from a broken home but he didn't know truly how broken it was or the pain that Avery was hiding in the depths of her soul. No matter how hard she tried, her past kept creeping its way into her thoughts.

Avery didn't know how to love. She only knew how to survive. Eventually the loneliness had taken over and Avery started drinking heavily. She even became addicted to drugs and alcohol just like her mother, that woman she promised she would never be.

It wasn't until a rainy day in a booth of a restaurant where she sat slumped and hung over, that she overheard a conversation of a woman describing how happy she was that she found God. The woman told how religion or any faith for that matter was definitely not something she could relate to. When the woman was a little girl there was a crucifix on a wall in their house, and all she knew was that man nailed on that cross, well, his name was Jesus and he was in heaven. She never asked any questions about God and not a soul ever volunteered any information to her as well.

Avery was curious and intrigued while eavesdropping on the conversation of the strangers behind her. She heard joy and felt that woman's joy as she spoke. Avery felt a little tingle and her hairs began to stand up every time that lady would say the name of God.

"What is going on with me? Why am I getting goose bumps when she says that name?"

She was hoping that they wouldn't leave very soon because she was feeling an emotion that she never in her lifetime could recollect having. She heard the young woman say that she went to confession for the first time in 20 yrs. She was praying every day and never missing Mass on Sundays. Saying that she had never felt more at peace, she said it felt awesome to know that God had a plan for her and that He loved her more than anyone because He put her here on this earth to spread to the world His endless mercy and love and forgiveness, that there was not any sin too big for God to forgive to a contrite heart. Avery got restless, tears flowing uncontrollably down her face. She wanted more than anything to feel that love; she wanted more than anything at that particular time to confess her sins that were weighing her down her whole life, especially the guilt of leaving behind her siblings.

The strangers behind Avery heard her sobbing and asked if they could help her. She could barely speak because the crying was so intense.

"Where can I go to feel the way you just

described to your friend? Please, my whole life has been about only seeking my happiness at any cost, my pleasure, and my money. I only would do things purely out of what I could profit from it."

"Please, where do I find this God?"

The stranger knew that at the right moment God used her testimony to change a life of a stranger hung over from alcohol in a restaurant booth. She asked Avery if she wanted to go to church with her Sunday and after church she would introduce her to the parish priest who could help her on her journey, her true path to happiness.

Avery was baptized into the Catholic faith and was able to receive all the sacraments of the church. With the help of the Holy Spirit she inspired her husband and he joined the church and their life now had true meaning and a purpose.

With the support of her husband, Avery located her brothers and sisters with the help of social services and shared the Gospel with them and asked if they wanted to know what true love really feels like!

She knew not love and love knew her not.

She opened the door to the sound of a knock,

That sound that made her tingle.

All that love she craved forgotten with that simple knock  
For to open its door was light.

The darkness was trapped;

For that door was opened.

Now love knew where to knock.



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.

### 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

Registrations for the 2013 Summer Camp season are coming in at a record pace! Please visit [www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org) for all the information you'll need to attend camp this summer! Please call our office at 270-781-2466 if you have any questions about our summer camp program. We can't wait to see you this summer!!!

# What an Awesome REC ! He Reigns!

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Residents Encounter Christ (REC) 4 was held at Blessed Mother Catholic Church on Feb 15-17. It was an unforgettable experience! The team members and candidates were from many denominations and walks of life. Many of the participants came from local recovery programs, others came from church programs such as Celebrate Recovery.

Talks centered around the Paschal Mystery and how to live one's life for Jesus Christ. During the weekend most of the men gave their lives to Jesus Christ or rededicated their life to live for Jesus Christ. It got extremely emotional Saturday night during the prayer service as guys cried out to God for forgiveness, surrendered drug addictions, not

spending enough time with God, or not serving God by helping others.

The team gave talks laying the foundation for a lifestyle of living for Jesus Christ, showing that the lifestyle is real resulting in a life filled with peace, joy, and love. Everyone felt very blessed to be at such a wonderful facility, with excellent bathrooms, kitchen, and spacious hall. We praise God for all of the hearts that were changed during the weekend and thank Blessed Mother for the use of their facilities.

Love, Your Brother in Christ, Dave Cox, Lay Director



## “He Reigns,”

In the photo above, From February 15-17, 2013 REC#4, was held at Blessed Mother Catholic Church. How about 70 men praising God, testifying, singing, and loving each other! For three days! Well, it didn't start quite that well but it just kept getting better, and better and better! Thank you so much for your prayers, Wheat letters, gifts of food, and love. The men stood in the pews in the church Saturday night and testified for over an hour! Submitted by Dr. Bob Cinnamon, James McBrayer Photographer.

## Good Storytelling Gets Rave Reviews

St. Mary Elementary School students carried on tradition of dressing as a favorite storybook character in celebration of Dr. Suess' birthday March 2. Walking through the halls you saw Laura Wilder Ingalls, Dorothy and Toto, Cat in the Hat, Thing One and Thing Two, Cinderella, and a host of other characters. Submitted By Jackie Hopper



# Y D O S A



## Y-DOSA Workshop Saturday, April 13

A workshop explaining the Y-DOSA (Young Daughters of Saint Angela) program

1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

The Young Daughters of Saint Angela is a group for girls ages 11-18 who study Saint Angela Merici's life and the faith and values she taught young women. There are currently two active Y-DOSA chapters, one in Whitesville and one in Kansas. Anyone interested in knowing more about Y-DOSA, especially those who might want to start a chapter in their area, are welcome at the workshop.

A light supper will be provided. Overnight lodging is available if needed.

Please register by April 5.

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## The Conventual Franciscans

are offering a Vocation Retreat, April 12-14, 2013 for single men, ages 16 - 40, who are interested in learning more about priesthood and brotherhood in the Catholic Church. The retreat will be held at Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality in southern Indiana (near Louisville, Kentucky). There is no cost for the weekend which begins Friday evening and ends Sunday by noon. For more information contact Friar Paul Schloemer: 800.424.9955 or franvoc@aol.com.

## Pope Francis Presents a Challenge

By Susan E. Wills (Continued from page 2)



He has urged Catholics to persevere in their pro-life mission, even if “they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you.” He added: “No child should be deprived of the right

to be born, the right to be fed, the right to go to school. No elderly person should be left alone, abandoned.”

Pope Francis has proposed a radical solution to the culture of death, to problems within the Church and the world at large: We must become saints! Saints, he observes, are the agents of reform in the Church and the world. Not “saints” who piously recite prayers and observe Church teaching while remaining aloof to the world, but the kind who bring the merciful love of Christ into the world.

In Buenos Aires last year, the Cardinal reminded his priests that Jesus bathed lepers and ate with prostitutes. He exhorted them to “Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit.”

The process of conversion, Pope Francis explains, begins in a personal encounter with the mercy and tenderness of Jesus Christ in the face of our sins. As a result of “this merciful embrace ... we feel a real desire to respond, to change, to correspond; a new morality arises. ... Christian morality is ... the heartfelt response to a surprising, unforeseeable, ‘unjust’ [i.e., unmerited] mercy ... of one who knows me, knows my betrayals and loves me just the same, appreciates me, embraces me, calls me again, hopes in me, and expects from me.”

This experience and response should propel us out of our comfort zone and into active evangelization—living a life of total service to others, shouldering their crosses,

loving them as Christ loves us. This is the way to build up the body of Christ and to transform our culture.

That’s why I am deeply challenged by Pope Francis. Not two days into his papacy, his “¡Adelante!” (“Go forth!”) is ringing in my ears. My comfort zone is no longer cozy. My “crosses” seem pitifully small.

My conscience is nagging me to “go out and share ..., go out and interact” and my complacency is weakening under the force of his example. Beware of authentic Catholics like Francis. They may compel you to change your life!

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**Photo from Whispers in the Loggia Blog, “In the Vatican, The Pope of Chaos.” Notice something different there? No cuff links.**

**Foto de Susurros en el Blog Loggia, “En el Vaticano, El Papa del Caos “. Note algo diferente allí? No hay gemelos.**

## Foro Asuntos De Vida

### El Papa Francisco presenta un desafío

Susan E. Wills

A los medios seculares todavía les cuesta encasillar al Papa Francisco en una ideología. ¿Liberal, conservador, tradicional, progresista, compasivo, doctrinario?

Claramente no están familiarizados con la categoría “verdadero católico”.

¿Qué pensar de un hombre que se sumerge en la vida y el sufrimiento de quienes algunos consideran “descartables”—gente que vive en los barrios bajos, niños de la calle, pacientes con sida, ancianos abandonados— y les ofrece fe, esperanza, compañerismo, sabiduría y el reconocimiento de su dignidad humana; un hombre que a la vez condena enfáticamente las “soluciones” actuales al “problema” de la gente descartable, como los anticonceptivos, el aborto y la eutanasia?

El periodista F.P. Dunne acuñó hace un siglo una frase que podría aplicarse a Francisco en sus años como cardenal arzobispo de Buenos Aires, años en que defendió con determinación la vida humana contra todo tipo de abuso: Francisco “contentó a los afligidos y afligió a los contentos”.

Por ejemplo, criticó el trato a los ancianos: “los colgamos en el geriátrico como colgamos el sobretodo en el verano. ... porque ya están descartables, no sirven”. Condenó la “eutanasia clandestina” en que los “servicios sociales pagan hasta cierto límite; si cruzas el límite, ‘muere, estás muy viejo”.

Atacó una y otra vez las políticas hedonistas de “pan y circo” del gobierno argentino que promueven la esterilización y los anticonceptivos gratuitos, y el “matrimonio” de personas del mismo sexo, argumentando que socavan el respeto por la vida, la familia y la libertad religiosa.

Instó a los católicos a perseverar en su misión pro vida, aunque “los van a perseguir, los van a calumniar, les van a meter trampas para entregarlos a los tribunales y que los maten”. Agregó: “no tiene que haber un solo chico que no tenga derecho a nacer... a estar bien alimentado...[y a] ir a la escuela. ... y que no haya un solo anciano guardado, solo, tirado”.

El Papa Francisco ha propuesto una solución radical para la cultura de la muerte, los problemas dentro de la Iglesia y el mundo en general: ¡Debemos convertirnos en santos! Los santos, señala, son los agentes de reforma en la Iglesia y en el mundo. No en “santos” que recitan devotamente oraciones y guardan las enseñanzas de la Iglesia pero que permanecen ajenos al mundo, sino en santos que llevan el amor misericordioso de Cristo al mundo.

El año pasado en Buenos Aires, el Cardenal les recordó a sus sacerdotes que Jesús limpiaba a los leprosos y comía con prostitutas. Los exhortó: “Salgan a compartir su testimonio, salgan a interactuar con sus hermanos, salgan a compartir, salgan a preguntar. Conviértanse en la Palabra en cuerpo y espíritu”.

El proceso de conversión, explica el Papa Francisco, comienza en un encuentro personal con la misericordia y ternura de Jesucristo ante nuestros pecados. Como resultado de “este abrazo misericordioso... sentimos el verdadero deseo de responder, de cambiar, de corresponder; surge una nueva moral. ... la moral cristiana es... la respuesta sincera a una misericordia sorprendente, imprevista, ‘injusta’ [es decir, no merecida]... por parte de alguien que me conoce, que conoce mis traiciones y me ama de todos modos, me valora, me abraza, me llama otra vez, tiene esperanza en mí y espera algo de mí”.

Esta experiencia y respuesta debe impulsarnos a salir de nuestra comodidad y emprender una evangelización activa: llevando una vida de servicio pleno a los demás, ayudándolos con sus cruces, amándolos como Cristo nos ama. Esta es la manera de construir el cuerpo de Cristo y transformar nuestra cultura.

Por este motivo, el Papa Francisco me desafía profundamente. Su “¡Adelante!”, cuando no habían pasado ni dos días de su papado, todavía resuena en mis oídos. Mi comodidad ya no me resulta cómoda. Mis “cruces” parecen sumamente pequeñas.

Mi conciencia me insiste “sal a compartir... sal a interactuar” y mi autocomplacencia se debilita ante la fuerza de su ejemplo. Hay que tener cuidado con un verdadero católico como Francisco. ¡Puede obligarte a cambiar tu vida entera!

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## Funciones de cada uno de los Ministros Hispanos En las parroquias con Ministerio Hispano.



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### Por Luis Aju

En las parroquias con Ministerio Hispano.

Cada uno de los Ministros Hispanos presentes en las parroquias tiene una misión, llenar los espacios donde el Obispo, el Párroco u

otro líder, no puede estar presente por las múltiples necesidades de las comunidades. De las cuales vamos a señalar estos puntos de acción de los Ministros Hispanos que acompañan a las comunidades Hispánicas o no hispanas, puesto que la Fe católica no ve ni debe hacer diferencias de ninguna índole. Nosotros los que constituimos el Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis, trabajamos como equipo. Atendemos a los que necesitan de nuestro acompañamiento, en el dolor físico, espiritual y emocional. La misión que hemos abrazado es servir al Prójimo y nunca esperar a que nos sirvan. Hacemos realidad a esta misión cuando tendemos la mano a quien lo necesita. Es bueno mencionar las heridas emocionales, porque en este país somos extranjeros, eso quiere decir que hemos sacrificado nuestras relaciones como

padres, hermanos, amigos, vecinos, y familiares, incluso tierra natal que nos vio nacer. Esto es una herida emocional y constante.

Existe un tema que se es el amor a la tierra, al país, a la cultura, y a la gente. En nuestros pueblos Latinos se vive con el silencio de la naturaleza, respetando la riqueza de la tierra, del cual fuimos sacados y creados como personas por nuestro creador. Retorno a las fuentes, es el retorno a Dios el creador de todos nosotros las personas con alma y con la gracia de Dios. De esto se trató estos 40 días cuaresmales cuyo propósito fue la preparación para encontrar la Nueva vida como Nuevo Amanecer. Sin embargo no existe el nuevo día, para los que no hemos luchado por cambiar nuestra manera de vivir y de pensar.

Abemos muchos que pensamos cosas excelentes, pero nos quedamos con los buenos pensamientos, y no movemos ni un dedo por cambiar nuestra relación con nuestros hermanos a quienes vemos y menos a Dios a quien no podemos ver, por lo tanto será muy difícil hacer cambios en nuestros comportamientos unos con los otros. La labor de un Ministro Hispano es: velar por las personas en las comunidades en sus diversas necesidades, estar con

## Diocesan Review Board Members Ready to Respond to Calls

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett, Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kay Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Vice Chair, Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Chair, Ms. Teresa Henry, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, and Ms. Kelly Roe. Sr. Ethel Marie Biri, SSND, serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board.

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

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Los miembros del Comité que responden a las alegaciones de abuso sexual en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Sr. Ken Bennett, Sr. Mike Boone, Sra. Kay Castlen, Pbro. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Sr. Mike Flaherty, Vice Chair, Sra. Rhonda Gillham, Sr. Nicholas Goetz, Sr. Brandon Harley, Chair, Sra. Teresa Henry, Sra. Mary Beth Hurley, y Sra. Kelly Roe. Hna. Ethel Marie Biri, SSND, sirve como el enlace entre el Obispo y el Comité Examinador.

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los jóvenes, los adultos, los niños y los ancianos. Sin ver o preferir su origen, su color, su lengua o nacionalidad. Servir a Jesús que viene a la puerta, sin hacer ninguna distinción. Cada uno de los ministros cuida esta norma, Servir y No Ser Servido. Todos los que servimos en el Ministerio Hispano, tenemos una Misión que cumplir por voluntad de Dios. Hemos analizado y entendido que la Iglesia tiene una visión, hacer que todos los pueblos reciban la Buena Nueva de Jesús como salvador del mundo.

Los Ministros Hispanos velan por nuestros valores culturales, así como nuestra religión católica y sus diversas

formas de expresión. Para enseñar a nuestros hijos y a la comunidad de que estamos unidos por voluntad de Dios, sirviendo a Dios en la comunidad de diferentes maneras.

Tenemos mucho éxito en mantener nuestras raíces, porque vivimos en una sociedad compuesta por varias culturas provenientes de muchos países y grupos culturales y sin embargo hemos podido mantener nuestros valores lo mejor posible. Un valor cultural aprendido desde la niñez es imposible quitar, porque es un valor intrínseco que nadie lo puede cambiar o alienar. Es un don que Dios nos regalo a cada uno y es inviolable.

## Francisco, el gran comunicador

Por Mar Muñoz-Visoso

En tan sólo pocos días, el Papa Francisco ya ha sorprendido a muchos por su estilo comunicativo directo, sencillo, con dos o tres ideas básicas fáciles de recordar, y a menudo saliéndose del guión para contar alguna anécdota interesante o ilustrativa de lo que acaba de decir.

Las dos primeras intervenciones públicas después de su aparición en el balcón de San Pedro son muy iluminadoras al respecto. En la homilía durante la misa con los cardenales electores, hablando desde el ámbón y no desde la silla como cualquier párroco lo haría y sin leer de un texto preparado, habló a sus hermanos cardenales de un triple movimiento sugerido por las lecturas: caminar, construir, confesar. Caminar en la presencia del Señor, como Abraham. Construir la Iglesia como "piedras vivas". Confesar a Jesucristo sin miedo a la cruz.

Y, de nuevo, en su audiencia con periodistas y personal de los medios de comunicación ha escogido una terna de la que ya hablara su predecesor, Benedicto XVI: la verdad, la bondad, la belleza. Tras agradecer a los periodistas la intensa labor informativa de estos días y exhortarlos a tratar de conocer cada vez mejor la verdadera naturaleza de la Iglesia y sus motivaciones espirituales, el Papa Francisco les ha dicho que en realidad la Iglesia y los medios tienen mucho en común.

"Tened la seguridad de que la Iglesia, por su parte, dedica una gran atención a vuestro precioso cometido; tenéis la capacidad de recoger y expresar las expectativas y exigencias de nuestro tiempo, de ofrecer los elementos para una lectura de la realidad. Vuestro trabajo requiere estudio, sensibilidad y experiencia, como en tantas otras profesiones, pero implica una atención especial respecto a la verdad, la bondad y la belleza; y esto nos hace particularmente cercanos, porque la Iglesia existe precisamente para comunicar esto: la Verdad, la Bondad y la Belleza «en persona». Debería quedar muy claro que todos estamos llamados, no a mostrarnos a nosotros mismos, sino a comunicar esta tríada existencial que conforman la verdad, la bondad y la belleza," afirmó.

Y dicho esto, para deleite de los periodistas presentes, pasó a contar en primicia, sin guion ni texto preparado, hablando a corazón abierto, la historia de cómo y porqué escogió el nombre de Francisco. Lo hizo en honor de san Francisco de Asís: el hombre pobre, el hombre de paz, el que cuida de la creación. He aquí otra terna. ¿Ven el patrón?

Este estilo comunicativo, sencillo, ágil, eficaz, por supuesto no sorprende a quienes por años le han escuchado predicar en la catedral y en las parroquias de Buenos Aires, donde es famoso por dar, a veces, homilías de cinco minutos y luego sentarse en silencio otros cinco minutos para que el pastor junto con el pueblo mediten en silencio el contenido de las lecturas y su enseñanza.

Desde el punto de vista comunicativo, la elección del "Papa Bergoglio" ha dado un gran impulso al "kerigma", a la proclamación de la Palabra. Donde Benedicto XVI antes pusiera en énfasis en la ortodoxia doctrinal, la contemplación del misterio y la profundidad, ahora Francisco recoge ese legado y lo expresa en su estilo particular en palabras sencillas, fáciles de entender y recordar. La Nueva Evangelización sin duda ha recibido un gran regalo y un gran impulso del Espíritu con la elección de Francisco. Si lo que buscaban los cardenales era un líder espiritual para guiar la barca de Pedro en tiempos difíciles, ciertamente esta ha sido una elección inspirada. Ahora oremos para que pueda y sepa rodearse de colaboradores honestos y eficaces que le ayuden en este cometido y que sepan apartar todo aquello que impida a la Iglesia realizar su misión de predicar la Verdad, la Bondad y la Belleza "en persona": Jesucristo, el hijo de Dios vivo.

Ha sido un verdadero goce acompañarlo y observarlo en estos primeros días de su pontificado. El hombre emana sencillez y cercanía. Pero sobre todo se ha ganado al pueblo que ve en él a un pastor que camina con sus ovejas.

Ad multos annos! Dios lo guarde por muchos años. ¡Viva el Papa Francisco!

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## Entre Amigos-Opinión / Comentario/ March 18, 2013

## Francesco, the great communicator

By Mar Muñoz-Visoso

In only a few days Pope Francis has surprised many by his communicative style: direct and simple, with two or three basic ideas easy to remember, and often going off-script to tell an interesting story or an anecdote that would illustrate his point.

The first two public interventions after he emerged in the balcony at St. Peter's are illustrative. In the homily during the Mass with the cardinal electors at the Sistine Chapel the day after his election, speaking from the ambo and not the chair, and without a prepared text, he spoke to his brother cardinals of a triple movement suggested by readings: to walk, to build, to confess. To walk in the presence of the Lord, like Abraham. To build up the Church as "living stones." To confess Christ Jesus without fear of the cross.

And again, in his first public audience with journalists and communicators, he chose yet another terna, borrowing from his predecessor, Benedict XVI: truth, goodness, beauty. After expressing his gratitude for the intense informative labor of the media in recent days, Pope Francis exhorted them to try to understand better the nature of the Church and her spiritual motivation, beyond her earthly and human structures. He suggested that, in reality, the Church and the media have a lot in common.

"Be assured that the Church, for her part, highly esteems your important work. At your disposal you have the means to hear and to give voice to people's expectations and demands, and to provide for an analysis and interpretation of current events. Your work calls for careful preparation, sensitivity and experience, like so many other professions, but it also demands a particular concern for what is true, good and beautiful. This is something which we have in common, since the Church exists to communicate precisely this: Truth, Goodness and Beauty "in person". It should be apparent that all of us are called not to communicate ourselves, but this existential triad made up of truth, beauty and goodness."

And having said that, he went on to relate, again in off-the-cuff remarks and with an open heart, the story of how and why is that he chose the name of Francis. He did it, he said, in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, the poor man, the man of peace, the one who cares for creation. Here is yet another triad. See the pattern here?

This communicative style, simple, agile, effective, does not of course surprise those accustomed to hear him preach at the cathedral or parishes in Buenos Aires. There he is famous for sometimes offering a five minute homily and then sitting down in silence for another five minutes so that pastor and people can meditate on the readings and their teachings.

From a communications perspective, the election of "Papa Bergoglio" has given great impulse to the "kerigma," the proclamation of the Word. Where Benedict put the emphasis on doctrinal orthodoxy, contemplation of the mystery and depth, Francis now picks that legacy up and expresses it in his particular style with simple messages, easy to understand and remember. The New Evangelization certainly has received a boost, a great gift of the Spirit in the election of Francis. If what the cardinals were looking for was a spiritual leader to guide the boat of Peter in difficult times, certainly this has been an inspired choice. Let us now pray for him, that he surrounds himself with honest and efficient collaborators to help him in his mission. People who will know to push aside

and out of the way all that may impede the Church to realize her mission of preaching, the Truth, the Goodness, and the Beauty "in person," Christ crucified, the living Son on the Father.

It has been a true joy to accompany and observe the Holy Father in the first few days of his pontificate. The man exudes simplicity and closeness. But above all he has earned the trust of the people, who see in him a shepherd who walks with his sheep.

Ad multos annos! May God keep you for many years. Long live Pope Francis!

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## Yo creo que Papa Francisco va a llamar a todos a dar testimonio del amor de Cristo por los pobres



+Monseñor William Medley, Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Mis queridos hermanos.

¿Que tanto hay en un Nombre? En las semanas previas a la elección del Papa Francisco, los medios de comunicación religiosos y seculares especularon ampliamente sobre el nombre que el nuevo Papa podría seleccionar. Se sugirió que su nombre podría ser la primera indicación de lo que la Iglesia y el mundo puedan esperar de su ministerio pastoral.

En ese momento, yo sólo pensaba de cómo los medios de comunicación siempre quieren atajos para poder crear sus historias. Si pueden etiquetar los pensamientos de alguien o acciones, entonces así se puede escribir las historias y darles un giro y a lo mejor eso era la intención desde el principio. Después de todo, el Cardenal Jorge Mario Bergoglio es el hombre que es, y oramos para que el Santo Padre sea el hombre que es llamado a ser está llamado a ser sin importar el nombre sea Benedicto, Juan Pablo, Juan Pablo II, --- Pío o cualquier otro de docenas de nombres de santos.

Un día en particular, al escuchar el radio pensé que tal vez el nuevo Papa debería de sacudir a todo el mundo tomando un nombre no elegido previamente por un papa anterior. Entonces pensé en los grandes santos José y Francisco. □ Ahora, mi primer error fue no compartir esta gran visión con nadie más, y por lo tanto parecer como si hubiera estado mirando a una bola de cristal.

Mi comprensión del Latín no es muy buena en sí. Estaba en compañía de otros cuando la identidad y el nombre del nuevo Papa fue revelado a la plaza de San Pedro el 13 de marzo. Estaba escuchando los nombres que parodian sonar familiares de entre los nombres que los medios de comunicación dieron como titulares. Entendí "Habemus Papam," que significa: "Tenemos un Papa". Pero todo el mundo sabía que eso se iba a decir. La única otra palabra que entendí fue la última palabra de la convocatoria, Franciscus, del latín que es Francisco. Me volví hacia los que me rodean y dije: "Yo no sé quién es,



Papa Francisco, elegido Papa 13 de marzo 2013. USCCB Foto usada con permiso

pero creo que nos dijeron que va a ser Papa Francis y nunca ha habido un Papa Francisco".

El Papa Francisco ha contado la historia de su elección de nombre. A medida que su elección se hizo evidente en el cónclave, un cardenal sentado a su lado, dijo: "Acuérdate de los pobres". Aunque un miembro de la Sociedad de Jesús (los Jesuitas), el Papa Francisco sabía que San Francisco de Asís, fundador de los Franciscanos, ha sido durante siglos identificado con el ministerio de Jesús y el ministerio de la Iglesia con los pobres.

Por qué ese Nombre? Nosotros en los años que vienen entenderemos más sobre el significado del nombre cual el Papa Francisco ha elegido. Pero primero debemos saber que la Iglesia ha vuelto a ser bendecidos con la elección de un hombre que se enfrenta a uno de los trabajos más exigentes del mundo. Él necesita nuestras oraciones. Él necesita nuestro apoyo. Yo creo que él va a llamar a todos a dar testimonio del amor de Cristo por los pobres, para ser "una iglesia que es pobre y para los pobres". Esto nos afectan como individuos, como ciudadanos, como diócesis y naciones.

Por nuestro Santo Padre Francis, roguemos al Señor.

Suyos en Cristo,

+Monseñor William F. Medley  
Obispo de Owensboro

## Diócesis de Owensboro Asignaciones De Sacerdotes Para El 2013 Pastor de Parroquia

- Baker, Rev. Jerry: Pastor, San Juan el Bautista, Fordsville, KY, continuara como pastor de Santa María de Los Bosques, Whitesville comenzando el 11 de Junio del 2013.
- Bittel, Rev. Pat: Pastor, Parroquia de San Martin, Rome, KY, comenzando el 11 de Junio del 2013.
- Igacho, Rev. John: Pastor, Parroquia de San Sebastián, Calhoun y Parroquia San Carlos, Livermore KY, comenzando el 11 de Junio del 2013.
- Okoro, Rev. John: Pastor, Parroquias de San Guillermo y San Lorenzo, Philpot, KY, comenzando el 11 de Junio del 2013.
- Riney, Rev. Jerry: Pastor de la Catedral de San Esteban y Capilla del Bendito Sacramento, Owensboro, KY, comenzando el 11 de Junio del 2013.
- Thomas, Rev. John: Pastor, Parroquia Del Espíritu Sagrado, Bowling Green, KY, comenzando el 11 de Junio del 2013.
- Vaughan, Rev. John: Pastor, Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville, KY comenzando el 11 de Junio del 2013.

### Vicarios Parroquiales Otras Asignaciones

- McClure, Rev. Jason: Director de lo oficina Diocesana de Vocaciones y seguirá como pastor de la parroquia de San Leo Murray, KY comenzando el 11 de Junio del 2013.

## Calendario del Obispo Medley Abril 2013:

2-4 de abril	Visita al Padre Ken Mikulcik, St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada
6 de abril 9:00 a.m.	Reunión del Consejo Pastoral Diocesano, CPC
7 de abril 6:00 p.m.	Misa, Murray State University, Newman Center
9 de abril 6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Francis Borgia Parish, Sturgis
10 de abril 6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
11 de abril 6:30 p.m.	Servicio de Sanación, Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green
13 de abril 10:00 a.m.	Ordenación de Diacono Transitorio, St. Stephen Cathedral
4:30 p.m.	Confirmación, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro
14 de abril 8:00 a.m.	Confirmación, St. Sebastian Parish, Calhoun
3:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
8:00 p.m.	Misa, Western Kentucky University, Aquinas Center
15 de abril 9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité de Personal del Sacerdocio, CPC
1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal, CPC
6:00 p.m.	Reunión de Educación Católica Total, Christ the King Parish, Madisonville
16 de abril 9:00 a.m.	Reunión de Personal del CPC, CPC
6:30 p.m.	Confirmación, Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro
17 de abril 8:30 a.m.	Reunión del Consejo Financiero Diocesano, CPC
6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Ann Parish, Morganfield
18 de abril 10:30 a.m.	Misa, Celebración 200 de las Hermanas de La Caridad de Nazaret, KY Cathedral St. Stephen
21 de abril 9:30 a.m.	Confirmación, St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
5:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro
23 de abril 10:00 a.m.	Misa Estudiantil, St. Mary Middle School, Paducah
12-3:00 p.m.	Oficina de Paducah, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
25 de abril 11:00 a.m.	Misa, Escuela St. Maximilian Kolbe Montessori, Owensboro
6:30 p.m.	Confirmación, St. William/St. Lawrence Parishes en St. William, Philpot
27 de abril 12:00 p.m.	Día de Oración de Middle School, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp
4:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Henry Parish, Aurora
28 de abril 8:30 a.m.	Misa, Bendición de Steeple and Bell Tower, St. Columba Parish, Lewisport
4:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
29 de abril 9:00 a.m.	Dedicación de la Capilla, Owensboro Health Regional Hospital
30 de abril 6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam

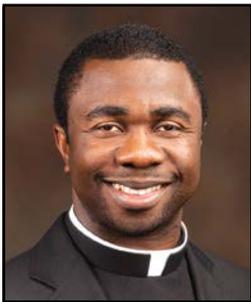
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## Papa Francisco 2013

Por Luis Aju

Para Iniciar: Bienvenido al Papa Francisco, por aceptar seguir la Misión de San Pedro, delegado directamente por Jesús.

Nuestra profunda gratitud, a su Santidad Benedicto XVI, por su presencia y apoyo a toda la gente en su Misión Papal.

Nosotros los que servimos a la comunidad Hispana de nuestra diócesis le expresamos nuestra alegría y nuestra esperanza, para que nos acompañe en nuestro caminar como inmigrantes en la faz de la tierra.

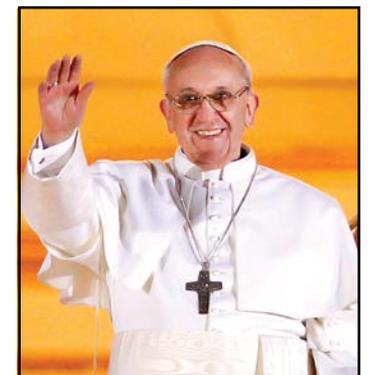
Desde luego que tenemos que mencionar la llegada del Catolicismo en el Continente Americano. Hace más de 500 años, que vinieron los primeros misioneros a estas tierras, en todo este largo tiempo han pasado un sinfín de cosas, pero la historia lo relata, en forma escrita, oral y por tradición de nuestros padres y abuelos presentes.

Al hacer historia de estos largos siglos, si vemos el principio del Catolicismo en el Continente Americano, en comparación a la actual, existe una gran diferencia en Llevar la Buena Nueva de Jesús a las comunidades y de vivir la Fe, como regalo de Dios, ahora es basado en el Amor. En el inicio de nuestra historia americana en cuestión a la religión Católica, existen grandes cambios.

Ahora se habla de Libertad de Religión y libertad de profesarlo, al inicio teníamos que seguir por una ruda obediencia. Y por obediencia ciega había que seguir las "instrucciones". Aprendidas en una doctrina.

Hemos llegado a entender que Dios Nuestro creador trabaja y sirve de otra manera. Jesús nos revela a Dios como un Padre bueno y un Maestro que nos enseña el camino al Padre.

La llegada del Papa Francisco para la comunidad Hispana en particular en todo el mundo, es un momento monumental. Su ejemplo de vida y su experiencia como Arzobispo de Buenos Aires



**Papa Francisco**

Argentina llevara a la iglesia a un camino bajo la gracia de Dios

El Papa, Francisco no hace falta que hable, podemos ver su convicción acerca de su compromiso con el pueblo, enseñarnos a amarnos unos a los otros.

Su sencillez, su gesto de amor a la humanidad será su cualidad que seguiremos. Invitamos a todos los católicos de todas las culturas Orar por el Papa para que tenga la fuerza necesaria para seguir el plan de Dios para su Iglesia que estableció hace ya, muchos años. El papa es del pueblo, nuestra misión de apoyarlo y pedir a Dios por El. Que el Mismo Señor lo guíe y lo proteja en su ardua tarea de velar por la gente, que es la Iglesia entendida que es la gente. Nosotros los que conformamos el Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis nos sentimos muy contentos con la nueva era de la Iglesia.