

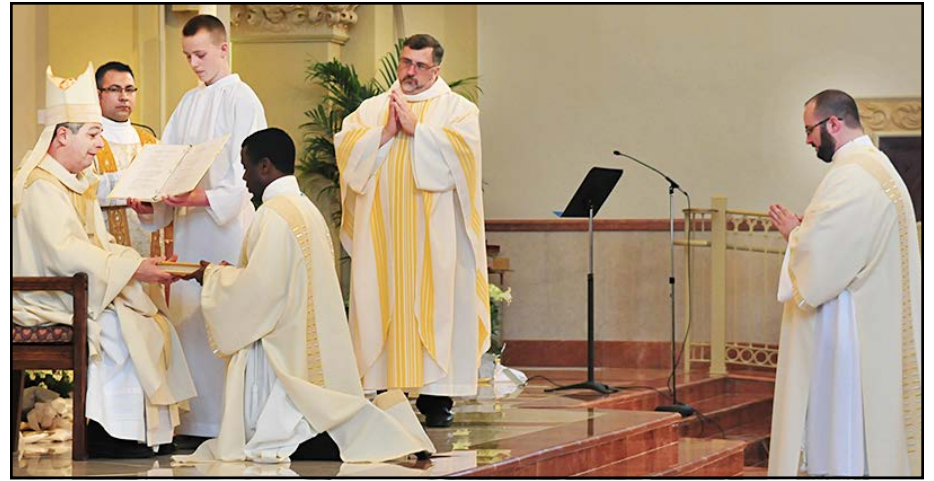
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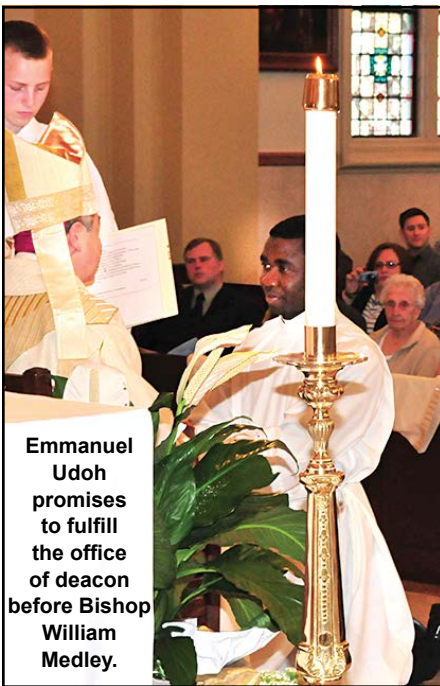
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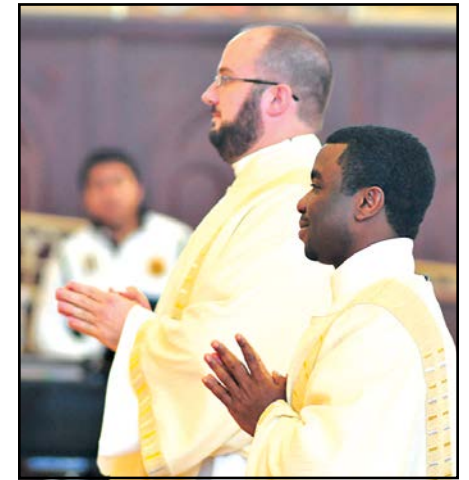
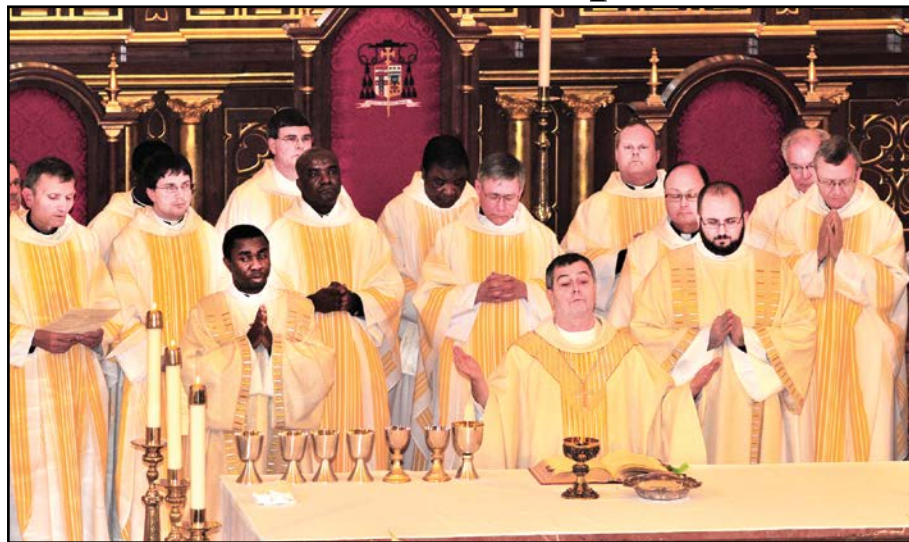
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Two Men Ordained to the Diaconate April 13, 2013




Emmanuel Udoh promises to fulfill the office of deacon before Bishop William Medley.



Will Thompson greets Bishop-emeritus John J. McRaith before Mass.

DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO
 2012 Annual Report

Please see inside for the 2012 Annual Report for the Diocese of Owensboro, pages 10-16.



On April 13, two men were ordained to the transitional diaconate for the diocese of Owensboro by Bishop William Medley in St. Stephen Cathedral. Rev. Mr. Emmanuel Udoh and Rev. Mr. Will Thompson were called forth by name and presented as worthy candidates for ordination. The men promised to fulfill the office of deacon with prayer and dedication, following the example of Christ. Mel Howard Photos

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Full of Grace



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

Dear sisters and brothers,

The month of May in Catholic tradition has been considered the month of Mary. For many of us this observance was crystallized by devotion to Mary, and in particular May processions where an image of the Blessed Mother was crowned to signify her title as Queen of Heaven and Earth. While many families had a tradition of reciting the rosary together, this activity was more common in the month of May.

Mary's place in salvation history and Church tradition is always one of deference. Veneration of Mary is always a reflection of her accepting the invitation to be the Mother of God. Feasts and festivals to honor Mary are to point to her Son Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel event of the Annunciation, Mary's yes is expressed as "I am the handmaiden of the Lord." When in John's Gospel Jesus' public ministry is initiated at the wedding feast of Cana, it is Mary who prods her special Son and God's Son to act. Her words to the waiters, "Do whatever he tells you," stand as one of the most profound challenges to discipleship found in the New Testament.

Mary, in her humility, always recognized that God's blessings and graces bestowed upon her were real in that God may be glorified. I found it

to be revealing that in the seminary the study of Mary found its place within a course entitled "The Christ."

There are meditations and prayers aplenty that honor Mary. One of the most profound of course is the Rosary. But we do well to note that the mysteries of the Rosary, themes upon which we are to meditate as we repeat memorized prayer, generally reflect events in the life and ministry of Jesus.

In this month of May I invite us all to join in prayer and reflection upon Mary, whom the Angel Gabriel declared to be "full of grace." In the moment of our Baptism we too have been full of grace. Mary was able to hold that distinction for all time. Devotion to Mary opens the gate for each of us to aspire to fullness of grace, fullness of life in Christ.

If your Rosary is perhaps lost in the back of a drawer, pull it out. If your household has never prayed the Rosary together, this month will be a good time to try it. Recall that on his first morning as the new Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis visited the Church of Saint Mary Major to pray before an image of the Madonna.

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus."

May God bless you all.

+Most Reverend William F.
Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar For May 2013:

May 1	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Peter/St. Agnes @ St. Peter, Waverly
May 2	10:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Presbyteral Day, Catholic Pastoral Center
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Leo Parish, Murray
May 4	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation, Christ the King, Scottsville
May 5	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation, Precious Blood, Owensboro
May 6	5:00 p.m.	Blessing of Baseball Players and Fields, Owensboro Catholic Baseball Fields
	6:00 p.m.	Appreciation Meal for Faith Formation Leaders, CPC
May 7-8		Catholic Conference of Kentucky Executive Board meeting, Louisville, KY; Provincial Meeting, Louisville, KY
May 9	12:00 p.m.	Mass and visit to State Penitentiary
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, Resurrection Parish, Dawson Springs
May 11	10:00 a.m.	Graduation, Brescia University, Riverpark Center
	2:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Joseph Parish, Central City
May 12	8:30 a.m.	Mass, Blessing of Steeple and Bell Tower, St. Columba Parish, Lewisport
May 14	7:00 p.m.	Graduation, Trinity High School, Hines Center, Owensboro
May 15	8:30 a.m.	Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, CPC
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. William of Vercelli Parish, Marion
May 16	9:00 a.m.	School Mass, OCES K-3 Campus, Owensboro
May 18	2:00 p.m.	Meet with Permanent Deacon Aspirants, Christ the King Parish, Madisonville
	7:00 p.m.	Graduation, St. Mary High School, Paducah
May 19	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Stephen Cathedral
	2:00 p.m.	Graduation, Owensboro Catholic High School, Sportscenter Owensboro
May 20	9:30 a.m.	Personnel Board Meeting, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
May 21	9:00 a.m.	Staff Mass and Meeting, CPC
	12:00 p.m.	Mass and meet with Gasper River Staff, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center
May 22	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Augustine, St. Benedict, St. Anthony Parishes @ St. Augustine Parish Grayson Springs
May 23	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Peter of Alcantara Parish, Stanley
May 25	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Mary Parish, Franklin
May 26	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro
	2:00 p.m.	Mass, Fr. Joe Mills 60 Year Anniversary, St. Martin Parish, Rome
May 28	10-3:00 p.m.	Paducah Office Hours, Lourdes Hospital

Bishop Medley's calendar for June 2013:

June 1	10:00 a.m.	Priesthood Ordination, St. Stephen Cathedral
June 8	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Denis Parish, Fancy Farm
June 9	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Charles Parish, Bardwell
June 10-18		Bishops Spring Meeting, San Diego, CA
June 22	7:00 p.m.	Mass, Hispanic Youth Retreat and Young Adult, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center
June 23	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Joseph Parish, Mayfield
June 25	6:30 p.m.	Mass, Christian Leadership Institute
June 27	2:00 p.m.	Brescia University Board Meeting
June 28		Brescia University Board Meeting
June 30	10:30 a.m.	Mass, Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Bishop Medley's calendar for July 2013:

July 26	9:15 a.m.	Mass, Professional Development Day, Catholic School Principals and Teachers, Holy Name, Henderson
July 27		World Youth Day Event, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center

A Message from the Catholic Committee on Scouting Diocese of Owensboro

We wish to send a special thank you to Bishop William F. Medley for a wonderful Religious Emblems Mass on March 17, 2013 at St. Stephen's Cathedral as reported in the April, 2013 Western Kentucky Catholic. We recognize the following Scouts for their religious achievements:

Light of Christ: Nathaniel Conley, Matthew Durbin, Johnathan Ford, Landon Reffitt and Slaytonn Reyes. Parvulei Dei: Malcom Reynolds and Oskar Vazquez Ad Altare Dei: Benjamin Conkright, Michael Lewis, Adam Nixon and William Onley

On a final note, please save the date, August 16-18, 2013, when we will have a special retreat to the "Holy Land" area of Kentucky for the 67th Bishop Flaget Trail. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kevin Conkright at kconkright@me.com.

Family Rosary Announces Winners Of 2013 “Try Prayer! It Works!” Contest



Madison Warren of Owensboro, Ken., was named a winner in the 2013 “Try Prayer! It Works!” Contest. She tied for first place in the 6th Grade category. Photo submitted by Family Rosary

EASTON, Mass. – Family Rosary has announced the winners of the 2013 “Try Prayer! It Works!” contest. The 18th annual national competition – which encourages students to express their faith through art, poetry and prose – attracted nearly 1,100 finalist entries from across the country.



Winners from the Diocese of Owensboro in the sixth grade set are Madison Warren, at left in the picture here, First Place (TIE, Owensboro Catholic 4-6 Campus, and Claire Alexandra Johnson, Second Place, Owensboro Catholic 4-6 Campus.

This year, the theme was Joy to the World! Students from kindergarten through 12th grade creatively depicted in various art forms how their families are united through prayer and faith.

“The lesson of The Nativity helps us appreciate the importance of family, caring and God’s unconditional love,” said Father John Phalen, CSC, National Director of Family Rosary. “The Third Joyful Mystery of the Rosary teaches us that joyful compassion for all God’s people is essential to a strong faith. When we embrace this, we truly know the meaning of ‘Joy to the World!’”

In the United States, up to three winners are chosen per grade: first-place winners are awarded \$100 U.S., while the sponsoring organization earns \$100 U.S and the “Think Good Thoughts” DVD. Runners-up in Grades 6-12 get the “You Will See” DVDs while Grades K-5 receive “The Life of Christ” DVD series from Holy Cross Family Ministries.

The 2014 “Try Prayer! It Works!” contest is already underway. This year’s theme is Lord, I believe; Help my unbelief – based on the Fourth Joyful Mystery, The Presentation in the Temple, when Simeon recognizes Jesus as the Messiah. Teachers, parents and students can download the registration form at www.FamilyRosary.org/TryPrayer. For more information, contact Family Rosary at 800-299-7729.

DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2013 (updated 4/08/2013)

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PARISH 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
- Bittel, Rev. Pat:** Pastor, St. Martin Parish, Rome, Kentucky effective June 11
- Ighacho, Rev. John:** Pastor, St. Sebastian Parish, Calhoun and St. Charles Parish, Livermore, Kentucky, effective June 11
- Okoro, Rev. John:** Pastor, St. William/St. Lawrence Parishes, Philpot, Kentucky effective June 11
- Riney, Rev. Jerry:** Pastor of St. Stephen Cathedral and Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro, Kentucky effective June 11
- Thomas, Rev. John:** Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green, Kentucky effective June 11
- Vaughan, Rev. John:** Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Madisonville, Kentucky, effective June 11

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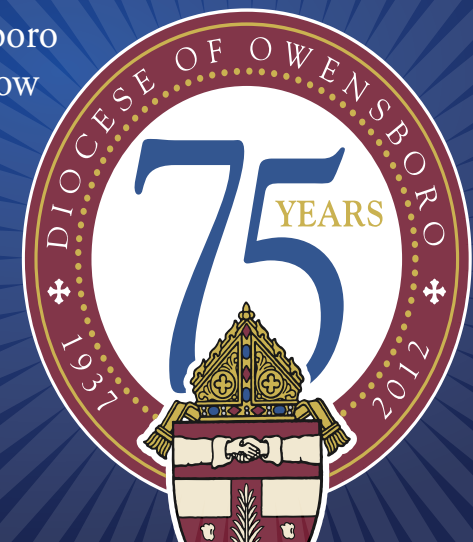
- Barrera, Rev. Julio:** Parochial Vicar of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, as well as assisting with Sacramental Ministry at Saint Susan Parish in Elkton, Kentucky and Saints Mary and James Parish in Guthrie, Kentucky effective June 11
- Dillard, Rev. Daniel:** Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green, Kentucky effective June 11
- Geraci, Rev. Kenneth, CPM:** Parochial Vicar of St. John the Baptist, Fordsville, Kentucky will continue as Parochial Vicar of St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville effective June 11
- Harpole, Rev. Ryan:** Parochial Vicar of Saint Leo Parish in Murray, Kentucky, and assist in the pastoral ministry of the Newman Center of Murray State University effective June 11
- Jimenez, Rev. Carmelo:** Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green, Kentucky, effective June 11
- McCarty, Rev. Joshua:** Parochial Vicar of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro, Kentucky, effective June 11
- Williams, Rev. Brandon:** Parochial Vicar of Saint Thomas More Parish, Paducah, Kentucky and Saint Mary Parish, in LaCenter, Kentucky effective June 11

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
- Larbes, Deacon Terry:** Director of the Ecumenical Office

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A Profile in Faith

By Carol Hulsey

One Sunday morning not long ago I sat across the table from Jonathan Hartman, a thirty-ish young man whom I met initially through RCIA at Our Lady of Lourdes in Owensboro. This is his remarkable and beautiful story of conversion.

In 2010 Jonathan hit rock bottom: morally, physically, and financially. He lived as the Prodigal: wine, women, and song. He was a good-time boy who subsisted on every kind of excess, and he was in deep debt. For all his partying, his heart was dark and lonely.

Then one dark day his failures crashed in around him. "The hardest decision I ever had to make was to call home." Would his parents help him on his road to reclaiming his life? His parents are good people who loved Jonathan, and they showed their unconditional love yet again. He moved back home to Owensboro.

In the days that followed, Jonathan spent considerable time reflecting on his life. In a dim, undefined way, he realized he needed God. Despite his efforts, Jonathan was still struggling mightily with temptation. Fearing he would again spiral out of control, he contacted Our Lady of Lourdes Director of Religious Education Drew Hardesty. The next thing he knew he was in the parish's RCIA.

By his own admission, he was the worst of catechumens. Inwardly, he mocked teachings, joked about the exercise at mass, characterized the crossed arms against the chest at the Communion queue as a gang sign; ridiculed the church's exorcism rites. "Would pea soup shoot out my head or am I going to be scaling ceilings?" Once he was busy texting during RCIA, his godmother Dora Hulsey put her hand over his phone and told him in no uncertain terms. "You aren't ready."

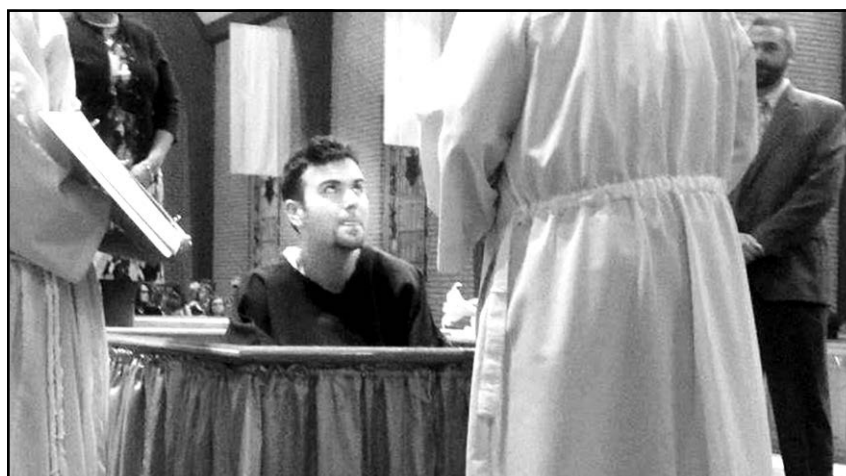
Jonathan was struck. "She said the exact right thing at the right time, and for a change I was listening." His heart however was not touched, until he watched the

Passion of the Christ. Dora gave him the movie as a gift. "I wept and wept. It was such an influential moment for me." Seeing Christ in his passion was pivotal for his conversion. "I became a yes man, accepting invitations that came my way." For example, one time Johnathan accepted an invitation from his aunt to go to perpetual adoration at 3 am.

In the final days of the RCIA process God exposed Jonathan's heart to love, his love and by the evening of the Vigil, God had Jonathan right where he wanted him. The drama, mystery, and beauty of Christ entered the heart that had once held only ridicule.



Above, Johnathan and Dora Hulsey during the RCIA process at Our Lady of Loures Church, Owensboro. His heart exposed to Love, and prodigal no more, Johnathan Hartman, in the picture at left, listens to the words of the Baptism rite from within the baptistry of Our Lady of Lourdes church, Owensboro on Holy Saturday, 2013. Photos by Jeffrey and Carolyn Hartman



From the mountain top, he knew God had richly blessed him. "I experienced Eucharist." Love beyond measure, communion, peace, community.

"How is his life now?" I asked. One word was sufficient: "Lovely." A year has passed since his entrance into the Church. The fire of God's love has not dimmed. "God is love" (1John 4:8) is Jonathan's motivation and song. What a drastic change from that lonely lost man of only a few years before!

Jonathan recently gained membership in the Knights of Columbus, celebrating his 3rd degree exemplification in Bardstown, Ky.



*His Grace, the Most Reverend Charles H. Dufour, D.D., C.D.,
Archbishop of Kingston, the Community of St. Philip Neri,
and the Archdiocese of Kingston joyfully announce
the Ordination of
Brother Brad William Smith to the Order of Deacons
through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit
conferred by His Grace, the Most Reverend Edgerton Clarke, D.D., C.D.
Archbishop Emeritus of Kingston on Sunday,
the second day of June, Feast of Corpus Christi, in the year of our Lord,
Two Thousand Thirteen
at ten o'clock in the morning.
St. Anthony's Catholic Church,
Fort George Street, Port Antonio, Jamaica*



At left, Brother Brad Wm. Smith was institutes in the Ministry of Acolyte conferred by Archbishop Emeritus Donald Reece on Feb. 14, 2013 for the Diocese of Kingston, Jamaica.

At right, Brother Brad Wm. Smith was instituted in the Ministry of Lector conferred by Archbishop Charles Dufour on Jan. 27, 2013 in Jamaica. Submitted by Beverly Smith

God's Loving Arms



Praise Be To God; We Have A New Pope!

By Julie Ward Murphy

How exciting it has been for the Universal church with the election of our new Pope Francis. I was elated to be a part of history of such great significance as this. I was taking it all in and it moved me in such a way words aren't adequate to describe. When Pope Benedict XVI was elected our new Pope on April 19th 2005 I was at St. Mary's cemetery in Whitesville burying my beloved husband. I remember Fr. Pat telling us that we have a new Pope and I was happy, I was very happy and reflected on God's message of love and the signs He was giving me in a time of great sorrow. My husband died while holding a St. Benedict medal with a holy relic of the wood of the holy cross. I was comforted and I believed with all my heart God had given me a sign that Steve was in the arms of our almighty Lord.

This historic event that we all have witnessed touched my heart. It was so many emotions. Admiring the humility of Pope Emeritus and watching on TV with such immense joy and pride of my beloved Catholic faith. As I was gazing at the beautiful face of Pope Francis I was seeing a man of great charity, love, meekness, humbleness, a sweetness that so many had seen as well as me. In conversation with other Catholics they recognized the same sweetness. We did not know this wonderful man, but we all felt it in our hearts.

Is this also a sign from God? I can only speak for myself and I say with confidence; "Yes, I feel it's a tremendous gift that so many of us we're given to have felt many of the same feelings and thoughts of our new Pope Francis.

Keith would come home from work and say, "Julie, I am so proud to be a Catholic!" "Everyone is so excited!" The more we learned about Pope Francis humble life and that he truly lived a life of servitude it resonated to all. We feel that he can relate to us, especially those who have suffering of some kind in their life. When Pope Francis stepped out of the Pope mobile and kissed the man with a severe disability it melted my heart. Because of the Holy Fathers service to the poor and suffering I will see in him an understanding, that he understands our pain and suffering and takes into his compassionate heart and gives it back to God and prays for our healing. We have a warrior, an ally in our suffering. Pope Francis lives the Gospel, and we saw it on his beautiful face the day he walked out on that balcony as our new Vicar of Christ.

Pope Francis asked for our prayers. Let us not forget to lift him up in prayer because I am confident that He needs our love and support just as we need His love and guidance.

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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. The adoration will conclude with evening prayer with the 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.



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Note: There will be no adoration on Sept. 8th because of the Mount Saint Joseph Picnic.

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One Pencil at a Time

**By Miriam Kavanagh
Sisters of the Lamb of God**

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The Sisters of the Lamb of God are on a mission, an At Home Mission for the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) that is. One pencil, one notebook, one ruler at a time we collected items and funds from so many members of our community.

“For many years I was inspired by the Spirit to do something for the people of Appalachia,” said Sr. Audrey Mary, formation directress of the Sisters of the Lamb of God.

CAP serves all 13 Appalachian states, but focuses on Eastern Kentucky, which has a poverty rate as high as 41 percent and an unemployment rate as high as 16 percent.

The mission Sr. Audrey Mary felt most called to was their partnership from home program. “It was a very specific and concrete way to help people from home.”

Owensboro Catholic Middle School was the first group we reached out to, and they took it on as a Lenten project. The students were generous and supplied us with boxes upon boxes of supplies. Churches and Arise groups showed tremendous charity. The Immaculate Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Teacher’s Aid, Wal-Mart, Occupational Therapy at the Health Park, and friends contributed as well. Sr. Audrey Mary gave two interviews to speak about our new mission, one to Suzi Bartholomy of the Messenger-Inquirer and another to Steve Baker at 102.7 FM Sports Radio The Game.

On April 2, we delivered two carloads of supplies to Mt. Vernon with the aid of Becky Franey, of Blessed Mother parish.

“It was like taking Owensboro to Appalachia,” noted Sr. Audrey Mary.

Sr. Robbie Pentecost of the Franciscan Sisters of Oldenburg has been the manager of Christian Partners for eight years at CAP.

“We don’t do our work without the support of our volunteers,” said Sr. Robbie. “We do quadruple the amount of work we could do because of our volunteers.”

The Christian Appalachian Project offers a variety of services: counseling, child development, summer camp, after-school programs, in-school programs, home repairs, in-home respite, a thrift store and food pantry, family advocacy, school reading, help for special needs children, spousal abuse program, and much more.

Sr. Audrey Mary was very moved by all that CAP has to offer. “[When] I learned about their long-term and short-term ways to incorporate the gifts of people, whether they are small gifts or professional gifts there is a place for everybody—this is a reflection of the Kingdom.”

There is always a need for volunteers at CAP, and one of their



Fr. Tony Jones of The Immaculate blesses the car and mission before the Sisters of the Lamb of God deliver the school supplies to Mt. Vernon, Kentucky where they will be distributed in July.



Unloading supplies in Appalachia: Sr. Debra Ann (l) and Sr. Robbie Pentecost (r) unload just a couple of the many boxes of school supplies.



CAP volunteers help unload the school supplies from one of the two cars it took to deliver all the items.

greatest needs is nurses. If you have any questions or want to volunteer in anyway, Sr. Robbie is willing to speak with you. She can be reached at (859) 339-4262.

We will be partnering with CAP again in the fall for their Compassion Basket Program which provides the elderly and disabled with personal care and comfort items. We are looking forward to taking Owensboro to Appalachia again.

In the photo below, OCMS students donated enough school supplies to fill up the trunk for the Sisters of the Lamb of God and Christian Appalachian Project partnership.



Angela & the Gift of Contemplation

Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013

Retreat Hours:

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Retreat Facilitators:

Sister Marietta Wethington
Sister Ann McGrew

Join us for:

**Prayer, Sharing and
Quiet Reflection**

This retreat day will focus on Saint Angela Merici, the founder of the Ursuline order, and how she lived both contemplation and action in her life.



The \$20 fee includes a light lunch.

Contact Kathy McCarty to register:
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kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org
www.ursulinesmsj.org



MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2013

- 1 Owensboro Catholic 6th graders' Prayer Day
- 3-5 Glory Conference Women's Retreat
- 8 Holy Name 2nd graders' Environmental Day
- 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 girls ages 13-16*

Center-sponsored programs are in **BOLD** type. Please call to register.

To register or schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206
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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
- 28-30 Come and See Weekend (for young adult Catholic women)*

July 2013

- 6 Private Wedding Reception
- 10-12 Ursuline Community Days
- 13 St. Alphonsus Picnic
- 14-21 **Women Religious Conference and Directed Retreats**
- 21-27 St. John Michigan Youth - Owensboro Habitat

August 2013

- 3 **Yarn Spinning Day**
- 4-11 St. Francis de Sales/St. Louis Choir Retreat
- 8 **Study of the Catholic Catechism for Adults**
- 17 Angela Retreat Day
- 23-25 Spirit & Truth Conference

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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 Matthew 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 monks 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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Our Tuesday evening Lenten Arise group at St. Romuald, Hardinsburg, initiated a collection for Clear Choices. Clear Choices is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping young mothers and their babies. Through the generosity of the parishoners, we were able to donate many much needed items for mother and child. Bottom left and going clockwise: Kathy Ables, Jannette Wethington, Erin O'Donoghue, Mary Jo Rankin, Sarah O'Reilly, Jason Glaros, an Deacon Mike Wiedemer. St. Romuald Parish photo

Greetings from Bani.

By Father Stan Puryear

Ahh, what a great time of the year and what a great time in the Church we are experiencing. Though the celebration of the Holy Week is wonderful as becomes evident the depth of the meaning of our salvation through the incredible sacrificial and awesome love of God, it is tiring physically, emotionally, and spiritually to most priests. In this parish, having sixteen communities means lots of work, making full use of the many options that the liturgical rubrics provide, along with a bit of creative ingenuity for the situations not covered. Good Friday began at 7am, with Stations of the Cross throughout the entire parish, with a station at each of the communities. After a reenactment of the Passion and then the liturgical Passion and Adoration of the Cross, the day ended at 9pm with the one meal of the day: a glass of red and a poor attempt at paella.

After Easter, work really begins. During the Octave of Easter, each of the communities in the parish here celebrates an Easter Mass with their pastor, which means two Easter Masses per day for an entire week. In parishes in the United States, priests and parishioners get so overwhelmed by the celebration of Holy Week that we often forget about the Easter Octave. That isn't a criticism: it is a reality. Holy Week involves a significant number of details that come only once a year, and there is always that one item that is only used once a year that was put in storage last year but no one can remember where it was placed, leading to a massive search of several hours until finally someone remembers that it was placed in the pastor's office. After that happens daily for a week, along with the energy and drama and awesomeness of the Easter Vigil, by the time a pastor comes to the last Easter Sunday Mass, the only source of energy he has left is thinking about taking three days off to think about absolutely nothing important. In my case, there are five Easter Sunday Masses plus an additional eleven during the Easter Octave. So the time off comes a week later than when working in the United States.

On Monday of the Second Week of Easter, all the priests in the Diocese of Bani gather for a post-Easter day of relaxation at a beach house that belongs to a friend of the bishop. The day involves no work, no pastoral planning, no discussion of



Arriving for Mass: for the people in the countryside, transportation generally means walking or motorcycle. Motorcycle taxis, known as "conchos", are used frequently. Photo submitted by Father Stan Puryear.

diocesan details: it is merely a day of fostering fraternity among the clergy. And it is the one meeting that no priest ever misses. Though I'm not sure why or how, the sense of brotherhood among priests here in the Dominican Republic is felt more strongly than in the United States. Though many theories abound regarding the issues, my impression is that the basic simplicity of survival builds fraternity. Living with and working among the poor in unintentional solidarity does have its rewards.

That topic, of course, provides reason for a moment to speak of His Holiness, Holy Father Francis, First Pope of the Americas. Spring has sprung in the Church with a fresh breeze of aggiornamento. At least, that is the perspective from here in the Dominican Republic, the land where first the Gospel reached America and where the first Mass was celebrated in the Western Hemisphere, in La Isabela, on the northern coast of Hispaniola. And already, results are showing here in the Church. A newfound sense of hope is emerging, and even in my parish, people have told me that they are returning to Church because of what

the Holy Father has said and done. And the man hasn't even held the position for even a month!!!!

How cool it is to see the Holy Spirit at work in the selection of our Holy Fathers: Pope John Paul II and his love for the youth, Pope Benedict and his love for Tradition, and now Pope Francis and his love for the poor. Each brings gifts to the ministry and office of Vicar of Christ and each builds on the work of the previous pontiff. What a great example for all who dedicate their lives to ministry in the Church.

One final note of how popular the new Holy Father has become: during one of

the Masses celebrated during the Octave of Easter, I inadvertently prayed for "our pope, Benedict". Some dear lady in the congregation yelled out, "Francis". Two minutes later, still trying to recoup from the event, I misspoke the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Not one person seemed to mind that at all. I am certain that Holy Father Francis would be humbled or amused (or both) by the development.

Not all is paradise here in the land of paradise. December saw me hospitalized for a few days with a case of dengue fever, compliments of a nasty mosquito. Fortunately, I had a simple case of the disease rather than the hemorrhagic case that involves things that I don't even want to think about. (But if you have a strong stomach, feel free to look it up on the internet.) At any rate, I learned much more about the Dominican medical system than I wanted to learn, so much so that if I ever see a mosquito near me in the future, I am going to book the next flight to Miami in the event I need more medical treatment.

I predict that the coming year is going to be even more painful and taxing on me: the parish has decided to build a new church building. After pastoring St. Joseph Church in Bowling Green as the church building was restored, I wanted nothing to do with construction ever again.

As I grow older, however, I find that God doesn't always ask me what I want. The situation here called for something to be done. Mass attendance is such that not everyone fits in the building during Mass. So long as it isn't raining, that isn't much of a problem, as people stand outside and look in through the windows. But after years of hurricanes and some of the most

voracious termites imaginable, the current building is starting to fall apart. Work began on a new building nearly ten years ago, but for some reason that no one can explain, it stopped. So we're going to finish what was started. The current budget is 6 million pesos, or US\$150,000. We will build what we can as we have the money and then raise more money for the next stage. Given all that, I think I'll need many more priestly relaxation days at the beach.

Editor's Note: To read the Spanish version of this article, turn to Mayo, 2013 5.

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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 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!!!

Summer Camp is Almost Here!

By Ben Warrell

We love this time of year here at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp! It seems that everything is filled with excitement as summer camp draws near. This year is even more exciting with the addition of our new Giant Swing activity!!! This challenge helps young people understand their choices and the consequences of those choices. The camper is lifted up through a series of pulleys by the rest of their team up to forty feet in the air. Any height they reach, they may pull the release to swing out and enjoy the ride! So far, everyone who has ridden the swing has shared that it's the greatest ride they've been on. The Giant Swing will be an excellent addition to the many challenges already here at camp.

Our theme for this summer came from Pope Emeritus Benedict's letter to the young people for world youth day. The theme itself is "Go and make disciples of

all nations!" We are incredibly excited to dive into this topic with the campers, especially with Pope Francis leading the Church by example on just how to do this! Mix in a ton of friends, new and old, all kinds of camp activities, the Sacraments and the teachings of the Church and this summer, just like each one before it, will be better than the last.

Camp is a wonderful and safe place for your child or children to grow in faith and to discover who God is calling them to be. The camper's all around safety-physical, spiritual and mental/emotional-are our staff's biggest concern. All staff and volunteers go through back ground checks and reference checks in order to be here. All staff are trained in First Aid/CPR and a camp health care provider is always on site when campers are present. We utilize at least two deep counselors in each sleeping area to ensure proper safety and supervision for all campers. And a

2013 Parish Picnic Schedule

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	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 13-14		Holy Name Fall Festival, Henderson
Sept. 14	11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 15	12:00 Noon	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
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 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

night security person watches over camp each night.

We also understand that the economy is very tough right now. Our camp fees are some of the most affordable in the country for a week long camp experience. We do not want money to be an issue when it comes to a child having an encounter with God and the Catholic Faith. If you need financial assistance for camp, we ask that you check with your parish to see how they can assist and then check with our office at 270-781-2466. Our website, www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org has all the information, costs, dates and

forms you'll need for camp. We're already way ahead of last years pace for registrations so fill out your forms and send them in as soon as you can so make sure you get a spot at the camp of your choice.

We spend so much effort and energy making sure our kids have all the training they can for sports, academics and music. Why not make an additional investment in your child's faith! Camp has been a tool for life changing experiences that help young people grow closer to God and the Catholic Church. We are so excited for this summer and can't wait to see you here at camp!



DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO
2012 Annual Report



A Message from the Bishop

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

"Let us never forget that authentic power is service, only those who serve with love are able to protect." – Pope Francis.

As Catholics, these recent months have been momentous for us. Good Pope Benedict XVI retired from the burdens of his office and the Catholic Church received a new Holy Father, Pope Francis. For the first time in hundreds of years our new pope came from a part of the world far removed from the City of Rome. He came from the Americas; from the southern hemisphere, reflecting the universal character of the Church and its mission.

He chose the name Francis. Apart from Mary, the Mother of God, Saint Francis of Assisi is the best known and most beloved of the saints in our tradition. Catholics, others Christians, even non-Christians, are familiar with stories of St. Francis as one who loved the poor, prayed for peace, and recognized the beauty of all God's creation. Much is revealed in a name.

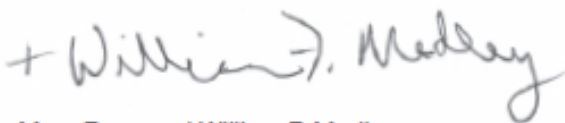
The report presented in these pages is good news. The word Gospel means "good news" and these pages seek to tell the story of how the Diocese of Owensboro, the Catholic Church of western Kentucky, is striving to keep proclaiming the Gospel in our place and time. This extensive report is possible because this year we completed for the first time a full-fledged financial audit of all of our programs and operations.

While we have known and striven to tell the story of our good stewardship over many decades, this professional audit affirms what we have known: Catholics of this diocese have been generous and their gifts used well in service to God and God's people.

The good news we proclaim cannot be limited to financial figures and colorful graphs. Our good news is proclaimed in the preaching of our priests and deacons, the generous service of scores of religious sisters, in teachers and catechists, communion ministers and those who clean our churches. We are the good news. We are the Gospel.

Thank you for making the Catholic Church of western Kentucky a vibrant and bold proclaimer of the Gospel. Your generous hearts, with God's grace, make all we do possible. God's work, our work, is not complete. Together we build and unfold God's Kingdom.

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of Owensboro



(1) In conjunction with Goal 6 and objective 6.4 of the Diocesan Strategic plan (DSP): To promote the vocation of the deacon and priest as an integral and essential part of the diocesan church. Eighteen men were ordained into the permanent diaconate at Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green, KY in October 2012.

(2) Deacon Richard Beaven, Holy Name Parish at his ordination.

Office of Planning and Parish Services

Objective 2.1 of the DSP

(3) In conjunction with Goal 2 and objective 2.1 of the DSP: To provide formation and education opportunities for the faithful including the promotion of a diocesan initiative for the faith formation of adults. The youth and young adults gather at Sts. Joe and Paul Catholic Church.

Action step 2.1.1 – Commit to the ARISE program from RENEW International as the diocesan-wide initiative in adult faith formation over the next three years.

(4) (5) One of ten training sessions for small group leaders. Paducah, St. Thomas More. Sr. Kass Collins is presenting.

(6) Parish Leadership Team from St. Romould in Hardinsburg. They are wearing the T-shirts they had made and sold at their parish picnic.

Catholic Schools Office

Objective 2.3 of the DSP

Action Step 2.3.1 – Identify and promote new ways to support and ensure strong Catholic identity for the diocesan schools.

Celebrate Catholic Schools Day, July 29, 2012

(7) Bishop Medley began the day by celebrating Mass with the teachers of the Diocese.

(8) The keynote speaker was Fr. Charles Latour, OP, principal at Archbishop Hannan High School in New Orleans. Father Charles' presentation provided a deeper understanding of the mission of Catholic schools and encouraged teachers and administrators to build on the already-strong Catholic identity in our schools.

(9) Jeff Fritz, teacher at Owensboro Catholic High School, led a segment of the program recognizing one outstanding achievement from each school.

Action Step 2.3.4 – Establish a diocesan endowment for Catholic school education.



Diocese Response to Sexual Abuse

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People provides a comprehensive framework for addressing allegations of sexual abuse and for creating safe environments in parishes and schools, and it directs all sexual abuse policies and procedures in the Diocese of Owensboro. In September of 2012, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops audited our diocese and as was determined in each previous audit, our diocese was found to be fully compliant with all elements of the Charter.

Prevention/Education

1,255 employees and volunteers participated in safe environment training during the past fiscal year. (7/1/2011 – 6/30/2012)

Trainings are offered in an online format and are available daily at any time. Go to www.RCDOK.org/safe.

Sexual Abuse Review Board

The Review Board reviews past and present cases and monitors the implementation of our sexual abuse policies.

Victim Assistance and Outreach

The victim assistance coordinator, Rita Heinz, meets and assists victims/survivors. She can be reached by calling 270.852.8328 or emailing rita.heinz@pastoral.org. The Diocese continues to offer counseling assistance and other support to victims/survivors.

Cooperation with Civil Authorities

Any report or suspicion of child abuse is reported immediately to civil authorities, and the Diocese cooperates fully with any investigation.

Sexual Abuse Expenditures

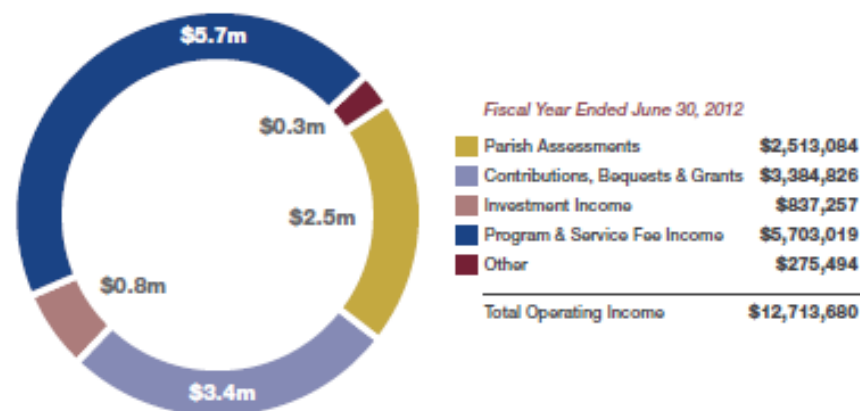
We pledge to be accountable for the financial cost of sexual abuse. The following summarizes funds expended from January 1 to December 31, 2012.

Counseling fees and support for victims/survivors	\$1,425.00
Legal Fees	\$2,115.00
Prevention/Education/Background checks	\$43,379.00
Total	\$46,919.00

Report on Finances Diocese of Owensboro – June 30, 2012

Chancery Operations

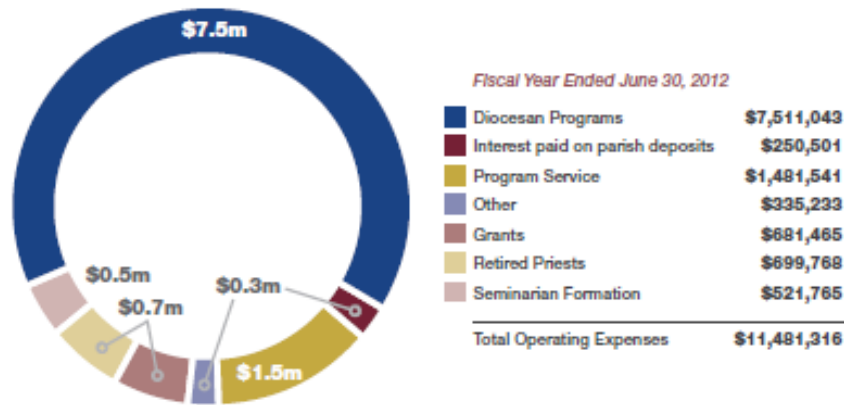
Operating Income



- Parish assessments of \$2.5 million represent a key income source of the Diocese. The Christian faithful of western Kentucky are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for the works of the apostolate and of charity, and for the decent support of ministers (Canon 222).
- The Disciple's Response Fund is an annual appeal that invites donations from the faithful to provide support to the Church for various programs and ministries provided by the Diocese. The total of \$0.3 million is included in the contributions, bequests and grants portion of the operating income.
- Investment income of \$0.8 million net of fees includes interest and dividends earned and reinvested into the Diocese of Owensboro's investment portfolio.
- Donations, grants and bequests of \$3.4 million include unrestricted and restricted gifts to the Diocese from generous benefactors.
- Other income of \$0.3 million includes interest earned on loans to parishes and other miscellaneous income.

Chancery Operations

Operating Expenses



Diocesan program expenses of \$11.5 million for the various services, activities, and ministries include the following:

- Catholic Schools Office – Over sees the development of the instructors and academics throughout our seventeen Catholic schools in the Diocese. \$0.2 million
- Campus Ministry – Supports the campus ministries at Brescia University, our only Catholic university in the Diocese as well as Murray State University and Western Kentucky University. \$0.2 million
- Communications – Supports the printing and distribution of the Western Kentucky Catholic newspaper along with television ministry. \$0.25 million
- The Worship Office serves the diocesan community through liturgical education and training of Catholic lay leaders. \$0.2 million
- The Office of Hispanic Ministry works to identify and meet the pastoral needs for our Hispanic community within our Catholic community. \$0.7 million
- The Tribunal Office works to resolve issues of justice, primarily related to marriage according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. \$0.25 million
- The Vocation Office facilitates and coordinates the development and formation of those called to priesthood and religious life. \$0.1 million
- The Religious Education Office provides resources, spiritual formation for DREs located in our parishes and schools throughout the diocese. \$0.1 million
- The Diocese, through program services, supports the Catholic Schools

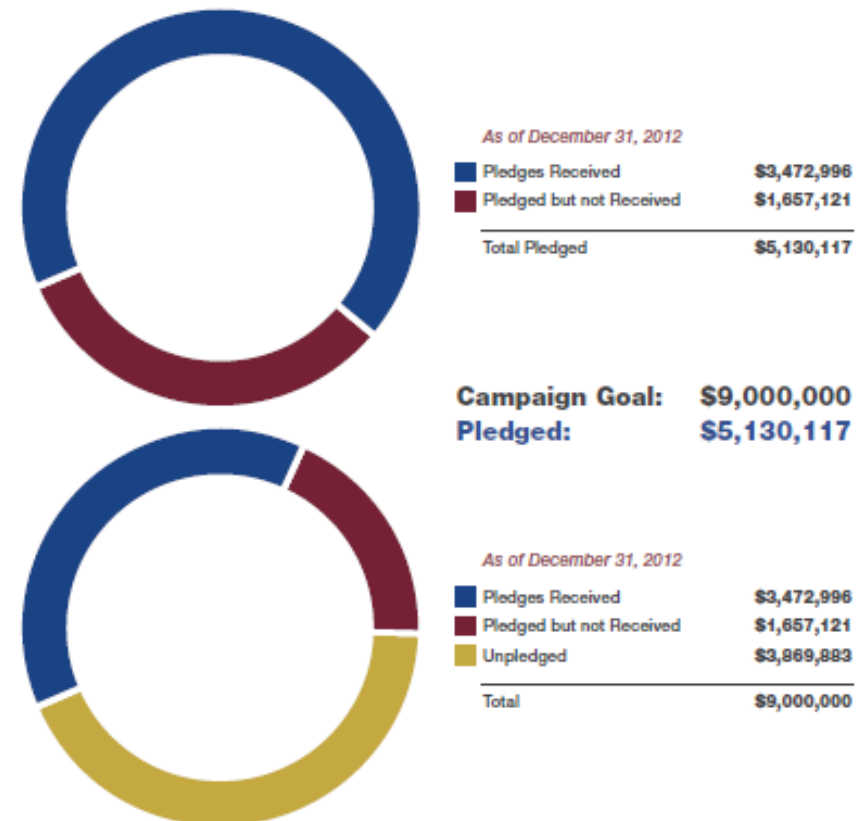
Food Service program and Bishop Soenneker Personal Care Home. \$1.5 million

- Retired Priests and Other Clergy expenses are primarily the annual cost of priest pensions. As of June 30, 2012, the Diocese had 16 retired priests receiving a pension. \$0.7 million
- Seminarian education expenses totaled \$0.5 million. For the fall 2012 semester, the Diocese had 16 seminarians in formation for the priesthood. One seminarian will be ordained into the priesthood in May 2013.
- Grants made to Catholic organizations. \$0.7 million

NOTE: Net Operating Expenses for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, include \$3.1 million of salaries, wages & taxes and \$2.9 million of Diocesan Benefit Plan expenses which were offset by premiums received as operating income and do not reflect \$0.28 million of non-cash expenses.

Chancery Operations

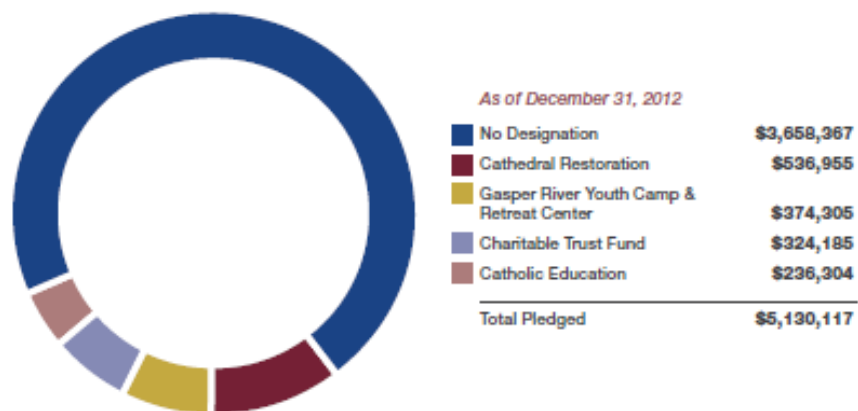
Responding to Today's Need and Tomorrow's Vision Capital Campaign



In 2008, the Diocese of Owensboro launched a diocesan-wide capital campaign to raise \$9 million. Just as every family plans for the future, so

must the diocese. The challenge has never been greater than it is now to provide a strong faith-filled environment for our youth, to continue providing quality benefits for our retired priests, to restore and renew our Cathedral and to establish a diocesan endowment to meet our growing Catholic educational needs.

The campaign will end in December of 2013. As you can see from the graphs to date, we have raised \$5,130,117. Thanks to each of you who made this possible.



There are five areas that your dollars could be designated: Catholic Education, Charitable Trust Fund, Gaspar River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center and Cathedral Restoration and no designation. Of the 5.1 million pledged, \$3.7 million was undesignated and the remainder was spread over the four areas outlined above.

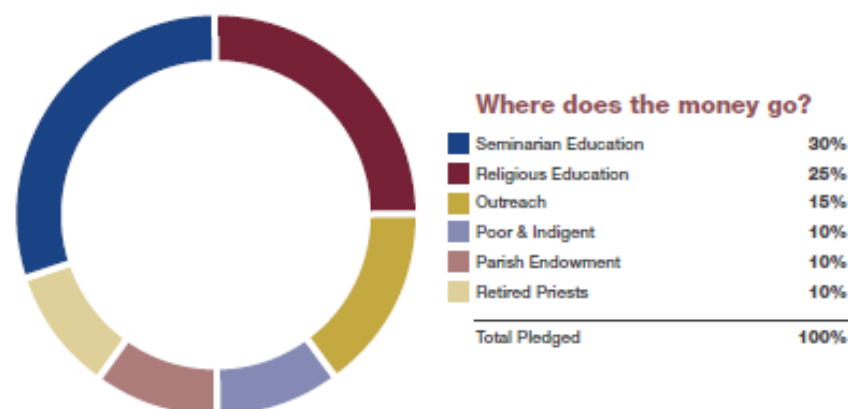
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Disciple's Response Fund Annual Appeal



The DRF annual appeal was established in 1993; "as a way to present the needs of the Catholic Church to the faithful and then allow the Church to

do as much as the people's generosity allows." The dollars raised support seminarian education, religious education, retired priests, outreach to the poor, and to support our parish endowments.



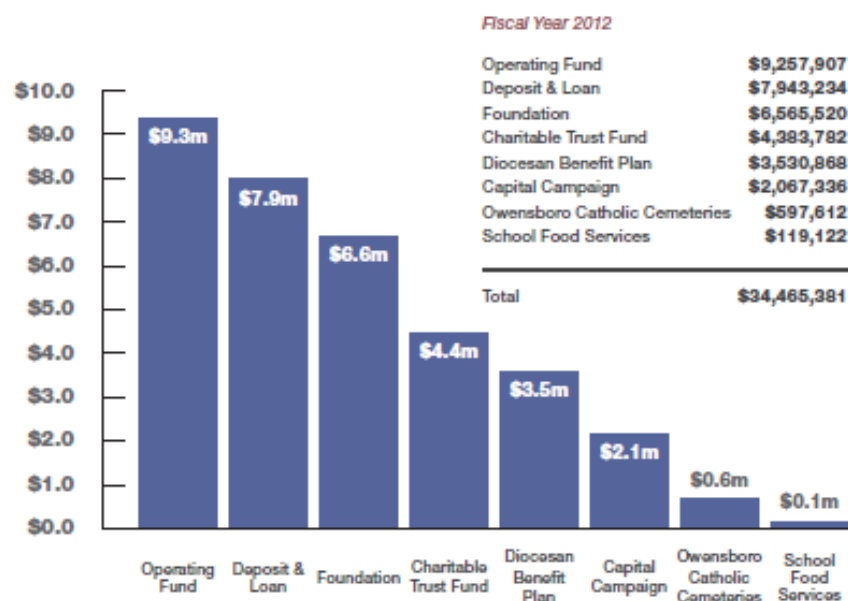
Chancery Operations

Summary

Net Income from Operations	\$1.23 Million
Other Expenses	\$(0.28) Million
Market Investment Gains	\$0.01 Million
Overall Net Income	\$0.96 Million

Chancery Operations

Total Investment Portfolio Fund Allocation



Independent Auditors' Report

Diocesan Finance Council, Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro

We have audited the accompanying combined statement of financial position of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro (Chancery and Affiliates) (Diocese) as of June 30, 2012. This combined financial statement is the responsibility of the Diocese's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this combined financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined statement of financial position is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation of the combined statement of financial position. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Because we were not engaged to audit the combined statement of activities, we did not extend our auditing procedures to enable us to express an opinion on the change in net assets for the year ended June 30, 2012. Accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

In our opinion, the compiled financial statement referred to in the first paragraph presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro (Chancery and Affiliates) as of June 30, 2012, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined statement of financial position. The combining statement of financial position is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combined financial statement. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the combined statement of financial position and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

We have compiled the accompanying combined statement of activities of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro (Chancery and Affiliates) for the year ended June 30, 2012. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying combined statement of activities and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the combined statement of activities is in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the combined statement of activities in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. During our compilation, we did become aware of a departure from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America that is described in the following paragraph.

A statement of cash flows for the year ended June 30, 2012, has not been presented. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that such a statement be presented when financial statements purport to present financial position and results of operations.

The supplementary information contained in the combining statement of activities is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statement. The supplementary information has been compiled from information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on such supplementary information.

Riney Hancock CPAs PSC
Owensboro, KY
January 7, 2013

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors, Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc. (Foundation) (a nonprofit organization) as of June 30, 2012, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc. as of June 30, 2012, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Riney Hancock CPAs PSC
Owensboro, KY
January 7, 2013

Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc. Statements of Financial Position • June 30, 2012 & 2011

Assets	2012	2011
Cash and Investments:		
Seminarists	4,820,110	5,015,747
Religious education	396,592	401,411
Outreach	216,587	219,218
General	289,382	268,845
Held for annuity obligations	1,019,705	916,412
	6,742,376	6,821,633
Assets held for others:		
Cash and Investments:		
Bishop Soenneker Home	91,881	92,083
Blessed Sacrament Chapel	9,902	7,779
Catholic education scholarships	34,410	167,424
Holy Name School	751,996	731,547
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville	35,177	34,392
Owensboro Catholic High School	4,604,292	4,527,861
Owensboro Catholic Schools	1,085,610	974,802
Parish endowments	853,956	1,012,319
Sisters of the Lamb of God	17,799	17,175
St. Alphonsus Cemetery	122,139	120,938
St. Ann Catholic School	137,787	136,430
St. Charles Cemetery, Bardwell	19,744	19,787
St. Charles, Livermore	43,250	40,794
St. Columba, Lewisport	35,952	35,164
St. Denis Cemetery	54,627	54,747
St. Edward	30,402	29,700
St. Joseph School, Bowling Green	469,361	488,574
St. Joseph, Bowling Green	27,069	27,129
St. Joseph, Central City	231,984	232,493
St. Joseph, Mayfield	38,934	40,956
St. Paul, Princeton	9,695	0
St. Plus Tenth, Owensboro	18,852	18,893
St. Romuald, Hardinsburg	163,499	0
St. Sebastion Cemetery	5,178	5,613
St. Thomas More, Paducah	665,841	680,135
Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville	212,522	206,584
Due from Diocese for parish endowments	76,186	38,146
	9,848,045	9,721,464
Total assets	16,590,421	16,543,097
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Due to Diocese operating fund	39,946	39,946
Annuity obligations	401,604	467,631
Assets held for others	9,848,045	9,721,464
Total liabilities	10,289,595	10,229,041
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted (board designated) & temporarily restricted	6,151,178	6,314,056
Total liabilities and net assets	16,440,773	16,543,097

The full audits reports may be found here: http://www.rcdok.org/the_diocese/audit_reports/



Basilio Az Cuc

By Basilio Az Cuc,
Owensboro Diocesan Seminarian

My name is Basilio Az Cuc and I am a seminarian studying to be a priest for the Diocese of Owensboro. I am originally from Guatemala. Eight years ago, when I came for my first visits to the diocese, I was a little afraid because Owensboro was a new place for me; it was a new people with a different culture, different language, and different values. In 2005, when I became a seminarian for the diocese, I knew that I was already a part of the community because we share the same faith, but in some ways, I did not

feel it. I did not know how I was going to make the connection with the people in the diocese. I was a little afraid, shy, and my English was limited. I thought that I had to do for myself, but I was surprised that the people of the diocese were the ones who received me with a great hospitality. Especially the members of the Serra Club; they hosted me for dinner and they talked to me. They helped me to realize that I was not among strangers, but among brothers and sisters who care for me.

Likewise, I have been impressed during these years when I met “people,” brothers and sisters at diocesan events or when I visit their parishes and they tell me that they have prayed for me since I became a seminarian. I also appreciate the greeting cards that people have sent to

let me know that they pray for me; especially the ones from the children. Because of your great hospitality, I feel like I have a big family in Western Kentucky.

Since I became a seminarian for the Diocese of Owensboro, I have been in four seminaries. “Nuestra Señora del Camino” in Sololá, Guatemala, “Seminario Hispano de Guadalupe” in Mexico City, “Saint John Vianney” in St. Paul, Minnesota, and now I am in “Saint Meinrad” in Indiana; curiously each seminary is closer to the diocese geographically. Also I am coming closer to priesthood. Hopefully, after my formation and ordination, I will come to serve in the diocese.

This year is my eighth year of seminary formation. I firmly believe that it is God who wants me to be a minister of his in the Church. I have had many experiences

of faith, some joyful and some hard ones, but I believe that God has been with me and I trust that he will be with me through the end. I am thankful to him. I am also thankful to the Virgin Mary, our Mother, for being with me and for protecting me. In the same way, I am grateful to the diocese and in a special way to Father Andy Garner, who has walked with me in the process of formation as a good father and a good friend. I am also thankful to Bishop Medley and Bishop Emeritus John McRaith for their trust and support. Without the grace of God and without the support of the diocese I would not be able to follow my vocation.

I am eager to continue my formation to priesthood. Please continue praying for me and for all seminarians and priests. Thank you brothers and sisters.



Catholic Schools Give Young Ministers Early Start in Training

On April 18, 2013 Owensboro Catholic Elementary Schools K-3 kindergartners served as liturgical ministers for the weekly school Mass with Father Julian Ibemere, pastor of Saint Pius Tenth Church, Owensboro, presiding. In the photo at left servers for Fr. Julian were Jacob Warren and Lance Dickens; Cross Bearer Jackson Howard. In the photo second from left, three of the Song Leaders shared a mic Elly Danner, Macy Foreman, and MiKayla Waninger. In the photo second from right above, Reader Aubrey Randolph invited the assembly to say the Response. In the photo at top right, Reader Tucker Ray proclaimed the First Reading. Mel Howard Photos.

Our Cries for The Gospel of Life Must Be Heard

Dear Editor:

I was over-whelmed with JOY reading the March issue of the Western Kentucky Catholic. FIVE PAGES devoted to ending abortion and the stories of the buses that trekked to Washington D.C. for the National March for Life in January. Their joined voices and actions unified to incite our Legislature to sanction a respect for ALL life from the moment of conception to natural death. They answered God's call to do what they could do and take a stand to help save His babies. The following

poem says it so well:

YES
Save my wolves and
Save my woods and
Save my owls
BUT be aware
That everytime
You save
An unborn child
You save Christ
- DRW, O.S.B.

My prayer is for more crusaders to commit to picking up Christ's cross to help

Him save His babies. Over 53 million U.S. citizens murdered at the hands of their own mother because it is legal.

Because of the changing of times, having to book & pay for rooms, also sign a contract & put down a deposit for buses by December, we would like for you to sign-up to hold your seat on the bus. If you can walk, are in good health to ride a bus for 16 hours(stops every 2-3 hours), pray to discern if this is something that you can do. Call Dick Murphy at 270-683-1545 and put your name on the list. First and foremost we need prayer. For those who can't commit to the trip - perhaps you can pray and make a financial contribution to help defer expenses. There could be

some who would like to send in monthly amounts of your choice.

I have heard from so many...."I've been aiming to do this for years"....."It's time I take a stand...take the Lord's hand and commit to do what I can!" You will never regret!

Our cries MUST be heard! That God will not ask us, "Did you succeed?", but will ask "Did you try?" and we can answer, "Yes, Lord, we did try."

- Nancy Wolf
P.S. Direct all correspondence to GOSPEL OF LIFE COMMITTEE, GOSPEL OF LIFE, c/o Dick Murphy - Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301.



By **Richard Murphy**

Two significant anniversaries this spring prompted this reflection on the gift of peace and Catholic social teaching. Fifty years ago on April 11, 1963, not long after the Cuban Missile Crisis and the building of the Berlin Wall, when it looked like these events would lead to nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union, Pope John XXIII wrote and published an encyclical letter entitled, *Pacem in Terris*, or Peace on Earth. Thirty years ago on May 3, 1983, the US bishops published a pastoral letter on war and peace entitled *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response*. This pastoral letter was written during the tense and dangerous times of what became the death throes of the Soviet Union. Both of these documents are important contributions to the body of work that makes up Catholic social teaching. They were written when the peace of the world was very much in danger. Each generation faces threats to peace and our own time is no different. Each of us might pause and reflect during the Easter and the Pentecost seasons on the gift of peace given us as individuals and collectively as a community. What makes for peace and how do we preserve it?

The seasons of Easter leading into Pentecost offer us a good place to start on a reflection on the gift of peace. After Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostle John in his Gospel, chapter 20:19-22, reported that the disciples were hidden behind a locked door in the place where they were staying "for fear of the Jews." After all, they knew what the authorities did to Jesus, and it was rational to conclude that they would be next to receive such horrifying punishment.

Just at that moment of grief, dread, and despair, the resurrected Lord Jesus appeared in their midst and said quite simply "Peace be with you." What a sight it must have been and what a greeting for the disciples! John indicated that Jesus showed them his hands and side, and only then, did the disciples rejoice to see the Lord. Jesus calmed them with His peace, and suddenly their faith became bigger than their fears.

Once again, Jesus said "Peace be

Reflections on the Gift of Peace

with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John tells us that Jesus did something really unique, he breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." The disciples were given authority to grant peace with God through the forgiveness of sins by the power of the Holy Spirit. Easter and Pentecost are linked in the gift of peace that the Church communicates to the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Peace is a state of mind and heart that is prized by every one of us, as well as communities, states and nations. A gift of peace is often taken for granted until it is lost by acts committed against us, or our community. It also can be lost by what we have done or have failed to do to another. I have heard it said, and believe it to be true, that sin takes us farther than we want to go, makes us stay longer than we want to stay, and costs us more than we want to pay. Whether we are the victims of acts committed against us, or are the perpetrator of sins against others, the net result is same: a loss of peace. We like the disciples grieve, are filled with dread and can suffer with despair. We need to make peace with God, and that restoration of peace is available to us by the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church, of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Why don't we all resolve to take advantage of that wonderful gift and receive peace with God in the Sacrament?

Experiencing peace in our own hearts is a start, but what guidance is there for reaching peace between peoples? We are fortunate to have two prime examples in the encyclical letter and pastoral letter already cited above.

The encyclical, *Peace on Earth*, reads as fresh today as in 1963. It was the first encyclical addressed not only to the leaders of the Church and the faithful, but also to "all men of good will." In it, Pope John XXIII teaches us that peace can only be established if the social order set down by God is followed. He sketches out a list of rights and duties to be followed by individuals, public authorities, national governments, and the world community. Pope John offers us many clear ideas on what makes for peace. Here are a few. We as citizens should take an active role in public life and organizations and influence them from within (#147.) We should carry

on temporal activities "as acts within the moral order" (#150.) A unity between our faith and our actions is needed; solid Christian education will help us achieve this unity (#152-153.) We need to learn to distinguish between false philosophical ideas and movements derived from them (#159.) We as Christians need prudence in determining when to collaborate with non-Christians in social and economic affairs (#160.) Pope John, in his closing remarks, said "Peace will be an empty sounding word unless it is founded on the order which the present document has outlined in confident hope: an order founded on truth, built according to justice, vivified an integrated by charity and put into practice in freedom (#167.) The teaching in *Peace on Earth* was a guide to the Church on the issue of peace for decades. It served as a beginning point for the U.S Bishops when they took up the issue 20 years later.

In their pastoral letter, *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response*, the U.S Bishops in 1983 were confronted with the clash of two super powers dangerously close to a nuclear showdown. How could the Church impact so great a concern? The Bishops tried something entirely new with the development of this document. It was the first to be developed by the Bishops as a result of open dialogue, and consensus based drafting process. Both clergy and laity had access to the drafts of the document as it was prepared and could comment on it as it went through changes. This helped the document to receive a great deal of public attention and let the bishops speak with unusual authority.

The Bishops made it clear that the arms race was immoral. The policy of the day followed by the military was that of nuclear deterrence, and the Bishops addressed it. They said it could only be acceptable as a "provisional" ethic. Catholic teaching was the source of both just war theory and much teaching on nonviolence. The just war theory even begins with a "presumption against war." In their conclusions, The Bishops spoke

"as pastors, not as politicians." They indicated that they "could not remain silent in the face of such danger" and that they were "simply trying to live up to the call of Jesus to be peacemakers in our own time and situation" (#331.) They went on to say that "we need a 'moral about face.' The whole world must summon the moral courage and technical means to say 'no' to nuclear conflict; 'no' to weapons of mass destruction; 'no' to an arms race which robs the poor and the vulnerable; and 'no' to the moral danger of a nuclear age which places before humankind indefensible choices of constant terror or surrender.

Peacemaking is not an optional commitment. It is a requirement of our faith. We are called to be peacemakers, not by some movement of the moment, but by our Lord Jesus. The content and context of our peacemaking is set, not by some political agenda, or ideological program, but by the teaching of his Church" (#333.) We can learn much from Catholic social teaching and the little shared here is not meant to be a conclusive summary for these writings, but an invitation to take up these living documents and discover what they can teach us about the issues of our on time.

The peace of the world is in danger during our time. We are often tempted as individuals to go home and lock out the world. We are tempted as church to gaze inward and look to meeting our own needs. Where do we turn for the inspiration and direction to meet the challenges in our Day? The Scriptures and Catholic social teaching are a very good place to start. We can clearly see from them that Jesus bids us to receive His peace despite the circumstances we may find ourselves in at the moment and to share this peace with the world of people so much in need of it.

May the love of God, the peace of the risen Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of us this Easter and Pentecost. May we pray for the courage to live in peace and share it with others. "Peace be to you."

Richard Murphy is Director, Office of Social Concerns, Diocese of Owensboro

SUMMER CAMPS FOR GIRLS - Make plans now for Camp Marian, Summer Camp filled with fun, food, fire, prayer, and friends. This Camp for girls who are currently in 5-8th grade is June 17-19. Camp takes place by Lake Marian the Sisters of St. Benedict's in Ferdinand, Indiana. Camp size limited to 50 campers. Register online at www.thedome.org/vocation <<http://www.thedome.org>>. The full \$45 camp fee is due with registration. Cancellations before June 1 will receive a \$30 refund. Registration closes June 1.

Lenten Service Traditions Prepare For Easter Celebrations

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In the photo at left, On Saturday, March 23rd, the St. Romuald Easter Egg Hunt was held with a total of 88 kids hunting candy filled eggs and receiving prizes.

Above, All those present at the Egg Hunt signed cards and they were mailed to the active military of St. Romuald Parish. Signing the cards are Brianna Poole, Luke Walz, Shelby Walz and Paige Waddell. Submitted by Kim Brumfield



St. Ann Interparochial School students, grades PK thru 8, participated in a Penny Challenge during the Lenten season. Students collected over \$2,200 and proceeds from the Penny Challenge will be to give back to the community.

United Community Bank - Sturgis branch employees helped to count the money. Portions of the proceeds were used to provide Easter food baskets to members of our community. Members of Y-Club and Beta Club shopped at Alps to make food purchases. Students who participated: Front Row, L/R: Fallon Scates, Emily Greenwell, Anna Wheatley, Macy Peak, Kassidy Luttrell, Colt Scates, Kent Davis Back Row, L/R: Jordan Stewart, Lauren Willett, Marissa Nelson, Hannah Buckman, Christopher Hagedorn, Christian Lovell

Club sponsors Mrs. Jennifer Wurth, Mr. Gary Long, Mrs. Vicky Collins, Mrs. Brigitte Mallory, and Mrs. Jennifer Greenwell helped the students purchase and prepare food baskets. Submitted by Beth Hendrickson



Noah Finley and his sister, Haley Barnett, children of Samantha Finley, received their First Holy Communion on Easter Sunday at St. Lawrence Parish with Father Ray Clark presiding at the holy Mass. They were RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) candidates under the direction of Nancy Greenwell, the parish's DRE (Director of Religious Education.) It was an extra joyful day as they celebrated both Easter and the blessing of receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Larena Lawson Photo

Monte Cassino pilgrimages to be held in May

Saint Meinrad Archabbey's pilgrimages to honor the Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine have been scheduled for the Sundays in May.

The pilgrimages begin with an opening hymn and a short sermon, followed by a rosary procession. The service ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn. Speakers and topics for the pilgrimages are:

- May 5 – Br. Philipp Steiner, OSB, "Living in the House of Mary"
- May 12 – Fr. Joseph Cox, OSB "Mary, Our Mother"
- May 19 – Novice Matthew Sprauer, OSB, "Mary, Model of Hospitality"
- May 26 – Novice Bradley Jensen, OSB, "Mary, Full of Grace"

Services begin at 2 p.m. Central Daylight Time. The public is invited.

The Monte Cassino Shrine is located one mile east of the Archabbey on State Highway 62 in St. Meinrad, IN.

OCES 6th Grade Science Fair

The Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus recently held a Science Fair competition. Below is a list of students who placed in the competition.

First: Jade Flaherty, Josafina Garcia, Isabel Hayden, Jayden Hall, Rachel Kyle, Reisz Krampe, Andrew Meyer, Kennedy Roberts, Sam Polio, Madison Warren, and Tim Settles.

Second: Keaton Durham, Aubry Hendricks, Katie Hampel, Hannah Latham, Elizabeth Ladnier, Claire Johnson, Mary Clare Mills, Grace Millay, Kevin Ralph, Nick Mills, and Samuel Self.

Third: Ivory Houle, Madelyn Hempen, Zachary Hardesty, Genarose Jones, Grace Jacob, Makayla McCarty, Katie Murphy, Hannah Padgett, Foster Roach, Austin Stallings, and Mattie McFadden.

Some of the judges for the Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Grade Science Fair received directions and got right to the work of deciding which projects would place in the competition. Fr. Brandon Williams, Associate Pastor for St. Stephen Cathedral Parish, and Daviess County Judge-Executive Al Mattingly listened to Mr. Jeff Sorce, 6th Grade Science teacher, who showed them the projects they were to judge March 26, 2013 in the OCS 4-6 Center gym. At right, Sister Ann McGrew, OSU, Director of



Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat experiment technique, and their findings. All the judges Center, reads carefully the student project's appreciated the use of the scientific method which the explanation of the literature review for their sixth-graders used to learn more about life's processes. experiment, the listing of the variables, the Mel Howard Photos

Saint Thomas More Welcomes New Members

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) group met each week beginning August, 2012 to prepare individuals to join the Catholic Church. The Easter Vigil was a special day for the Candidates and Catechumens as they professed their faith and experienced full communion with the Church at St. Thomas more during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31, 2013. Each Catechumen was baptized and each candidate confirmed during this special celebration.



New members and sponsors: front row (L-R): Sherry Harpole, Lori Hatton, Trina Vaughn, Michelle Marquardt, Josh Esper, Donna Monk, Natasha Kimble, Jay Barber, Grace Babbs, Shawn Barber; middle row (L-R): Dan Merges, Roger Kephart, Rodger Harrison, Karen Phillips, Cindy Erickson, Sr. Lucy Bonifas, Eileen Segebarth, Scott Babbs; back row (L-R): Dolores Webber, Mary Jo Lewis, Cheryl Harrison, Fr. Patrick Reynolds, Pat Cairney, Genie Lasoski, Houston Babbs, Drew Barber. Not pictured: Kelly Butts, Lori Meredith, Skylar Marquardt Photo by Missy Eckenberg



Habitat For Humanity Student Volunteers Help to Build Safe, Affordable Homes

40 students from University of KY Habitat for Humanity Chapter spent their spring break framing House #107 for Owensboro Habitat for Humanity. Members of the Owensboro Catholic Habitat chapter (pictured in front) took lunch to them on Friday and then visited the site where they were framing the house. UK kids come every spring to frame a house in Owensboro. Also pictured are the wonderful men and women who work with Habitat building every day. Photo by Bev Howard



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Women's REC Team and Residents Find Many Common Characteristics, Commit to Be Daughters of Christ

By Sharrie Cinnamond

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On February 22, 2013 the team for the Women's REC (Residents Encounter Christ) gathered in the lobby of the Daviess County Detention Center. While we were a bit nervous, we were also excited and ready to meet the 30 residents who would be joining us for the weekend. As we gathered in the Chapel and got to know one another, we began to form a community of love and support. We discovered we had many things in common – most of us are mothers or grandmothers, we often struggle with the issues of self-image and we all have our addictions.

Whether its addiction to alcohol, drugs, chocolate, food, or the internet, we realize it can cause us to focus less on the things we should be doing. As we shared with one another, prayed and worshipped together, we found that by giving our lives to the Lord and letting Him lead us, we could become the person He created us to be. By Sunday afternoon when the weekend closed, each of us had either renewed or made a commitment to be daughters of Christ.

Immigration Reform Advocacy Training

Congress and the Obama administration have begun a serious effort to reshape our immigration laws and the U. S. Bishops want to be sure the legislation reflects our Catholic values. Beginning with Pope Pius XII and continuing to the present certain clear principles have guided our advocacy on behalf of the strangers and how to welcome them. A wealth of information is available on the USCCB Justice For Immigrants website and a statement by our own bishops is available elsewhere on this site.

On May 16, the Catholic Conference of Kentucky is sponsoring a workshop at St. James Parish in Elizabethtown for pastors and other parish and church leaders from the dioceses of Louisville and Owensboro regarding comprehensive immigration reform. The day begins at 9:30 am with registration. The workshop will begin at 10 am and conclude at 3 pm. Lunch is provided for all participants. St. James is located at 307 W. Dixie Ave., Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701-1701. **Here is a link to driving directions: <http://bit.ly/10PCt10>.**

And then on May 23, CCK is sponsoring the same workshop at Pax Christi Parish in Lexington for pastors and other parish and church leaders from the dioceses of Lexington and Covington.

Kentucky's four Catholic bishops are strong supporters of justice for immigrants and urge others to advocate for a fair and just reform of the nation's current immigration laws. These two

Owensboro Catholic 4-6 Campus presents Club Scientific



ClubScientific, LLC is an Atlanta, Georgia based company founded on the principle that parents want to provide their children with exciting, challenging, and life impacting academic enrichment experiences. The company is committed to demonstrating how science works in the real world by providing activities in veterinary medicine, robotics, forensics, video game creation, food science, paleontology, engineering, chemistry and biology, astronomy, oceanography, emergency medicine and special effects.



OCE 4-6 ClubScientific Club Members are: Jaden Bertke, John Cason, Bethany Mayfield, Jameson Mayfield, Madi Calhoun, Molly Ballard, Brandon Ballard, Andrew Gray, James Haynes, Parker Patton and Javier Gaynor. ClubScientific teachers are Melanie Ballard and Nicole Gray.

training events will provide an opportunity to learn more about the church's teaching regarding immigration and participants will leave with concrete plans for advocating for this just reform.

To Register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11dAo1--RfVpPzxSHOvpbV5thlxDNEkm3pZnxA0HVdjE/viewform?pli=1>

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2013 Graduating Seniors from Trinity High School



Kelsey Armes



Dylan Aud



Lexi Aud



Kayla Barr



Jessica Beyke



Max Bickett



Zach Boehmann



Hannah Coomes



Austin Goetz



Brooklyn Gray



Chris Hamilton



Lexie Hatfield



Chelsea Howard



Elizabeth Howard



Sam Howard



Nathan Huff



Luke Johnson



Blake Knott



Jordan Kreisle



Max Lanham



Jamie Mattingly



Katey Mattingly



Johnathan Mills



Johnathan Morris

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Dalton Payne



Lauren Reynolds



Daniel Robertson



Amanda Roby



Hailey Roby



Kacy Jo Roby



Rachel Russelburg



Cory Smith

Bishop William Medley's Congratulations to High School Graduates 2013

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

Dear High School Graduates 2013,

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

Specially featured in this issue are the graduates of our three Catholic High Schools, Trinity High School in Whitesville, St.

Mary High School in Paducah, Owensboro Catholic High School. These three schools will observe the graduation of 187 students in May of 2013. I will attend all of these graduations and that of Brescia University as well.

Blessed John Paul II likewise affirmed in his Apostolic Exhortation *Ecclesia in America*: "Parents have a fundamental and primary right to make decisions about the education of their children; consequently,

Catholic parents must be able to choose an education in harmony with their religious convictions." The Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools has helped to build upon its partnership with your parents. Our Catholic schools have done a splendid job of educating you spiritually, academically, socially, and morally. This rich and vibrant tradition of Catholic education is so evident in you, now proud alumni of our Diocese.

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

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

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of Owensboro

May God's Richest Blessings Be With All Of You, Now And In The Future



Jim Mattingly

To the graduating seniors of Owensboro Catholic, St. Mary, and Trinity High Schools,

Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2013! I could not be more proud of our seniors and your many outstanding accomplishments. Day after day, month after month, year after year, I continue to be amazed when

I check the newspaper or the Internet and see yet another impressive accomplishment by the students from our three high schools, whether it be in academics, athletics, or other extracurricular endeavors. You have a lot to be proud of!

There is an old saying, "Good things come in small packages." That is certainly true with regard to our three high schools, because our students never allow school size to be a factor in competition. There are 280 accredited high schools in the state of Kentucky. In terms of the number of students enrolled, Trinity ranks number 262; St. Mary ranks number 249; and Owensboro Catholic ranks number 175. And there are actually 122 high schools in the state that have larger enrollments than all three of our high schools combined. With those numbers in mind, I wish to applaud you once again for all of your outstanding achievements, which are often attained in competition versus much larger schools. To compete successfully with larger schools, a number of qualities are needed, including a strong work ethic, teamwork, and a "Never say die" attitude. You have demonstrated those qualities on a regular basis. And I encourage all of you to build on those same qualities after you leave high school. They will serve as a strong foundation for your future achievements!

As you graduate from high school, always remember that Catholic schools have an outstanding record in faith formation, academic excellence, and servant leadership. Those three attributes set you up for a bright future. And as you begin preparing for life in college or other postsecondary pursuits, it is my hope that you see your Catholic school education as a profound gift that is unique because it combines faith and reason on a daily basis. That is a priceless gift, and a gift that keeps on giving. It gives you a perspective on life that – in this day and age – is rare and unique. In the years to come, that perspective will be challenged over and over

in our present-day culture. I encourage you to stand up for your beliefs no matter how often they are challenged! You will be richly rewarded, in this life and the next.

And may God's richest blessings be with all of you, now and in the future.

- Jim Mattingly, Superintendent, Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools

St Mary Schools Director Presents at NCEA Convention

PADUCAH, Ky. - St Mary Director, Dr Angela Farmer, presented at the National Catholic Education Convention in Houston, Texas!

Her presentation entitled "The Elephant in the Room" addressed effective practices to help systems implement change protocols designed to help stabilize funding dynamics for Catholic systems. Attendees included administrators from across the nation as well as Australia and Ireland. Over 9,000 Catholic system educators attended the annual conference.

"It was an exceptional opportunity to represent Paducah as well the Owensboro Diocese to address a topic that is critical to Catholic school success around the world," said Farmer.



Graduates Of The Paducah Chamber Youth Lead Program Recognized



At a recent Paducah Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting, St. Mary High School Juniors Katie Gipson, at left, and John Higgins, right, were recognized as graduates of the Paducah Chamber Youth Lead Program. Senior Olivia Romero, center, was recognized as recipient of a Comcast Scholarship. Submitted by Jackie Hopper

2013 Graduating Seniors from Owensboro Catholic High School



Christopher Andrews



Carli Nicole Barr



Shelby Bennett



Anna Marie Blair



Amber Boarman



Andrea Boarman



Mary Grace Boarman



Caleb Andrew Brand



Elizabeth Buntin



Andrew Carlisle



Ryan Carlisle



Jessica Nicole Carmon



Charles Carrico



Christopher Carrico



Collin Lee Carrico



Logan Cart



Shelby Carwile



Daniel Patrick Castlen



Jacob Cecil



Corey Ryan Clouse



Dustin Michael Cole



Caitlin Marie Coomes



Julia Danhauer



Katelyn Marie Dant



Michael Decker



Nicholas Robert Drury



David Michael Englert



Kindra Lee Evans



Gary Joseph Faucheux



Haley Frey



Daniel Patrick Fulkerson



Austin Bryce Girtin



Christopher Cornell
Glaser



Michael Andrew Goedde



Morgan Leigh Goetz



Rebecca Anne Goetz



Leah Nicole
Greathouse



Rebecca Daniell
Greenwell



Brian Michael Gross



Chelsea Marie Hagan

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Katherine Lynn Hagan



Steven Dale Hall



Rachel Alaine Hamilton



Paul Jacob Hayden



Kelsey Marie Haynes



Brooke Hermann



Margaret Ellen Higgins



Kristi Paige Houston



Larkin Nicole Hyland



Lysnie Meredith Hyland



Hayley Ingram



Eric Mark Johnson



Lainey Danielle Johnson



Matthew Joseph Johnson



William Charles Johnson



Hunter Carson Jones



Layne Kerr



Michael James Kinney



Rachel Krampe



Alex Lanham



Haley Elizabeth Lanham



Jamie Nicole Lanham



Patrick Louis Lasley



Matthew Kirby Layne



Samson Jeremiah Lilly



Philip Stephen Lovekamp



Trevor Scott Lowe



Preston Lynn



Justin Ahnell Magnuson



Meghan Denise Mattingly



Neil Joseph Mattingly



Zachariah McCarthy



Joseph McIntosh



Hannah Elizabeth Millay



Keith Mason Miller



Jacob Michael Mills



Dylan Morton



David Lawrence Mudd



Brittany Nicole Murphy



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Nicholas Nunley



Robert Chandler Osborne



Kali Paul



Cody Payne



Courtney Renee Phillips



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Ronald Ramsey



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Colton Roberts



Emily Laurel Rose



James William Sandefur



Ciara Kristin Sauer



Allison Renee Schepers



Paulena Kathleen Schreiner



Elizabeth Searcy



Michael Swift



Katlyn Elaine Swisher



Mayme Switzer



Kevin Albert Thompson



William Thompson



Sydney Gabrielle Tignor



Andrew David Tumej



Ashlyn Vessels



Christopher Vessels



Stephanie Wall



Benjamin David Wathen



John Thomas Wathen



Michael Christopher Wathen



Veronica Ann Wethington



Kimberly Ann Whitaker



Emily Whitehouse



Isaac Thompson Wilkerson



Maggie Wilson



Marissa Wilson



Kayla Windle



Megan Elizabeth Woodall



John Michael Young



Lauren Elizabeth Zambrano

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Austin Baker



Sally Ballard



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William Broadbent



Nicole Burks



Canon Carper



Lawrence Cloyd



Emily Curtsinger



Louis Derose



Andrew Durham



Zachary Hayes



Jessica Higgins



Caitlin Hodges



Melissa Howard



Samantha Ingram



Joseph Mayo



Lydia McManus



Hayley Mudd



Aubree Nettles



Matthew Osterhaus



Matthew Rea



Olivia Romero



Kayla Sherron



Leslie Shockley



"Crayola Mary"

Each year the 5th grade class at St. Mary Elementary School in Paducah, under the guidance of Art Teacher Jenny Gillituk, creates an image of Mary using different mediums. Past projects have included "Mosaic Mary" using glass tiles, and last year was "LEGO Mary". This year, students created "Crayola Mary". Students spent hours peeling, breaking, sharpening, and gluing hundreds of crayons to make the image. In previous years the Mary projects have been auctioned off, but this year it is on exhibit in the entryway of the school. "Crayola Mary" will also be on the cover of the yearbook as has been the tradition each year with all the Mary projects. SMES Photo.



Katherine Stewart



Allison Thigpen



Leann Thweatt



Madeleine West



Megan Wurth



Adam Yeisley



Matthew Zakutney

St. Mary High School



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John & Kathy Gordon, 40
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Glen & Cindy Cox, 40
Norman & Nancy Wheatley, 50
Elbert & Bonnie Tindle, 54
Donald & Gloria Tharp, 54
Charles & Marita Bozarth, 56
Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
Mark & Holly Reynolds, 25
Richard & Carolyn Wink, 25
Wm. G. & Mary Ann Terry, 40
Don & Dora Husley, 40
Manuel & Carmel Torrez, 50
Thomas & Barbara Hagan, 57
Edwin & Barbara Merimee, 56
Jerry & Betty Rouse, 53
Robert & Paula Taul, 52
Thomas & Mary Thompson, 56
Edward & Thelma White, 54
Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro
Eric & Shelly Flatgard, 25
James R. & Beverly Knott, 25
Daniel Joseph & Debbi A. Clark, 40
Ronald & Tonja R. Gregory, 40
Michael Reisz & Karen Ann Mischel, 40
Stephen Joseph Thompson, 40
Charles L. & Ruth Marie Adams, 53
Charles L. & Lucy Adams, 56
Bernard E. & Betty Jo Blandford, 59
William R. & Elizabeth Jane Cavin, 67
Leander & Janet Goff, 56
Clifford & Bettie Hall, 60
Charles W. & Margaret L. Smith, 63
Joseph Leroy & Mary Jean Yeand, 66
Precious Blood, Owensboro
Merlin & Barbara Mingus, 52
Eddie & Martha Payne, 51
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Resurrection, Dawson Springs
Norman & Millie Thomas, 55
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Lee & Betty Nally, 51
Earl & Lynda Peters, 53
St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
John M. & Louise Mulligan
St. Ann, Morganfield
William R. & Valerie Alvey, 25
Tommy & Margaret Clements, 58
James & Margie Smith, 54
Charles & Mary Lou Duncan, 55
St. Anthony, Browns Valley
Charles E. & Peggy Marie Grant, 40
Robert & Barbara Carper, 50

James Wallace & Marjorie Howard, 53
St. Anthony, Peonia
Russell & Dorette Clemons, 25
Glenn & Etta Pierce, 58
Alfred & Alice Grant, 52
St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers
Wayne & Georgia Bradshaw, 52
St. Augustine, Reed
James R. & Elizabeth Davis, 60
St. Charles, Bardwell
Maurice & Ursula Thompson, 52
St. Columba, Lewisport
Leo & Eileen Basham, 60
St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
Wm. Michael & Roberta Adams, 40
St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
George W. & Joan Cooper, 58
John & Donna Trogolo, 58
Cletus & Mary Ettensohn, 66
St. Henry, Aurora
Frank & Annette Sopcak, 63
Milton & Mable Keifer, 62
St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Ralph & Jeanie Stamper, 40
Tommy & Lois Ballard, 40
Rudy & Judy Elliott, 60
Robert & Sara Elliott, 58
Thomas V. & Regina Jones, 52
Bernard & Dolores Toon, 66
Albert Louis & Jane Toon, 60
Leo & Willene Thomas, 53
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Paul & Mary Rusher, 58
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Bret & Maria Avra, 25
Harold & Wanda Wurth, 51
St. Joseph, Bowling Green
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William & Elizabeth Helm, 40
Mark & Nona Miller, 40
Dennis & Sheila LeGrand, 50
Alan & Adrienne Dieball, 55
Allen & Delores Dodd, 62
St. Joseph, Leitchfield
Mike & Helen Shull, 40
Ken & Sharon Smart, 50
LaMont & Betty Miller, 40
Richard & Carol Gatto, 50
Harold & Delphine Brown, 68
St. Joseph, Mayfield
Jerry & Rita Suiter, 40
Maurice & Ursula Thompson, 52
Joseph & Jackie Skinner, 54
John & Inez Lee, 59
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Joseph & Faye Hughes, 55
St. Leo, Murray
John & Eleanor Cavanaugh, 63
Ronald & Margie Ratliff, 53

Norman & Jorae Peiffer, 53
James & Janice McAllister, 61
Charles & Maria Rust, 50
St. Martin, Rome
Bob & Lorraine Hayden, 40
Bryan & Diane Lane, 50
Preston & Barbara Fulkerson, 55
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Douglas & Joyce Alvey, 58
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St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
Bob & Margie Elder, 56
Jim & Martha Kauffeld, 51
St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Darrell & Tammy Hagan, 25
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J. C. & Margaret Boarman, 51
Roger & Barbara Coomes, 51
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Alva & Joyce Merritt, 52
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St. Michael, Oak Grove
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Charles & Carol Hendricks, 52
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Tom & Rose Rogers, 63
St. Sebastian, Calhoun
Eddie & Judy Sallee, 40
Alvin & Betty Bickett, 62
St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Michael & Amy Bouchard, 25
Bill & Janice Walker, 25
William J. & Helen Blandford, 67
Don & Sharon Brown, 53
Leo & Melba Schemmell, 56
Richard D. & Faye Booth, 52
Kenneth & Virginia Curry, 64
Paul & Betty Staples, 59
Joseph A. & Olivia Murphy, 65
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St. Thomas More, Paducah
Andy & Suzy Gilland, 25
Tim & Debbie Bray, 25
Mike & Lori Meredith, 25
Scott & Angela Farmer, 25
Kenneth & Sharon Wurth, 40
Bill & Martha Cash, 53
James & Patsy Carroll, 55
John & Nancy Smith, 55
Frank & Marietta Alvey, 58
Bob & Cleo Higdon, 60
St. William, Knottsville
Ernie & Martha Payne, 56
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Ed & Jonny Blondin, 51
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John & Bonnie Horn, 54
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Clarence & Kathy Osborne, 52
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Wilfred & Mary Lois Hagan, 62
Frank & Martha Hardesty, 52
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John Anthony & Margaret Diann Schmitt, 50
Anthony Joseph & Margaret Cox, 67
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Donald Earl & Mary Teresa Hayden, 56
Leonard J. & Patricia Anne Norcia, 55
Joseph M. & Barbara Payne, 55
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St. Agnes, Uniontown
Tommy & Tina Chapman, 25
Doug & Mary Girten, 58
Pat & Teresa French, 40
Bill & Janet Butler, 25
St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
Gene & Dorothy Fleischmann, 55
St. Ann, Morganfield
Jack & Vanessa Utley, 25
Roger & Hilda French, 50
St. Anthony, Axtel
John & Wanda Lanham, 59
St. Anthony, Browns Valley
Thomas Chad & Leigh Lynette Clark, 25
Edward & Pauline Wink, Jr., 54
St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers
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St. Columba Lewispport
Jim & Lilly Lanham, 56
St. Edward, Fulton
Harry & Rose White, 51
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson
Roger & Robin Pierce, 25
St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
Louis & Janet Metzger, 63
Curtis & Elizabeth Medley, Jr., 25
St. Henry, Aurora
Ray & Pat Lents, 67
Glen & Mary Ellen Soucy, 58
St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Marty & Janet Toon, 40
Wm. Dewey & Mary Ruth Hobbs, 62
Raymond & Norma Thompson, 59
Will Ed & Charlene Mills, 55
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David & Susan Wooten, 25
St. Mark, Eddyville
James & Margie Hibbard, 55
St. Mary, Franklin
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Kenny & Susan Knott, 25
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Shelby & Loretta Newton, 52
St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Floyd & Christine Edge, 50
Joe & Patricia Wright, 50
Ellis & Sharon Edge, 52
Henry & Mary Jo Higdon, 64
Carl & Teresa Logsdon, 71
Joseph Cecil & Frances Payne, 56
St. Michael, Oak Grove
Robert & Eva Smith, 50
Thomas & Kathlene Armbruster, 40
St. Paul, Princeton
Virgil & Virginia Nauman, 55
St. Peter, Waverly
Robert & Portia Johnson, 25
Rob & Susan Hagan, 25
St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City
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St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro
M. G. & Catherine Barnett, 40
Terry H. & Phyllis Whitaker, 40
St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
Danny & Ann Morton, 40
William & Sally Hinton, 50
Donnie & Mary Vessels, 50
Joe & Minnie Nimmo, 54
Jim & Sheila Pullen, 40
St. Rose, Cloverport
James & Barbara Mattingly, 50

Tom & Joyce Wheatley, 65
St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Joseph & Sheryl Beard, 40
Bill & Martha Goetz, 40
George A. & Charlotte Hagan, 52
Francis J. & Louise Hayden, 64
Mills & Monika Logan, 55
Gene M. & Nancy B. Clark, 61
St. Thomas More, Paducah
Joseph & Diane Jordan, 40
Bill & Nancy Sturgis, 52
John & Lena O'Nan, 53
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St. William, Knottsville
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Raymond & Mary Jo Smith, 60

Robert & Anna Turner, 62
Walter & Mary Catherine Isbill, 54
Tony & Diana Elliott, 52
Jack & Mary Ann Haycraft, 52
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St. William of Vercelli, Marion
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Richard & Nancy O'Bryan, 40
Paul & Mary Hamilton, 56
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Food/Personal Care Drive Focuses OCS On Almsgiving During Lent

May, 2013 31

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The 2012-2013 School Year was the 18th year that Owensboro Catholic High School National Honor Society has sponsored the Food/Personal Care Drive during Holy Week. It has always been a part of what the OC students do during the last solemn week of Lent to benefit various organizations in the area: Glenmary Sisters, Help Office, Pitino Shelter, St. Benedict Joseph Homeless Shelter.

In honor of the 75th Jubilee of the Diocese of Owensboro, the whole OCS school system participated in the Food/Personal Care Drive. During Holy Week, students collected food and personal care items, and cash donations. K-3, 4-6, OCMS and OCHS contributed.

Patty Kaelin and Jeff Fritz are the OCHS National

Honor Society faculty co-sponsors who helped the NHS members organize the 2013 collection and delivery of items and money for this drive.

“Though this drive gets the students to focus on giving and sharing what we have for the good of others during Lent, their caring for others’ needs continues all year long in every school year among all of the Owensboro Catholic School System community of parents, OCS faculty and staff, and the students. Sharing what we have been given is a basic part of who we are as a Catholic School system,” said Patty Kaelin, an OCHS NHS co-sponsor, accounting teacher and department chairperson for Business and Family Consumer Sciences.



OCHS NHS members collecting items March 28 for St. Benedict Joseph-personal care items; from left are Neil Mattingly, Sam Lilly, Kim Whitaker, Sydney Tignor, and Veronica Wethington, all OCHS NHS members. Bev Howard Photo

Theology of the Body for Teens Study at Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Paducah

By Wendy Parrish, a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

On January 13., 2013 I set out on a journey with my 7th grade middle school daughter to complete a 5-week introduction to the Theology of the Body for Teens study led by our Pastoral Minister, Zach Ault, at St. Francis de Sales Church. My daughter was a little hesitant and unsure at first, as I am sure some are. What teenager really wants to sit around with their parents in front of their other peers and talk about their body? This can be a very touchy subject for teens today, especially not understanding God’s original design for the human body. Imagine the comfort teenagers feel when they realize that everything they find wrong with their body and every little imperfection is exactly what God loves about them. Even though my teen was terrified of the word “body” in the teaching at first, as she settled into the open and warm atmosphere created by Zach, I saw her really able to get comfortable and be fully open to the understanding of the teaching.

For us, as parent and daughter, this was a journey we set out on in the beginning and with each week the need and want to learn about it and complete that journey grew. In the end, I have to say, we were extremely sad it was over. This was a wonderful way for a parent to spend time with their teenager in an often busy world. I could see my daughter’s understanding of the teaching in the breakout sessions where we would take turns asking each other questions about what we learned and shared our responses. This helped me know that she was getting it. We took it a step farther every week and went to dinner afterwards and would just talk about how we felt and what special points we had learned. The explanation and emotion that was used by Zach was stunning. The visual aids used in the games, the singing and songs, and movie clips used tied the concepts and meanings of the teaching together and made it modern and interesting for the teens. The Clip from the Disney movie, “Beauty and The Beast,” took our teenagers back

to a childhood point, while emphasizing the lesson of beauty on the inside of the body God gave us. Zach used personal experience stories when talking about the Sacrament of Marriage that really touched my daughter. Everything that was shared seemed to make the understanding deeper and more personal for her. There were so many points that were just

“WOW” moments for us. The Theology of the Body was a profound emotional explanation of the Word of God that helped my teenager deepen her faith. The confidence and respect she learned through this will stay with her. What a gift!

Submitted by Zach Ault

The Young Church of Today Work With God’s Grace in Many Services



Caitlyn Honeycutt, a fourth grade student at Holy Name, poses with a UK basketball signed by this year’s UK team. The 8th grade class at Holy Name School chose to raffle the ball and donate all proceeds to the Lane Goodwin Childhood Cancer Foundation. The HNS graduating Class of 2013 successfully raised \$601 to fight childhood cancer.



Holy Name School in Henderson is proud of this former HNS student. Evelyn Beckert, above, has been selected as a 2013 National Merit Finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Only the top one percent of applicants in the nation receives National Merit finalist recognition which is based on the results of the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) taken during the junior year of high school. Evie is the daughter of Holy Name parishioners Tom and Valerie Beckert and is a 2009 graduate of Holy Name Catholic School in Henderson. She is a senior at Reitz Memorial Catholic High School in Evansville, Indiana. Submitted by Connie McFarland



The kindergarten students at Sts. Peter and Paul School presented a dinosaur program to family and friends on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at the school. Students participating were: (front from left) Ellie Groves, Jackson Smith, Franco Fiscella, Ryan Luckey, Tanya Sullivan, Tony Sullivan, Chloe Aguirre, Peter Sunderhaus, Aiden King, Isabella Adcock; back row: Andrew Folz, Kyle Opron, Susanna Sargeant, Joshua Strong, Charlie Gray, Melissa Valdez, Lena Jo Davis, Charlotte Diedrich, and Olivia Jones.

Youth 2000, Spirit-filled and Empowering



The Youth 2000 Retreat brought forth many priests, deacons, religious and even the bishop to celebrate Mass and the Sacrament of Penance with the young people. They also provided spiritual talks and uplifting times of prayer and workshops for the youth

By Corey D. Brun

Youth 2000, or Y2K as it is commonly called, is a three-day Eucharistic centered retreat based on the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 6, "I am the Bread of Life." It is held at different times all over the nation and world. Started in America at the initiative of Blessed John Paul II, Youth 2000 has been hosted by the Diocese of Owensboro for the past 16 years.

Having attended Y2K three times over a span of seven years I have experienced what it is like to be one of the "retreat-goers." I have seen the look of joy on so many faces as we sang songs of praise to Christ, laughed with the Friars, listened intently to the speaker; I am privileged to have witnessed the way in which Christ has touched lives, through testimony talks after the Sunday Mass with the Bishop.

Now that I am studying as a seminarian for the Diocese, I have been able to witness a different side to the retreat. Arriving early Friday morning, my sister and a few friends helped me set up the sanctuary and sacristy for the weekend, as the Y2K Core Team set up the rest of the facilities. That evening we watched with excitement as around 650 youth and their adult chaperones started arriving. The faces of those who have been to previous Youth

to attend. Pictured here, soon to be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Owensboro, Deacon Julio Barrera, sits next to Bishop William F. Medley during the closing Mass of the retreat, on Sunday, March 17, 2013. Larena Lawson Photo



Corey Brun setting up the sanctuary and sacristy in the Brescia University gym March 15 for the Y2K weekend. Mel Howard Photo

2000's radiated with excitement, while those new to the experience were anxious because they did not know what to expect. By the time the opening Mass was over and Jesus was placed in the monstrance atop the "Burning Bush", a large stand for the monstrance in the middle of the room and lit by candles, those that were anxious were growing excited and the retreat was starting in full force.

A few aspects of this three-day retreat include a daily rosary (including one in multiple languages), various speakers, and Confessions being heard over all three days, faith and moral question and answer panels, daily Mass (with the Bishop celebrating the Sunday Mass), and much more. A high point of the retreat comes on Saturday night as a Eucharistic Procession. The youth and many of the adults make a winding circle out from the bush in the center of the gym leaving an aisle in between them for the procession to walk through. During the procession the priest, holding the Monstrance stops in front of each person, allowing them to reverence Jesus and have a personal moment with Him. Like the woman who touches Christ's robes in the Gospel of Mark 5:24-34, each

person is able to touch the humeral veil that the priest holds the Monstrance with. Many bury their face in it; kiss it, or just cry. To me, this is my favorite part of the retreat. The number of youth that cry as they experience God's love and presence in the Blessed Sacrament or in confession is very powerful and always leaves me with a great sense of peace for the future of our church.

On Saturday afternoon those who are either adults or Y2K-returns are able to share how Christ has been working throughout their lives in the past year. My sister and I were asked to give a short testimony on how God has worked in our lives from way back when, to the present. I shared how my faith journey has led me to the seminary, while my sister shared how hers has led her to join the Newman House Core team at MSU. At the end of the retreat, the participants get a chance

to share how God has worked in them throughout the weekend. One even said she wasn't Catholic, but had come to realize the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The impact that Y2K has on those in attendance each year is astounding!

Among the beautiful witnesses to our youth throughout the weekend are diocesan priests and religious priests, brothers, and sisters that are present. We were blessed to have great religious groups present: The Fathers of Mercy, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Carmelites, the Dominican Sisters from Nashville, as well as others. The number of priests who are there each day, ready to hear the youths' Confessions and concelebrate at Mass gives a great witness. On Friday night, the line begins to grow for Confessions as many of the youth feel the call to conversion and repentance. Hundreds experience Christ's mercy, and it is quite common for those priests present to sit and hear Confessions for hours. Thank you SO much to all of the priests and to Bishop Medley for giving your time to come and hear Confessions!

For many in our Diocese, Y2K is the only time they get to see other Catholic youth striving for holiness and living out their faith in Western Kentucky. This is the only time that they get to see sisters and religious brothers or even the Bishop! Throughout the weekend, friendships are made, belief in the True Presence is strengthened, and our youth receive that extra bit of knowledge that will help them to defend their faith. Youth 2000 plays a vital role in answering the call to the New Evangelization in the Diocese of Owensboro. Throughout the program's existence, our Diocese has been reaffirming the faith of thousands of youth and even converting some to the one true flock. On Sunday, vocations are born as Bishop Medley invites all to consider how God is calling them to serve. Many of the priestly and religious vocations in our Diocese come from Y2K!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Youth 2000 a success, either by chaperoning, sponsoring, or praying during all-night adoration. Without you, our youth would not be able to experience this encounter with Christ in the Eucharist. Youth 2000 plays a vital role in evangelizing our youth, and helping them know Christ who truly is the "Bread of Life."

Sophia Award Nomination

The 15th annual Sophia Awards Mass is Sunday, September 29, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, Kentucky. A reception will be held in the undercroft following Mass.

Sophia Awards are a way to honor our senior citizens who have given so generously to the Church of Western Kentucky. Who would you like to receive the Sophia Award from your parish? Sophia Award recipients are nominated by individuals from the parish. (Please, Only One nomination per person.) The person receiving the most nominations from their parish, will be a Sophia Award recipient for 2013. Every parish in the diocese can participate in this process. If all parishes participate, we can have as many as 79 Sophia Award winners!

The nominee(s):

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

I would like to nominate:

Address: _____ Parish: _____

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

_____ (If you need more space, attach your information in a separate page.)

Signature:

Please return this form by July 15, 2013 to: Cathy Hagan, Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301-2130, or e-mail it: cathy.hagan@pastoral.org, or submit it on our website at: www.rcdok.org/sophia

Past Sophia Award Winners

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

Bishop Soenneker Home - Sr. Mary Katherine de Ronde.

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

Carmel Home, Owensboro - Fr. Joseph Rhodes.

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

Christ the King, Scottsville

- Norm Whitehead, Bill & Nancy Wooldridge, Alfred & Joyce Wheeler, Sr., Carol Wheat, Richard & Mary Douglass, Bob & Sandy Blencoe, Jack & Diane Beeckler, John & Dell Hall, Stanley Chmiel, Robert Rothermyer.

Holy Cross, Providence - Dorothy Bellew, James Bumpus, Monica Papineau.

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington - Susan Millay, Joseph M. & Mary Catherine Crews.

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson - Jerry & Jewell-Marie Williams, Fr. J. Edward Bradley, Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, Mariam L. Smith, Agnes & John Marchand, Ann L. Hargis, Jean Pagan, Mary Ann Thrasher, Dotty Liles, Donald P. Metzger, Gloria O'Nan, Robert & Elizabeth Drury, R.C. & Alice Cobb, Mary Louise Raleigh.

Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam - Bob & Francil Higdon.

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green - Peggy Cahill, Paul A. McCavick, Don & Judy Dobernic, Nellie & George Cornett, Lois Schwitzgebel, Ray & Helen Grudzielanek, Tom & Mary Gaietto, Patricia Shanahan, Richard & Cindy Gensler, Harry & Sylvia Spicer, Harold & Stephanie West, Ray & Elizabeth Cossey, Walter & Sara Pudlo, Eugene & Gladys Faller.

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro - Frank & Joy Keller, Jane Pfeifer, Eleanor Renshaw, Joseph W. Castlen, Jr. (Posthumous), Clara Evard, Joe & Sue Riney, Joe & Rita Wedding, Mary Carol Hanekamp, Joseph Cilia, Sue Hill, Jean Gaffey, Joe Lauzon, Mary J. Sims.

Immaculate Conception, Earlington - Peg, Craft, Patsy Barber, Edna Clark.

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

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro - Allen & Margaret Henderson, Ralph Thomas, Gertrude Hamilton, Judy Thomas, Wanda Hargis, Joan Collins, Ray Haragan (Posthumous), Doris Haragan, Marion Mattingly, Sr. Mary Irene Cecil, Bev Zabek, Josephine Spalding, J.L. Fulkerson.

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

Resurrection, Dawson Springs - Fr. Martin Mattingly, Fletcher Holeman, Paul J. & Ruth Stevens.

Rosary Chapel, Paducah - Shirley M. Bunch, Rosemary Lane, Sr. Mary Jude Cecil, Clifford & Pat Robinson, Mattie J. Walker, Amelia Greenlee, LaVera Lowry, Emmitt Walker, Ina McCauley Sowell, William J. & Sara Payne.

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

Sacred Heart, Russellville - Lisle H. Threlkeld, Juanita Carneal, Lucille Thurmond.

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

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

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

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

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

Saint Anthony, Axtel - Wanda Leigh Duke (Posthumously), William & LaVerne Vincent, William Clark, Marquita F. Campbell, Maxine Hinton, William & Merline Long.

Saint Anthony, Browns Valley - Barbara Clark, Linda Frey, Larry & Gennie Payne, Imogene Hayden Stull, Judy Hamilton, Maurice & Duppy Payne, Simon & Rita Wink, Ruth M. Alvey, Chalmus & Mary Agnes Henderson, Norbert & Helen Rose Smith, Albert Nall, William & Alicia Wright, Mike & Theresa Rose McCarty.

Saint Anthony, Peonia - Carlene Braun, Glen & Etta Pierce, Pauletta Grant, Clifford & Margie Higdon, Estella Jarboe, Rebecca Jacobs (Posthumous), Lawrence & Ruth Powell.

Saint Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers - Paul & Joyce Frey, Donald & Barbara Shipley, Lois Tashjian, Maurice & Alice Hustedde, Tom Fusco, Helen Krivan, Bill Rodgers, John Jacob.

Saint Augustine, Grayson Springs - Mary Bernita Sims, Charles & Catherine Kelty, George & Treacy Smith,

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- ✦ Personal reflection time ✦ Questions and open conversation



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For more information or to sign up, contact Sister Martha Keller, OSU: martha.keller@maplemount.org · 270-229-4104

Emeralds Are Golden

The Owensboro Catholic High School Emerald Players presented House of the Seven Gables March 22, 23, 24, 2013 in the renovated Soenneker Hall at Owensboro Catholic High School.

Photo at Top Left: The guards (Alyssa Ralph & Christopher Spurlock) discover Judge Pyncheon's body (Kevin Thompson) while others (Eric Johnson, Emily Wills, Emily Whitehouse, Chase Carrico, & Sam Lilly) react.

Photo at Top Right: Marissa Wilson handed OCHS Faculty Director Katie Pagan flowers as the Cast of the play remained onstage for a curtain call: Seniors:

Kevin Thompson, Michael Decker, Chase Carrico, Sam Lilly, Emily Whitehouse, Eric Johnson, Hailey Poole, Rebecca Goetz, Kim Whitaker, Allison Schepers, Marissa Wilson, Sydney Tignor, Kelsey Haynes, Stephanie Wall, Emily Rose, Shelby Bennett, Gary Faucheux, Kathleen Schreiner; Juniors: Emily Wills, Brian Storm, Alyssa Ralph, Christopher Spurlock, Samuel Johnson, Eric McBride, Alex Mitchell, Eric Thomas, Nicholas Gray; Sophomores: Anna Mayo, Katelyn Westerfield; Freshmen: Micah Swift; and from the OCS K-3 Campus: Jax Malone.

In the Lower Right Photo, Adam Hargrove (Sam Lilly) tries to catch Phoebe Pyncheon (Emily Whitehouse) as she becomes weak from the spell Matthew Maule's ghost (Michael Decker) has placed upon her.



Past Sophia Awards Winners *(Continued from page 33)*

Edwina Stinson, Norma Robinette, Evelyn Mudd, Charles & Lillian White.

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

Saint Benedict, Wax - Willidean F. Alvey, Geneva Childress, Quintin & Mildred Johnston, Antoinette Meredith, Nellie Eversman, Rosaline Johnston, Carmel & Odaline Clemons.

Saint Charles, Bardwell - Fr. William D. Willett, Ron & Dawn Kupper, LaVerne Elliott, Mary Teresine Thompson, Clifton Hayden, Joe & Rosie Hayden.

Saint Charles Borromeo, Livermore - Mary Linda Dotson, Marylyne W. Miller, George & Carol Rhodes, James L. & Marie Logsdon, Clyde & Georgene Poole, Joseph Shultz, Gerth & Mary Meyer.

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

Saint Denis, Fancy Farm - Fr. William D. Willett, Albert Ray Kunkle, Joe Kunkle, William Toon, John Toon (Posthumous), Frank & Barbara Higgins, Elnora Carter, Elizabeth Kunkle, John & Frances Vessells.

Saint Edward, Fulton - Tom & Barb Cleveland, Conrad & Neva Antosiak, Elaine Sullivan, John Sullivan, Jack & Theresa Haddad, Bill & Jean Fenwick, Dorothy Douglas.

Saint Elizabeth, Curdsville - Marie Thompson, Lockie Mattingly, Alan & Ruth Ann Thompson, Joe & Dora McCarty, Fred & Betty Lattus, Fr. Aloysius Powers, Louis & Jean McCarty, Helen Murphy.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson - Juanita Higdon.

Saint Francis Borgia, Sturgis - Reburn Collins, Cletus & Peggy Russelburg, Rita Williamson, Regina Long (Posthumous), Tony & Lita Pfingston, Eula Drane, Bob & Faye Greenwell, Paul & Bernadette Farr, Karl & Jackie Dunning, Rose Riggs, Margie Quinn, Sr. Marcan Freking, Dorothy Lindle.

Saint Francis de Sales, Paducah - Richard & Brenda Hayden, Rose Mary Kloss, Catherine Vaughn, Christine Quigley, Mary Ann Wooten, Martha Wurth O'Neill, Dorothy Parks, Thomas & Rose Marie Weitlauf, Norma Word.

Saint Henry, Aurora - Loretta Vargocko, Paul & Edna Jones, Clement Szymanski, Mildred Losee.

Saint Jerome, Fancy Farm - Dorthy & Cloyd (Posthumously) Wilson, James & Fay Johnson, Dorothy & Leon Carrico, Joseph Leo & Mary Magy Wilson, Leon & Mary Edith Carter, Rudy & Judy Elliott, Elmer J. Elliott, Joe F. & Gert Hayden, Bernard & Wilma Hobbs, Maria Pendel, Harold & Wilmuth Carrico, Mary Willie Thomas.

Saint John the Baptist, Fordsville - Joseph L. Wedding, James & Barbara Montgomery, Leo & JoAnn Kauffeld, Mary & Paul Rusher, Marilyn Midkiff, Bob & Sharrie Cinnamon, Martha Payne, Sr. Marie Michael Hayden, Victoria Bennett, Maggie & J.C. Edge, Ralph Payne, Martin & Linda Frakes.

Saint John the Evangelist, Paducah - Lawrence & Geraldine Durbin, Gerald Roof, Paul Roof, Louis & Kaye Haas, Richard A. Durbin, Edith Wurth, Bob Thackett, Bertram Willett.

Saint Joseph, Bowling Green - Betty Sweeney, Wanda Jo Webb (Posthumously), Deacon Bob Imel, Mary Patricia Reynolds, Jeanne & Alan Baker, Don & Betty McCormick, Jean Fulkerson, Russell Below, Patty Day, Yolanda Padilla, Sheila Laurence, Margaret Vathy, Julian Durbin, Jerry & Jodie Fulkerson, Marian Grubbs.

Saint Joseph, Central City - Richard L. & Judith A. Sims, Bill & Laura Smith, Letha J. Harris, David & Jean Simpson, Martha Clapacs, Sr. Jean Claire Ballard (Posthumous), Fr. Francis Mastrovito (Posthumous), Jim & Mary Beyke, Don & Joan Monaghan, Richard & Queenie Schmidt, Beacham & Mary Anne Kirkpatrick, Edward O'Bryan, Ann Mulligan.

Saint Joseph, Leitchfield - Audrey Wortham, Carol Gatto, Wanda Pierce, Charles & Alice Bruce, Bob Kinkade, Harold Brown.

Saint Joseph, Mayfield - Milton & Joyce Hicks, David & Barbara Koonce, Daisy Dowdy, Cornell & Ernestine Sumner, Katherine Lenihan, Charles & Aline Courtney, Randal Carrico, Lou Ella Pierceall, Ann Hayden, Dr. Francis Dillard, Cecilia Lancaster.

Saints Joseph & Paul, Owensboro - Paul & Anna Marie Haynes, Dorothy & Doug Hood, Dorothy B. Ward, Roy & Shirley Poole, Pat & Birdie Wedding, Richard & Rita Stiff, Paul & Jean McCarty, Rita Fahrendorf, Norman & Mildred Harrington, Melvin Fleischmann, Kathleen Clark, Mary Hinton, Thelma Simon.

Saint Jude, Clinton - Lola

Hobby, Louis & Nina Letanosky, Bertha Meyers, John & Jeane Cromika, Geneva Bugg, Joe & Martine Stahr, L.A. & LaVerne Schwartz, Philomena Hall.

Saint Lawrence, Saint Lawrence - Lucille J. Melton, Joseph B. Coomes, Mary Helen Rhodes, Martha Rose Dotterweich, Catherine Brown, Harold & Bridget Higdon, Victor & Lois Johnson, Vincent & Mildred O'Bryan, Victor & Magdalen Knott, Anthony Rhodes.

Saint Leo, Murray - Darryl & Joyce Rezac, Thomas & Mary Ann Dowdy, Paul & Joan Sachse, Dr. Tom & Sara Royal, Nellie Malys, Paul & Pallie Kurz, Estelle Paulin, Don Burke, Claire Resig, Sr. Mary Matthias Ward, Frances Ross, Mary Gertzen.

Saint Mark, Eddyville - Kenneth Pierson, Roy & Gerry Maynard, Richard Wiening, James & Margie Hibbard, Ralph Keeney, Bill Terry, Marilyn Reibel, Alphonsus Romero, Eileen Hancock, Rosedith Hawkins.

Saint Martin, Rome - Donald & Vivian Fischer, William T. & Patti Wink, Barbara Schell, Betty Hamilton, Josie Hayden, Annie Hardesty, Mary Jean Keller, Mary Sublett, "Horse" & Joan Johnson, Otho & Mary Durbin, Marion & Thomasin Weise, Charles & Helen Steitler, Norbert & Alberta McCarty, Fr. Joe Mills, Sue Ebelhar.

Saint Mary, Franklin - Joann Pais Bradford, Gail B. Kelly, Mary Ann Petty, Thurman & Dovie Garrett, John Classick (Posthumous), Sharon Maloney, Dean & Sharon Henderson, Rosemary Estep, Marguerite Apschnikat, Jean Wilhite, Dr. Steve Maloney, Marie Buchanan, Jim Collins, Frank Farmer.

Saint Mary, LaCenter - Bud & Gayle Waltmon, Karen Mayer, Sr. Teresa Riley, Michael & Evelyn McGowan, John & Elaine Wood, Charles Rucks, Bill & Lena Quarles, Billy Don & Shirley Marshall, Floyd & Fran Roderfeld, Ann Damron, Patty Arington, Bernard & Helen Anselm.

Saint Mary Magdalene, Sorgho - William & Mary Ann Knott, J. Gary & Mary Helen Riney, Martha Riney Kamuf, Bobby & Terry Knott, Larry & Dottie Elder, Joe Bill & Margie Merimee, Vincent & Mary Phoebe Ebelhar, Sr. Helen Leo Ebelhar, Beverly Ebelhar, Elizabeth Medley, Imogene Thompson, Virginia Welsh Clayton, Kenneth & Stansell Ebelhar, Larry Riney, Ed & Mag Kaelin.

Saint Mary of the Woods, McQuady - Jenny Hinton, Marjorie Mattingly, Joe & Betty Ann Payne, Elaine Hinton, Mary Catherine Payne, Shelby "Bud" Newton, Robert Bland, Mary Ruth Bye.

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Saint Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Brenda Clemons, Emma Whistle, Jordan Evans, Sharon Boarman, J.W. & Mary Morris, Maria Beyke, Louis & Nora Edge, William Brant, Lindsey Russelburg, Dorothy Barnard, William & Lillie Mae Hagan, Beulah Robinson, Charlie Wedding, Ann Bickett, J. W. Rearden.

Saints Mary and James, Guthrie - Hazel Bissailon.

Saint Michael, Sebree - William & Peggy Howell, Rosa Lee Edwards, Opal Blandford, Charles Buchanan.

Saint Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove - George & Marie Lake, Patricia Jurisin, Jim & Janet Doyle, Albert & Nancy Scheller, Orin & Virginia Koch, Gloria Maldonado, Bernard & Mollie Canby, Kenneth & Norma Guillory, Frederick & Marie Welter, George Davis, Audrey Shaut, Margaret Donahue, Perry & Betty Elder.

Saint Paul, Princeton - Carmen Richardville, Virgil A. Nauman, Nancy H. McKinney, Col. Charles W. Pratt, Lana Pugh, Elizabeth Berton, Catherine Zaleski, Jean Riddle, Earl Skees, Thomas Harris, Margaret Osting.

Saint Paul, Saint Paul - Barbara Tilford, Rebecca Darst.

Saint Peter of Alcantara, Stanley - Stella Fogle, Louise Morris, Jimmy & Mary Keller, Anita K. Mitchell, Joe & Jean Coomes, Joann Millay, Hugh & Betty Cecil, John J. Young, Herbert Murphy, Fr. Paul Powell.

Saint Peter of Antioch, Waverly - Gayle Russelburg, Ed Wolfe, Alice Houston, Margie Watson, Bettye Bolts, Rosemary Payne, Clarence Powell (Posthumous), Virginia Powell, Dorothy Buckman, Eddie & Rose French, Joe & Juanita Hagan, Joan Mattox, George Vogel, Joyce Greenwell, Ann Collins, David Johnson.

Saints, Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville - Trinidad & Marie Soriano, Robert Spader, Shirley Prunitsch, Beverly Todd, Frances M. Durbin, Charles Puckett, Margie Nosbusch, Anne Garnett, Ernestina Tuggle, Theresa Stites, Helen Brown.

Saint Pius X, Calvert City - Ray & Alice Lucas, Russell & Carolyn Tomlinson, Earl & Shirley Henderson, Dolores Neal, Sara Williams, Louis & Marilyn Stockbridge, Frank & Flo Tomsic, Charles & Diane Fischer.

Saint Pius X, Owensboro - Al & Jane Johnson, Gertie Frey, Wilsie & Marjorie Ward, Mabel Lindsey, Roy Lindsey (Posthumous), Mildred Smith, Margaret Jones Mattingly (Posthumous),

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Catholic Cursillo Movement Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky



UPCOMING 3 DAY WEEKENDS

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#68 October 3-6, 2013

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#70 October 10-13, 2013

Maybe you've heard of Cursillo or know someone that has attended a Cursillo Weekend and you're wondering if you should attend. Do you feel something is missing in your life? Do you feel that God may be calling you to something different? Well,

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND / OR TO LEARN ABOUT APPLYING CONTACT: :

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Golden Papal Bunting Decorates St. Francis Borgia Church Doors

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis, Ky., honored the newly installed Pope by hanging the gold and white draperies for Pope Francis Tuesday, March 19, 2013. The last time the draperies were hung was for Pope Benedict April 19, 2005.

Photo furnished
by Irene Price.

The Papal drapery was made by
Jerry Macrini



Receiving the oils for St. Lawrence Parish are Tom Smith, center, and children, Noah Finley and Haley Barnett (not seen.) Tom is an RCIA Candidate and will be entered the Church when he received the Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at St. William Church. Siblings, Noah and Haley, received their First Holy Communion on Easter Sunday at St. Lawrence Church. Mel Howard Photo

Save the date for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph 43rd annual BBQ



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Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013

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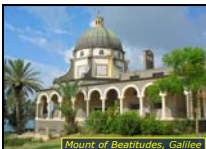
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2013-2015

Registration is now open for the next program, which begins the week of Oct. 14.

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The deadline to register is Aug. 31

TOPICS AND DATES

- SpiritualityOct. 14-18, 2013
- Spiritual DirectionJan. 13-17, 2014
- The Inner JourneyApril 7-11, 2014
- Prayer and ScriptureJuly 21-25, 2014
- Theology.....Oct. 13-17, 2014
- Ethics of Spiritual DirectionJan. 12-16, 2015
- SupervisionApril 13-17, 2015
- Case Studies and RetreatJuly 20-24, 2015

Each weekly session will be led by a team of trained spiritual directors.

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To register or for more information, contact

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



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Praying Stations of the Cross Is Part of Lenten Devotions



St. Pius X (Calvert City), 7-8 graders praying The Stations of the Cross.



St. Pius X (Calvert City), High School students praying the Stations of the Cross. CALVERT CITY, Ky. - Over a three week period of Lent, 2013, the youth at St. Pius Tenth Church here took turns praying the Stations of the Cross as part of their Wednesday evening religious education classes. *Article submitted by Rich Derry; photos taken by Rich Derry.*

Vacation Bible School 2013

Luau! @ Holy Name, Henderson 826-2096

June 3-6 from 8-noon Grades K-6th; No cost

Get in the Boat! @ Immaculate Parish, Oboro 683-0689

June 10-14 from 8:30-noon Grades K-5; \$5 or \$10 /family

Vatican Express Kids Camp @ Blessed Mother 683-8444

June 10-14 from 9am-12pm Grades K-4 \$10

The Big 12 @ Immaculate, Oboro 683-0689

June 16-20 from 6-8pm Grades 6-8; \$5 or \$10/family

Avalanche Ranch @St. Pius X, Oboro 264-9818

June 17-21 from 9-noon (Lunch provided) Ages 3 thru Grade 5, No cost

The Vatican Express w/ St. Jerome @St. Stephen, Oboro 852-8424

June 17-21 from 9-noon; Grades PS-6th; \$5 or \$10/family

Marvelous Mystery @ Our Lady of Lourdes, Oboro 684-5369

July 8-12 from 6-8pm, Age 4-4th Grade, No Cost

VBS @ St. Joe & Paul Church 683-5641

July 15-18 from 5:30-8pm

The Rosary @ Precious Blood, Oboro 684-6888

July 22-26 from 6-8pm, PK-6th Grade, \$1/Day

Meal from 5-6pm; First come, first served

Splash: The Water Stories @ St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

July 28-31 from 6-8pm, PS (4 yr old) - 4th Grade, Free (Donations)

Meal at 5:30pm

Past Sophia Awards Winners

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Bettie Wagner, Mary Mattingly, Charles & Norma Bivins, William & Martha Zoglmann, Joseph Rhinerson, Therese Higdon, Margaret Fleischmann.

Saint Romuald, Hardinsburg - Paul J. & Martha R. O'Donoghue, Earl & Rita O'Reilly, Paul F. & Anne M. O'Reilly, Wayne & Judy Hardesty, J.W. & Lorena Bland, George & Nancy Walz, Mack & Delores Mattingly, Anna Frances Brown, Anna Muriel Hines, Robert A. Rhodes, Charles Henning, Cecilia Wheatley.

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Saint Stephen, Cadiz - Catherine Ann Khang, Joyce Kotarek, April Washer, Gus Puth, Margie Myers, Joann Harvey, John Charron, Claude & Dennie Mergenthal, Irene Jaso.

Saint Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro - Sue Gough, Rose Ann Payne, Ignatius Payne, Rita B. Thomas, Margie Hill, Lou Jones, Joseph & Claudine

Blandford, Alice Bagot, Hugh & Margaret Mills, Bettye Aull, Margaret Mattingly, Hugh Riney, Helen Miles, Dorothy Hodgins.

Saint Susan, Elkton - Virginia Hightower.

Saint Thomas More, Paducah - Ann Vaughan, Dolores Webber, Delphine Operle, Bill & Carlene Dannenmueller, Nancy Sturgis, Robert & Cleo Higdon, Jim Tidwell, Audrey McKeown, Mary Chesta Burch, Lillie Watson, Laura Schmitt, Harold & Elizabeth Conner, Pat Galvin, Jean Galvin, Mary Galvin.

Saint William, Knottsville - Tony & Diana Elliott, Joseph & Mary Sue Elliott, Clemie & Jackie Cecil, Marvin & Josephine Boling, Joseph & Mary Catherine Mills, Sam & Mary Frances Fulkerson, John & Edna Lanham, Leah Edge, Raymond & Mary Francis Payne, Sr. Mary Ramonde Carrot.

Saint William of Vercelli, Marion - Jack & Deborah Mason, Carole Naber Guess, Paul & Shirley Manker, Marcus & Brenda Cornish, Allen & Arlene Summers, James & Carolyn Mathieu, Margaret Ann Weldon.

Diocesan Sophia Award - Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, Sr. Mary Thomas, Simon, Bishop John McRaith.

Word of Life

"The right to life is the first among human rights. To abort a child is to kill someone who cannot defend himself."

~ Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, former Archbishop of Buenos Aires (now Pope Francis), *Sobre el cielo y la tierra (On heaven and earth)*, 2011

St. Thomas More Parish Celebrates the Sacred Paschal Triduum

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



Palm Sunday procession from Parish Hall - Deacon Terry Larbes, Fr. Ryan Harpole, a bagpiper, and choir process to the church.



Candidates join around the altar as they are anointed during Confirmation.



Fr. Pat Reynolds and Deacon Terry Larbes prostrate themselves as parishioners kneel and pray on Good Friday.



Catechumen Skylar Marquardt is baptized by Fr. Pat Reynolds.

At right, Good Friday veneration of the cross.



Easter blessings are provided by Fr. Ryan Harpole before the egg hunt.



Fr. Pat Reynolds delivers the Easter Vigil homily.

At right, Fr. Ryan washes the feet of parishioners on Holy Thursday.



Sister Michele Morek shares stories of outrage and hope for women around the world

By Dan Heckel, Mount Saint Joseph Staff

Ursuline Sister Michele Morek shared harrowing stories of atrocities committed against women around the world, but then offered inspiring examples of how progress is being made, as she addressed a gathering at Brescia University on April 4.

Sister Michele was the keynote speaker for the 50th anniversary year of the Contemporary Woman Program at Brescia. She is the coalition coordinator for UNANIMA International, a nongovernmental organization of 18 religious communities that advocates at the United Nations on behalf of women and children (especially those living in poverty), immigrants and refugees, and the environment.

"In 1963, most Americans did not believe that gender equality was possible or even desirable," Sister Michele said. That was the year Dr. Philip Law, a Chicago physician, noted to Ursuline Sister Francesca Hazel that many of his female patients lacked self-esteem and an understanding of who they were. That was the impetus for the Contemporary Woman Program at Brescia, one of the first such programs for women anywhere in the United States.

While progress has been made in America in supporting women, there is much work to be done around the world. Sister Michele told story after story about women in African, Middle Eastern or Asian cultures who are murdered, raped or sexually mutilated by husbands or family members as part of a culture that treats women as subhuman or stains on the family name. She quoted the current secretary-general of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, as saying "Culture is no excuse for violence against women."

In some African countries, wars are being fought with a new strategy: kidnapping and raping the wives and daughters of the opponents, Sister Michele said. She quoted Chouchou Dubuisson, a journalist and human rights activist, who said, "When a gorilla is killed in the mountains, there is an outcry and money is donated. Yet more than 500,000 women are raped and there is silence."

Sister Michele said some of these cultures are being changed because women are speaking up and demanding their rights. Some of the women she



Sister Michele Morek, center, greets attendees, including Sister Vivian Bowles, left, before her presentation on April 4. Sister Michele is the coalition coordinator for UNANIMA International in New York City. A large group was in attendance at the Taylor Lecture Hall in the Brescia Science Building to hear Sister Michele talk about the status of women in today's world.



Among those who attended Sister Michele Morek's "It's a Woman's World--?" presentation at Brescia University were, from left, Sister Ann Patrice Cecil, Carol Mark, Ursuline Associate Mary Danhauer and Sister Mary Jude Cecil. The event was set up to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of Brescia's Contemporary Woman Program.

mentioned included:

- Asha Elmi, a Somali woman who formed the Sixth Clan women's movement to advance female participation in Somali politics. In August 2012, she was elected to the Somalia Parliament.

- Mukhtar Mai, a Pakistani woman who survived a gang rape in 2002 and rather than complying with the custom of committing suicide, pressed

charges against her rapists and brought worldwide attention to Pakistan's custom of honor revenge.

- Mairead Corrigan and Betty Williams, who won the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts in encouraging a peaceful resolution to the troubles in Northern Ireland.

- Rebecca Lolosoli, who formed the Kenyan village of Umoja Unso, or "Women United," a refuge for Samburu women who previously were raped by British soldiers and then divorced for bringing shame to their husbands.

- Wangarii Maathai, who founded the Green Belt Movement in Kenya that focused on planting trees, environmental conservation and

women's rights. In 2004, she became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Prize for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace.

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Oskar Vazquez was recognized on March 17, 2013 by the Diocese Of Owensboro Catholic Committee on Scouting at the St. Stephens Cathedral in Owensboro. Bishop William Medley presented Oskar with the Religious Emblem, Parvuli Dei. Oskar is a parishioner of St. Henry Catholic Church in Aurora, KY. He recently received from Pack 37, the Cub Scout Arrow of Light Award. He joined Boy Scout Troop 45 in Murray, KY. His family is very proud of his accomplishments. (Mom is pictured). Submitted by Myrna Vasquez

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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.

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Study of the Catechism

MAPLE MOUNT, Ky. - The third gathering to study the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults during this Year of Faith took place March 14 at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, the day after Pope Francis was announced. Some of the discussion centered on the role of Father Isaac Hecker, who founded the Paulists.

The next session will be May 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. There is a \$10 fee which includes lunch, and a program booklet costs \$5.



Mariam Kavanagh, left, a postulant with the Sisters of the Lamb of God, and Nancy Martinez, a candidate with that order, go over the Prayer to the Holy Spirit to begin the session.



Mike McLevaine prays to begin the March session for the study of the Catechism.



Sister Marietta Wethington, left, and Sister Ann McGrew share a funny story before getting started at the study of the Catechism monthly prayer session.

Join us for the Year of Faith

To help us celebrate more fully the Year of Faith, Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center is offering an opportunity to study the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. You are welcome to attend whatever sessions fit your schedule.

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Marriage In Christ



Father Richard Meredith

Editor's Note: Father Richard Meredith, pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Hopkinsville, Ky., contributed a series of articles about Christian Marriage's role in the New Evangelization.

He wrote this about the series, "I tell people that I personally believe the "New Evangelization" will be borne by spouses upholding the truth of Christian Marriage, or it will not occur at all. I teach that Catholics need to know and be able to speak our doctrine on the Sacrament of Marriage. I believe that if I(we) do not teach loudly and clearly, the cultural tidal wave to sweep the sacrament away will be nigh overwhelming.

"In every respect my ideal is to speak the truth with love."

The Catholic Doctrine and Definition of Marriage

By Father Richard Meredith

Charity (Agape, Self-sacrificial Love), Chastity in Eros, Complementarity/Mutuality (Personal and Sexual),

Procreativity, Fidelity, Exclusivity, Indissolubility, Community Partnership of the Whole of Life, Domestic Ecclesiality – All of these characteristics are taught by the Church to be essential to our doctrine and understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. The more they are actively and consciously present, the more humane and Christlike the marriage will be. If freely embraced not only by the couple, i.e., the husband and wife, but also by their children, the more experientially Christian the home will be. Within the "Community Partnership of the Whole of Life" one will also find the two other classic "loves" identified by the ancient Greeks, namely *Philia* or friendship and *Storgé* or affection. This is marriage as redeemed and made new in Jesus Christ and the Paschal Mystery. Except for "Domestic Ecclesiality," all of the other characteristics are part of God's original design in creating humanity male and female, establishing the "one-flesh" union of man and woman. That original design is still operative although injured in a world damaged by sin.

All that I have said so far, however, needs a lot of further explanation. Each characteristic is multifaceted and charged with complex meaning. Each needs an unfolding or explanation and coordination with *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Given the rapidly shifting argument about the nature of marriage in our society, it is of paramount importance for Catholics to understand the doctrine of our faith. We need to be able to live our faith with regard to the Sacrament of Marriage. We also need to be able to explain it and give witness to it. If society re-defines marriage to be any, legally recognized, adult, sexual partnership, then the Catholic Church's definition will stand in sharp contrast to it. There is a great potential, I fear, for conflict in that contrast. The Catholic Church will continue to teach, witness, minister to, and celebrate marriage only as it is defined in its magisterial doctrines and as it is sanctioned in Canon Law. It remains to be seen how society will tolerate our commitment to this faith and practice. It also will remain to be seen how many members of the Church will continue to adhere to the faith and practice of the Church, given this unchangeable stance of our faith.

In this series of articles, I intend to present the Catholic Catechism doctrine on Marriage and to flesh it out. It is my conviction that, if there is to be a "new evangelization" of society by the Catholic Church, it will be led by those who are vitally living and witnessing to Christian Marriage. I will remove the footnotes and references, all of which may be found by

going to the Catechism itself.

ARTICLE 7: THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

1601 - "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."

I. MARRIAGE IN GOD'S PLAN

1602 - Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of "the wedding-feast of the Lamb." Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its "mystery," its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal "in the Lord" in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.

Marriage in the order of creation

1603 - "The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator

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"Let No One Ever Come To You Without Leaving Better and Happier."

As part of Teen Issues Week at Owensboro Catholic High School, March 11-16, 2013, the SCRUBS group of OCHS sponsored a motivational speaker, Mark Brown, brought to the school by Great American Fundraising (QSP)-Lamar Howell. Brown spoke about problems of cyber-bullying and personal bullying that children and teens face today. "We have to face the beast. We have to care how the one being bullied feels. Saying 'I was just joking' doesn't cut it." Brown said he has spoken about bullying to 1.5 million young people in recent years. He quoted Mother Teresa for his main idea: "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier." Tre Perkins, Marcus Good and Kriston Dillon with Mark Brown after the March 13, 2013 talk.



"En Nombre de Dios"

Por Luis Aju

**Mes de Mayo 2013**
Por Luis Aju

El mes esperado después del tiempo del frío al menos en esta región del mundo.

Celebramos varios acontecimientos pero de ellos mencionaremos solo 2 o 3, ya que cada quien, lo tomara como se le presente la situación.

Para los católicos, hago mención de esto, porque este medio de comunicación es el periodismo que proviene de la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Aquí mencionare, que el mes de Mayo es dedicado a la Virgen María, la madre de Jesus y Madre Nuestra.

El día 10 de Mayo Celebramos, para Latinoamérica el día de las Madres.

Saint Thomas More Welcomes New Members

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) group met each week beginning August, 2012 to prepare individuals to join the Catholic Church. The Easter Vigil was a special day for the Candidates and Catechumens as they professed their faith and experienced full communion with the Church at St. Thomas more during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31, 2013. Each Catechumen was baptized and each candidate confirmed during this special celebration.



New members and sponsors: front row (L-R): Sherry Harpole, Lori Hatton, Trina Vaughn, Michelle Marquardt, Josh Esper, Donna Monk, Natasha Kimble, Jay Barber, Grace Babbs, Shawn Barber; middle row (L-R): Dan Merges, Roger Kephart, Rodger Harrison, Karen Phillips, Cindy Erickson, Sr. Lucy Bonifas, Eileen Segebarth, Scott Babbs; back row (L-R): Dolores Webber, Mary Jo Lewis, Cheryl Harrison, Fr. Patrick Reynolds, Pat Cairney, Genie Lasoski, Houston Babbs, Drew Barber. Not pictured: Kelly Butts, Lori Meredith, Skylar Marquardt Photo by Missy Eckenberg

Seldia que venga lo celebraremos.

Todos los que vivimos el mes de Mayo, debemos de tomar un momento y pensar en aquella Mujer, nuestra propia Madre y enviada por Dios, para cuidarnos desde que fuimos concebidos en el Vientre Materno de nuestra madre.

Dios llamo a la mujer para traer a su hijo al mundo en medio de nosotros. Si María hubiera dicho no al plan de Dios, No habría venido Jesus como hombre como nosotros. Tenía que hacerse igual a nosotros para poder tener compasión y amor a todos nosotros. Pero Dios Creador escogió a una mujer que bajo sus ojos tendría que ser sencilla, humilde, y sabia para llegar a ser elegida por Dios. Dios no escoge gente lleno de "cosas" o prejuiciosa.

La madre no se cansa de amar, porque ser madre es un llamado de Dios, las madres todo el tiempo están dispuestas a dar amor a los hijos.

Dios no saco a la mujer de la cabeza,

para no dominarla, Dios no saco de los pies para pisotearla, Dios no saco a la mujer de las manos para no manipularla. Dios saco a la mujer de la Costilla (historia de la creación) para estar cerca del corazón, para amarla.

En estos tiempos difíciles, pedimos a todas las mujeres vivir intensamente su condición de ser mujer y madre. Ser femenina íntegramente, es hacer ver lo tierno y lo profundo el amor de Dios al resto de la humanidad, creando a la persona como parte integral de la creación.

Es muy cierto que la sociedad desde hace mucho tiempo ha marginado, y utilizado y explotada, en el trabajo, en la fábrica incluso en el propio hogar, pero esta reflexión las invita a tomar conciencia de sus valores inalienables e inviolables, Dios nos pide el profundo respeto para cada uno de las mujeres como criatura de Dios.

A usted Madre querida, le expreso mis más profundos sentimientos de amor, mi admiración por su carisma de cuidar a los bebés niños y niñas. Tanto cuidado que siento hasta la primera y última fibra de mi cuerpo que usted y la mano de Dios me hicieron crecer. A usted Madre, entrego mi amor como

un ramo de flores, para expresarle lo mucho y profundo que la amo.

Cada mañana ciento la fuerza de su amor, su oración me hace sentir como la llovizna que necesito para sentirme fresco y listo para el nuevo día. Para un hijo y para una madre, no existe la distancia, porque en mis manos llevo las suyas, en mis ojos llevo sus ojos porque con ellas puedo ver mejor mi camino. Mi cerebro está lleno de muchos hermosos recuerdos desde mi niñez hasta el día de hoy. Madre usted vive en mi corazón y en mi mente porque fui formado en su sagrado seno donde mis otros hermanos pasaron 9 meses también.

En cada palpitar de mi corazón, siento los latidos suyos que usted me daba cuando vivía en su seno materno. Gracias Madre por traerme al mundo con los cuidados que usted me daba en la gestación y en la vida sobre la santa tierra. Dios la bendiga Madre. A todas las Madres que hacen de papa y mama para llevar el pan Nuestro de cada día a la mesa donde Dios os une. Que Dios bendiga ustedes Madres de la raza humana creada por el arquitecto y formador. Bendiciones a todas. Feliz día de la Madre.

Marriage In Christ*(Continued from page 42)*

and endowed by him with its own proper laws.... God himself is the author of marriage." The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics. Although the dignity of this institution is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. "The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life."

1604 - God who created man out of love also calls him to love – the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator's eyes. and this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation: "and God blessed them, and God said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.'"

1605 - Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone." The woman, "flesh of his flesh," i.e., his counterpart, his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a "helpmate"; she thus represents God from whom comes our help. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh." The Lord himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been "in the beginning": "So they are no longer two, but one flesh."

Saludos desde Bani.

Por el Padre Stan Puryear

Qué bonito es este tiempo del año y qué bonito es la vida en la Iglesia ahora. Aunque la celebración de la semana Santa es maravillosa mientras se hace evidente la profundidad del significado de nuestra salvación a través del sacrificio y amor Dios, es un tiempo que deja la mayoría de los sacerdotes cansados físicamente, emocionalmente y espiritualmente. En la Parroquia Santiago Apóstol de Paya, Bani, dieciséis comunidades significa mucho trabajo, haciendo pleno uso de las opciones que ofrecen las rúbricas litúrgicas, junto con un poco de ingenio creativo para las situaciones no contempladas. Las celebraciones del Viernes Santo se comenzaron a las 7, con el Vía Crucis por toda la parroquia entera, con una estación en cada una de las comunidades. Después de un drama de las Viacrucis por las calles y la Pasión y Adoración de la Cruz, el día terminó a las 9 de la noche con la única comida del día: un vaso de rojo y un intento mediocre de paella.

Después de la Pascua, el trabajo comienza. Durante la Octava de Pascua, en cada una de las comunidades de la parroquia se celebra una Misa de Pascua, resultando en dos Misas de Pascua al día durante una semana entera. En las parroquias en los Estados Unidos, los sacerdotes y feligreses se preocupan tanto por la celebración de la Semana Santa que se nos olvida la Octava de Pascua. Eso no es una crítica: es una realidad. La Semana Santa incluye un gran número de detalles que aparecen una sola vez al año, y siempre hay un aparato que se utiliza solamente en la Semana Santa que fue guardado el año pasado pero nadie puede recordar donde fue guardado, resultando en una masiva búsqueda nerviosa de varias horas hasta que finalmente alguien recuerda que fue guardado en la oficina del párroco. Después de que ese evento se ocurre cada día por cuatro días, junto con la energía y el drama de la vigilia de Pascua, cuando el párroco termina con la última Misa del Domingo de la Pascua de la Resurrección, la única fuente de energía que tiene es pensar en tomar tres días para dormir. En la situación mía, había cinco Misas del Domingo de Pascua y otros once durante la octava de Pascua. El descanso, pues, viene una



A esos dos viejos los llamamos "Los Gemelos", aun no son familiares. Han sido amigos todo su vida y han sido muy involucrados en la Iglesia. El hombre a la derecha, conocido en la comunidad como Guaroa, me acompaña todos los miércoles para visitar a los enfermos y los ancianos, y durante la semana sigue su progreso para que el sacerdote visite los más enfermos. Foto presentada por el padre de Stan Puryear.

semana después de que llegaba en el pastoral estadounidense.

El lunes de la segunda semana de Pascua, todos los sacerdotes de la diócesis de Bani se reúnen para un día de relax en una casa de playa que pertenece a un amigo del obispo de post-Easter. El día implica ningún trabajo, no planificación, no hay discusión de detalles diocesanos de pastoral: es simplemente un día de fomentar la fraternidad entre el clero. Y es la una reunión que ningún sacerdote siempre pierde. Aunque no estoy seguro de por qué o cómo, el sentido de fraternidad entre los sacerdotes en la República Dominicana se siente más fuertemente que en los Estados Unidos. Aunque muchas teorías abundan sobre los temas, mi impresión es que la sencillez de supervivencia construye fraternidad. Vivir y trabajar con los pobres en solidaridad involuntario tiene sus recompensas.

Ese tema, por supuesto, ofrece una oportunidad de hablar de Su Santidad, El Santo Padre Francis, Primer Papa de las Américas. La primavera se ha llegado en la Iglesia con una nueva brisa de aggiornamento. Pues, así

es la perspectiva desde aquí en la República Dominicana, la tierra donde primero el Evangelio llegó a América y donde se celebró la primera Misa en el hemisferio occidental, en el pueblo La Isabela, situada en la costa norte de Española. Ya los resultados del trabajo del nuevo Papa se están mostrando aquí en la Iglesia. Está surgiendo un nuevo sentido de esperanza, y aún en mi parroquia, varias personas me han dicho que están regresando a la iglesia por lo que el Santo Padre representa. Y el hombre solo ha tenido la posición por un mes!!! Que increíble es ver el Espíritu Santo obrando en la selección de nuestros santos padres: el Papa Juan Pablo II y su amor por la juventud, el Papa Benedicto XVI y su amor por la tradición, y ahora el Papa Francisco y su amor por los pobres. Cada uno trae dones para el Ministerio y la Oficina del Vicario de Cristo y cada uno se basa en la obra del pontífice anterior. Un gran ejemplo para todos los que dedican su vida al ministerio en nuestra Iglesia.

Una experiencia particularmente expresa la amor que tiene los feligreses por el nuevo Santo Padre: durante una de las Misas celebradas durante la octava

de Pascua, oré inadvertidamente por "nuestro Papa, Benedicto". Una señora en la congregación gritó, "Francisco". Dos minutos más tarde, tratando de recuperar del evento, dije mal el nombre de nuestro Señor y Salvador, Jesucristo. Ni una sola persona dijo nada. Estoy seguro de que el Santo Padre Francisco sería humillado o divertido (o ambos) con el asunto.

No todo es perfecto en la tierra del Paraíso. En diciembre, fui hospitalizado unos días con el dengue, cortesía de un mosquito desagradable. Afortunadamente, tuve un caso simple y no caso hemorrágico que incluye cosas que ni quiero explicar. (Pero si usted tiene un estómago fuerte, puede buscar la información en el internet). Aprendí mucho del sistema médico dominicano en ese tiempo, así que la próxima vez que me acerca un mosquito, comenzaré inmediatamente investigando vuelos para Miami en caso de que necesito más tratamiento médico.

Creo que el año que viene va a ser aún más doloroso todavía: la parroquia ha decidido construir una nueva iglesia. Después de pastorear la Iglesia San José en Bowling Green mientras que el edificio de la iglesia fue restaurado, no quería nada que hacer jamás con construcciones. Medida que crecen, sin embargo, descubrí que Dios no me pregunta lo que yo quiero. La situación aquí mandaba que se hiciera algo. Se va creciendo todavía la asistencia en las Misas, así que todos los feligreses caben dentro del edificio durante la Misa. Cuando no está lloviendo, no es ningún problema, porque la gente puede participar por las ventanas. Pero después de años de huracanes y comejenes, el edificio se está desintegrando. Comenzaron las obras de un nuevo edificio desde hace casi diez años, pero por alguna razón que nadie puede explicar, se paró. Así que vamos a terminar lo que empezó. El presupuesto actual es de 6 millones de pesos, o US\$ 150, 000. Construimos lo que podemos, como tenemos el dinero y luego recaudar más dinero para la siguiente etapa. Teniendo en cuenta todo esto, creo que necesitaré muchos más días en la playa.

Nota del Editor: Véase la página 8 de la sección de Inglés para leer este artículo en Inglés.

La procesion del Via Crucis y su pasion, como afectan nuestra vida hoy dia.



El P. Carl, parroco de la Iglesia San Jose y Pablo, acompaño a la comunidad en el Via Crucis que se llevo a cabo en Owensboro. Toda la gente que participo son miembros de la la comunidad Latina de Owensboro. Presenciar la pasion de Jesus hoy dia es compartir los dolores de mucha gente que lleva una cruz muy pesada, solo que calladamente. F.Luis Aju



El P. Carmelo, tambien acompaño a la comunidad de San Jose y Pablo en el via Crucis en las calles de Owensboro. esto quiere decir que la pasion de Jesus y de las comunidades, tambien van al dia en las comunidades. Se espera ayudar a la comunidad y no poner mas peso de la cruz que cada quien lleva. F.Luis Aju



Personas provenientes de otros paises, nos juntamos a pensar y hacer una re-lectura de la pasion del Senor. Que se viviere en la comunidad. Nosotros los que tenemos familia, sabemos que significa ser padre o madre de nuestros hijos. Por eso la Pasion, Muerte y Resurreccion de Jesus, se refleja en varias situaciones de la vida de la comunidad. F.Luis Aju



No hace falta vestirse de soldado romano para levantar la mano y juzgar muchas veces a nuestros hermanos. Por eso el Via Crucis, nos hace reflexionar nuestra manera de tratar a las otras personas. F.Luis Aju



En una presentacion como estas, viene a nuestra mente, la impotencia que no ha tocado vivir ante los poderosos. Hay cosas que no depende de nosotros si no de los que pueden y tienen el poder. Como que la vos del pueblo ya no cuenta. F.Luis Aju



La cruz llevamos todos los dia es pesado. Pero con la ayuda de Dios podemos seguir adelante. En el sufrimiento encontramos el auxilio de la Virgen Maria, nuestra Madre. Contar con ella en todo lo que nos toca vaminar. F.Luis Aju

La finalizacion del Via Crucis, tuvo lugar en el campus de la Universidad del Breccia, fuimos parte de esta presentacion. Gracias a los que trabajaron en este proyecto. el proposito de la presentacion es despertar en nosotros sentimiento de amor, compasion y caridad para con todos. F.Luis Aju



A New Evangelization is Going On in Western Kentucky

Among the parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro, many priests and pastoral associates work hard to spread the Word among the people that Jesus Christ is alive and that He cares about all our needs. In some of our parishes, there are communities of Hispanic Catholics who look to the church for sacramental ministry and for care of other needs, spiritual and physical. These Catholics wish to give, to share their God-given gifts and their cultural experiences for the good of the larger church. Someone has to be there to listen, to receive the requests and the offerings of the Catholic people. In our parishes the people on the front page and on page 3 help do this for the good of the church. These are Hispanic Ministers who work in our parishes and who live among the people.

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El Sr. Diacono Heriberto, ha venido a participar en el retiro, esto indica que todos los miembros del quipo de bemos de participar. Puesto que tenemos una sola vision y una mision en familia como grupo. Gracias Diacono por tu aporte y participacion en este mafnifico evento de nuestro retiro semestral. F.Luis Aju.



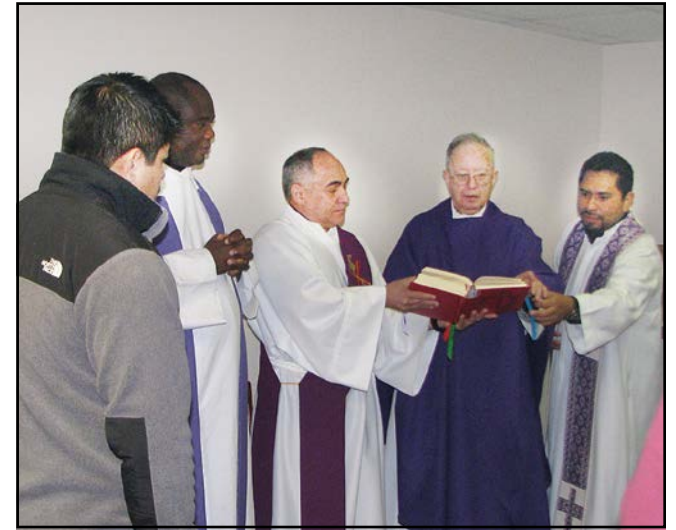
El P. Juan Kalombo, ha venido a prticipar en el retiro semestral para los Ministros Hispanos de la Diócesis. El P. Juan Kalombo, siempre esta abierto a dar su ayuda el Ministerio Hispano. Atiende 2 grandes parroquias sin embargo participa en todos los eventos del Ministerio Hispano diocesano. F.Luis Aju.



P. Carmelo, tambien participo a tiempo completo en las charlas del ano de la Fe. El, como director Espiritual del Ministerio Hispano tiene que estar presente en este tipo de actividades. Por eso estuvo todco el tiempo con el equipo diocesano. Gracias por venir, P. Carmelo. F. Luis Aju

El Obispo William Medley y La Nueva Evangelización

F. Luis Aju.
El Obispo William Medley juntamente con el Canciller Kevin Kauffeld, han venido al inicio del Retiro para los Ministros Hispanos en el Centro de Retiros de la Comunidad de las Hnas. Pasionistas en Whitesville. Se les invito para ver, y ser parte del inicio del retiro, ser parte del interés de todos, escuchar a otra persona hablando del ano de la Fe. La presencia del Obispo y del Canciller, obedece a que conozcan



Luis J. Aju, a la izquierda, El P. Juan Kalombo, El Sr. Diacono Heriberto, El P. David, y P. Carmelo que conduce la oración durante el Retiro Ministros Hispanos en el Monasterio Pasionista, Whitesville, en marzo. F. por Luis Aju



Su Excelencia, Obispo William Medley, a la izquierda, estuvo un nosotros al inicio de nuestro retiro fue un honor tenerlo. Tambien estuvo con el Sr. Canciller de la Diócesis Sr. Kevin Kauffeld. F. por Luis Aju

a los líderes latinos que servimos en la Diócesis. Tenemos un Obispo y El, es la guía y el apoyo de todos, por lo tanto su presencia en este tipo de eventos es importante. Le dimos la bienvenida y convivimos un tiempo con ellos. La intención es ver y oír cómo va la Nueva Evangelización en las varias áreas que cubrimos en la Diócesis. Además se hizo reflexión acerca del Año de la Fe. A los dos Gracias por su visita.

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**Monseñor
William F.
Medley
Obispo de
Owensboro**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

El mes de mayo en la tradición católica ha sido considerado como el mes de María. Para muchos de nosotros esta celebración se cristalizó por la devoción a María, y en particular sus procesiones de mayo en una imagen de la Virgen coronada para significar su título como

Q Reina de los Cielos y la Tierra. Mientras que muchas familias ya tenían una tradición de rezar el rosario, esta actividad se hizo más frecuente en el mes de mayo.

El lugar de María en la historia de la Iglesia y la salvación la tradición es siempre una de deferencia. La veneración de María es siempre un reflejo de su aceptación de la invitación para ser la Madre de Dios. Fiestas y festivales en honor a María son para dar enfoque a su Hijo Jesucristo.

En el caso del Evangelio de la Anunciación, el sí de María se expresa como "Yo soy la sierva del Señor." Cuando en el ministerio público de Jesús en el Evangelio de Juan se inicia en las bodas de Cana, es María la que le da el empuje a su hijo especial y el Hijo de Dios para actuar.

Sus palabras a los camareros: "Haced lo que Él os diga", se destacan como uno de los más profundos desafíos para el discipulado en el Nuevo Testamento.

María, en su humildad, siempre reconoce que las bendiciones y las gracias de Dios derramado sobre ella eran reales en que Dios sea glorificado. Me

pareció revelador que en el seminario el estudio de María se encuentra en el lugar dentro de un curso titulado "El Cristo".

Hay meditaciones y oraciones en abundancia que honran a María. Una de las más profundas, por supuesto, es el Rosario. Pero hacemos bien en cuenta que los misterios del Rosario, los temas sobre los que hemos de meditar como repetimos la oración memorizada, en general, reflejan los acontecimientos en la vida y ministerio de Jesús.

En este mes de mayo, los invito a todos a unirse en oración y reflexión con María, a quien el ángel Gabriel declara que es, "llena de gracia". En el momento de nuestro bautismo nosotros también hemos estado llenos de gracia. María fue capaz de mantener esa distinción para todos los tiempos. La devoción a María abre la puerta para cada uno de nosotros para aspirar a la plenitud de la gracia, la plenitud de la vida en Cristo.

Si su Rosario esta quizás perdido en el fondo de un cajón, búsquelo. Si su familia nunca ha rezado el rosario juntos, este mes será un buen momento para intentarlo. Recordemos que en su primera mañana como nuevo Obispo de Roma, el Papa Francisco visitó la Iglesia de Santa María la Mayor a rezar ante la imagen de la Virgen.

"Dios te salve María, llena eres de gracia, el Señor está contigo. Bendita tú entre las mujeres y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús."

Suyos en Cristo,

+Monseñor William F. Medley
Obispo de Owensboro

Calendario del Obispo Medley para mayo 2013:

Mayo 1	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Peter/St. Agnes en St. Peter, Waverly
Mayo 2	10:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Día Presbítero, Catholic Pastoral Center
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Leo Parish, Murray
Mayo 4	4:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Christ the King, Scottsville
Mayo 5	10:30 a.m.	Confirmación, Precious Blood, Owensboro
Mayo 6	5:00 p.m.	Bendición a los jugadores del Base bol Owensboro Catholic Baseball Fields
	6:00 p.m.	Cena de agradecimiento para los Lideres de Formación de Fe, CPC
Mayo 7-8		Conferencia Católica de Kentucky reunión de la Directiva Ejecutiva, Louisville, KY
		Reunión Provinciana, Louisville, KY
Mayo 9	12:00 p.m.	Misa y visita a la Cárcel
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Resurrection Parish, Dawson Springs
Mayo 11	10:00 a.m.	Graduación, Brescia University, Riverpark Center
	2:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Joseph Parish, Central City
Mayo 12	8:30 a.m.	Misa, Bendición del campanario, St. Columba Parish, Lewisport
Mayo 14	7:00 p.m.	Graduación, Trinity High School, Hines Center, Philpot
Mayo 15	8:30 a.m.	Reunión del Consejo Financiero Diocesano, CPC
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. William of Vercelli Parish, Marion
Mayo 16	9:00 a.m.	Misa Escolar, OCES K-3 Campus, Owensboro
Mayo 18	2:00 p.m.	Reunión de Aspirantes a Diáconos Permanentes, Christ the King Parish, Madisonville
	7:00 p.m.	Graduación, St. Mary High School, Paducah
Mayo 19	11:00 a.m.	Confirmación, St. Stephen Cathedral
	2:00 p.m.	Graduación, Owensboro Catholic High School, Sportscenter Owensboro
Mayo 20	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Consejo de Personal, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal, CPC
Mayo 21	9:00 a.m.	Misa del Personal y Reunión, CPC
	12:00 p.m.	Misa y convivio con Gasper River Staff, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center
Mayo 22	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Augustine, St. Benedict, St. Anthony Parishes en St. Augustine Parish Grayson Springs
Mayo 23	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Peter of Alcántara Parish, Stanley
Mayo 25	5:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Mary Parish, Franklin
Mayo 26	10:00 a.m.	Confirmación, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro
	2:00 p.m.	Misa, Fr. Joe Mills 60 Year Anniversary, St. Martin, Rome
Mayo 28	10-3:00 p.m.	Oficina de Paducah, Hospital Lourdes

Calendario del Obispo Medley para junio 2013:

Junio 1	10:00 a.m.	Ordenación de Sacerdocio, St. Stephen Cathedral
Junio 8	5:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Denis Parish, Fancy Farm
Junio 9	10:00 a.m.	Confirmación, St. Charles Parish, Bardwell
Junio 10-18		Reunión Primavera de Obispos, San Diego, CA
Junio 22	7:00 p.m.	Misa, Retiro Juvenil Hispano, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center
Junio 23	10:30 a.m.	Confirmación, St. Joseph Parish, Mayfield
Junio 25	6:30 p.m.	Misa, Christian Leadership Institute
Junio 27	2:00 p.m.	Reunión del Consejo de Brescia University
Junio 28		Reunión del Consejo de Brescia University
Junio 30	10:30 a.m.	Misa, Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Calendario del Obispo Medley para julio 2013:

Julio 26	9:15 a.m.	Misa, Día de desarrollo Profesional, Maestros y Directores de Escuelas católicas, Holy Name, Henderson
Julio 27		Jornada Mundial de la Juventud, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center

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Luis J. Aju, hace su propia presentación personal al grupo de Ministros en el Retiro que se llevo a cabo en el Centro de Retiros en el convento de las Hnas Pasionistas de Whitesville. La razon es que cada uno de los ministros, en adición a su ministerio, atiende otros aspectos. Luis como director del Ministerio Juvenil diocesano asistio en todo el evento del retiro. F.Luis Aju



El P. David quien guio nuestro retiro inicia su desertacion con nosotros el dia 21 de Marzo, todos atentos a las reflexiones sobre la Fe. y la innovacion de nuestra tarea de llevar la buena Nueva a los pueblos. F.Luis Aju



La Hna. Maria Luisa, ha estado en todo el retiro, ella como sabemos sirve en la Comunidad Hispana de San Jose, Mayfield KY. igual, tiene mucho que hacer pero dejo las reocupaciones de diario y vino a la oracion y reflexion para seguir con la tarea que el Señor nos pide. F.Luis Aju



A la izquierda, Hna. Esther, la superiora de su comunidad en St. Thomas More, Paduca, tambien ha venido a pasar los dias de reflexion con el equipo diocesano. Gracias por venir y estar. F. Luis Aju



A la izquierda, Hna. Fran "Panchita" tambien con sus tantos anos de servir a las comunidades hispanas y no hispanas ha venido a compartir su tiempo con el equipo. Gracias Hermana por su entrega. Tambien es directora de Centro Latino. F.Luis Aju



Cristobal Gutierrez, ambien con sus multiples compromisos, dejo un rato todo para ir y compatir con todos el Retiro, tambien El, tiene mucho que hacer pero siempre esta al tanto de los eventos del Ministerio Hispano como equipo. Gracias Cris por tomar el tiempo y estar juntos. F.Luis Aju



Patti Gutierrez, esposa de Cris. tembin estuvo el tiempo completo en el retiro, creo que cocpartimos la vision de nuestra mision, necesitamos estar con Jesus, en la oracion y en la refexion para seguir con la obra de llevar la Buena Nueva a todos los lugares. Pero para eso necesitamos la oracion y reflexio. Gracias Patti por venir. F.Luis Aju.



La Sra. Herminia, miembro de la comunidad de San Jose y Pablo en Owensboro. Tambien acompaño a la presentación del viacrucis en vivo el día Viernes Santo en las calles de Owensboro. Así como varios miembros de la comunidad. F.Luis Aju



A la derecha, Ella sirve a la comunidad hispana, haciendo misión con diferentes personas y de países diferentes. Sra. Gina, es miembro del consejo para el Ministerio Hispano de la diócesis. Vino al retiro en el convento de las Hnas. Pasionitas en Whitesville. Es un miembro activo dentro del equipo para el Ministerio Hispano. Dejo sus compromisos y asistió a nuestro retiro, gracias por su presencia. F. Luis Aju

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