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U.S. Bishops Join In Prayer For Peace

Bishop William Medley participated in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Sept. 10-19, 2014 along with 17 other U.S. Bishops for the purpose of praying for a lasting peace in a land considered sacred by so many.



U.S Bishops touch separation wall in Jerusalem on Sept 12, 2014 . They hope to touch hearts too on #PeacePilgrimage. As Christians, we are called to love Jews and Muslims. We resist occupation with love, not weapons. Photo: Stephen Colechhi #Peace Pilgrimage

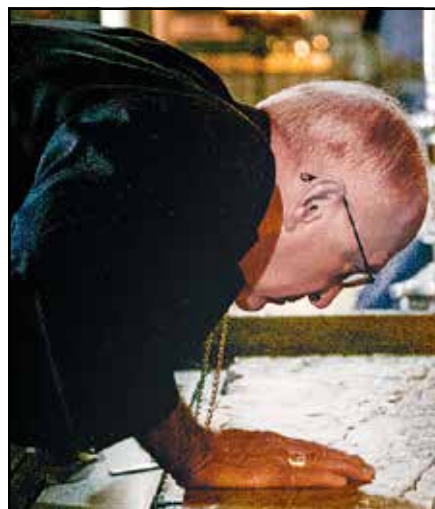


Bishop William Medley, Bp. William Murphy, Rockville Centre, New York, and Ab. Eusebius Beltran, (retired) Oklahoma City visited Jacob's Well in Nablus, which is located in the crypt of a modern Greek Orthodox church. They offered a prayer for peace at the well and drank water from the well. It is thought to be the place where Jesus met the Samaritan woman. Photo: Jennifer Hardy/ CRS



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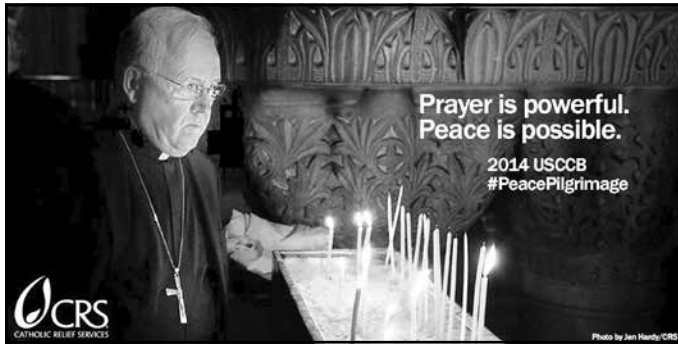
This October, the Catholic Church throughout the United States will observe Respect Life Month, a commemoration that is now in its 43rd year. Beginning October 5, Respect Life Sunday, our nation's Catholics will be called to renew their personal commitment to defend all human life. <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>



A bishop kisses the stone slab in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where tradition says the body of Jesus lay when it was taken from the Cross. Photo by Jen Hardy/ Catholic Relief Services

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The Peace Pilgrimage Bishops Assembled September 12, 2014.

Members of the USCCB's 2014 peace pilgrimage to the Holy Land meet with H.B. Patriarch Fouad Twal at the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. The 18 bishops from the United States celebrated mass at the Patriarchate and met with leaders from the Greek Orthodox Church, Anglican Church and other Christian leaders. The peace pilgrimage occurred 3 weeks after a ceasefire of fighting between Israel and Hamas in Gaza. Patriarch Twal told US Bishops that Mother Church of Jerusalem needs their prayers, friendship & advocacy for peace. Bishop Richard E. Pates, Des Moines, Iowa; Bishop John Barres, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Archbishop Eusebius Beltran, (retired) Oklahoma City; Bishop Stephen Blaire, Stockton, California; Bishop J. Kevin Boland, (retired) Savannah, Georgia; Bishop Paul Bradley, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Bishop Tod Brown, (retired) Orange, California; Bishop Oscar Cantú, Las Cruces, New Mexico; Bishop Robert Coyle, (auxiliary) Archdiocese for Military Services; Bishop Bernard Harrington, (emeritus), Winona, Minnesota; Bishop Richard Higgins, (auxiliary) Archdiocese for Military Services; Bishop Howard Hubbard, (retired) Albany, New York; Bishop Richard Malone, Buffalo, New York; Bishop William Medley, Owensboro, Kentucky; Bishop Dale Melczek, Gary, Indiana; Bishop William Murphy, Rockville Centre, New York; Bishop Michael Pfeifer, (retired) San Angelo, Texas; Bishop Edward Weisenburger, Salina, Kansas. Photos by Jen Hardy/Catholic Relief Services



The bishops listen to their guide explain another tomb situated near the tomb of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Sept. 11.



US Bishops met with Israeli and Palestinian leaders Sept 16, 2014. Bishop Malone & bishops on #PeacePilgrimage discuss peace with Palestinian Prime Minister Hamdallah. Photo by Jen Hardy/Catholic Relief Services

#BishopMedley1
Sep 13, 2014
 I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house." And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
#PeacePilgrimage
<https://twitter.com/BishopMedley1>

Bishop Medley's Calendar for October 2014

October 1	9:00 a.m.	School Mass, Christ the King School, Madisonville
October 5	9:00 a.m.	Cursillo Closing Mass, Mount St. Joseph
October 7	9:00 a.m.	CPC Staff Mass and Meeting
October 8	10:30 a.m.	Visit with the Passionists, Passionist Monastery
October 19	1:00 p.m.	Glenmary Home Missioners 75th Ann. Mass, Cincinnati
October 20	9:30 a.m.	Priests' Personnel Board Meeting, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Foundation of western Kentucky meeting, CPC
October 21	10:00 a.m.	School Mass, St. Mary Elementary School, Paducah
	12-3:00 p.m.	Paducah Office Hours, Lourdes Hospital
October 22	10:00 a.m.	Owensboro Catholic Schools Mass, Sportscenter
	6:00 p.m.	Mass, Central Deanery Faith Formation Gathering
		Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
October 23/24		Brescia University Board Meeting
October 24	5:00 p.m.	SPACE picnic, Legion Park, Owensboro
October 25	10:00 a.m.	Council of Religious Jubilee Celebration, St. Martin, Rome
October 26	2:00 p.m.	100 year Anniversary, and Pastor Installation, St. Denis, Fancy Farm [Fr. Chrispin Oneko]
October 28		Health Care Summit, Flaget Center, Louisville, KY
October 29	11:00 a.m.	Anointing at the Villa of Mount St. Joseph
	4:00 p.m.	Blessing of New Wing, Carmel Home, Owensboro
October 30/31		Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary visit



One of 12 stained glass windows in shrine

24th Diocesan Marian Congress - Pilgrimage
Sunday, October 26, 2014
 2:00-5:00 pm

Diocesan Marian Shrine
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THEME:
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- Music - Welcome - Crowning of Statue of Mary - Speaker
 - Refreshments - Display of Religious Articles - Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Outdoor Procession:**
- Our Lady of Fatima Statue - Porters-K of C- Rosary - Hymn
- Church:**
- Exposition of Blessed Sacrament - Scripture Reading - Petitions
 - Eucharistic Procession with Blessing of Sick - Reposition of Blessed Sacrament
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- Heard throughout the Congress

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Fr. Greg Trawick Is Installed As Pastor Of St. Stephen And St. Henry Catholic Churches



CADIZ & AURORA, Ky. - The Most Reverend William Medley, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro, presided at the Pastoral Installation Mass of Reverend Greg Trawick at St. Stephen Catholic Church, on August 6th. During the Mass Reverend Trawick was installed as the 10th pastor of St. Stephen Church in Cadiz and the 6th pastor of St. Henry Church in Aurora. He was formally introduced to the parish staff and parish councils of St. Stephen and St. Henry Church.



Fr. Trawick was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and later lived in Dallas, Texas. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and a Master of Divinity degree from St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad, Indiana. Fr. Trawick was ordained a priest on May 11th, 1985. He also studied and was awarded a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. in 1998.

Fr. Trawick last assignment was being pastor at the parishes of St. William in Marion, St. Francis Borgia in Sturgis, and St. Ambrose in Henshaw. He succeeds Fr. Babu Kulathumkal who was assigned pastor at the parishes of St. Benedict in Wax, St. Augustine in Grayson Springs, and St. Anthony in Peonia. Photos by John Sergeant.

A Scout is Reverent

This year's Scout retreat will be held at Gasper River Retreat Center the 24th through the 26th of October. Please see the Diocesan website for registration information or contact Fr. Ken at (270) 852-8348 or at scouts@pastoral.org More details will follow.

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

October 26, 2014

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Traditionally scheduled for the fourth Sunday of October, in 2014 it is observed on October 26th.

The website www.priestsunday.org has resources and a planning guide to help implement this event in your parish. The information here and the image above are from that site.

This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International.

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Saint Agnes Parish Picnic



This picture was taken at St. Agnes Parish annual picnic/homecoming that was held on Saturday, September 6, 2014. As you can see in the picture, we had a great crowd and the weather was beautiful. Photos submitted by Kathy Humphrey, Secretary/Bookkeeper, St. Agnes Parish



The ice cream stand was busy at the annual St. Agnes Church picnic/homecoming that was held on Saturday, September 6, 2014 in Uniontown. A large crowd attended the parish picnic. .



The pastry was popular at the cakewalk during the annual St. Agnes Church picnic/homecoming which was held on Saturday, September 6. Over 300 cakes were donated for the picnic.



The dining room at the St. Agnes annual picnic/homecoming Saturday, September 7, 2014. Approximately 6,000 pounds of meat was sold.



Parish men raising "Holy Smoke" cooking meat at the St Agnes Picnic Sept 6.



Inflatables are popular at parish picnics. This picture was taken at the annual St. Agnes Church picnic/homecoming which was held on Saturday, September 6. Looks like the children were having a lot of fun climbing the wall!

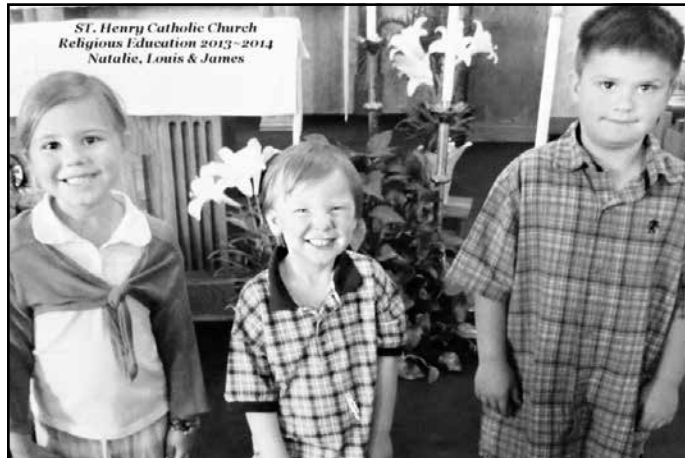
St. Henry Parents Thank Pastor, Catechists For Religious Education Program

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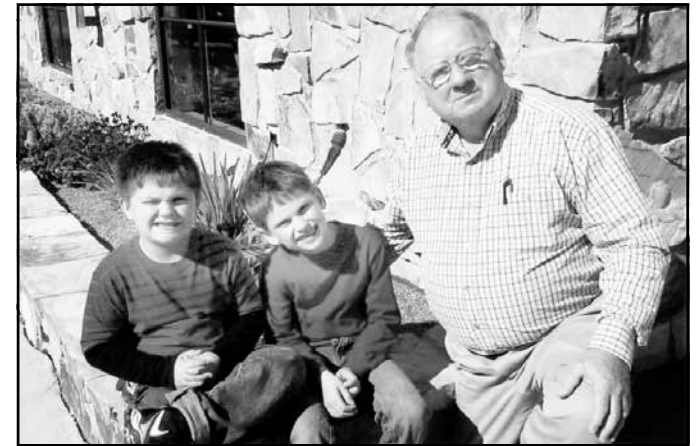
Submitted by Myrna Vazquez

AURORA, Ky. - The parents of Saint Henry's Catholic Church Religious Education Program would like to thank those involved in the 2013-2014 year: Father Babu and Karin Kent (Program Director 2013-14) Catechists Myrna Vazquez, Peggy Potempa, Sally Hardt, Carol York and Deacon Randy Potempa, for a great Religious Education Year. There were interesting activities and events for the students where they were able to learn from others and help their community.

For more information on the 2014-2015 Religious Education Program contact the St. Henry Catholic Church 270-474-8058



Natalie, Louis and James, students at Mrs. Myrna's class in May 2014.



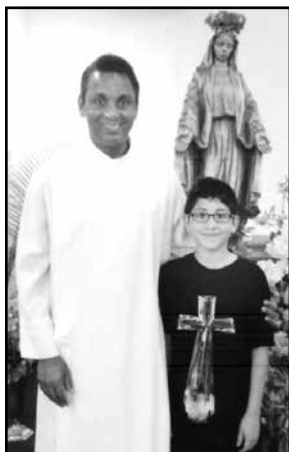
James and Isaac with great-grandfather John York in Fall 2013.



Students Martin, Alex, Joza, Ben and Erik helping the Knights of Columbus with food collection Nov.2013.



Students enjoyed a presentation from Father Babu, Sister Teresa Riley and Deacon Potempa on their experiences of how they chose the path to their religious life in Fall 2013.



Father Babu and Oskar Vazquez at the May Crowning on May 4th 2014.



St. Henry Parish's outdoor stations of the cross and the grotto were funded and constructed entirely by parish youth. One of the stations of the cross on the path. <http://sainthenryparish.com/gallery.htm#scrapbook>

Students Xander, Caleb, Natalie, Oskar, Louis, Olivia and Ginni helping the Knights of Columbus with food collection Nov. 2013.

Photos by Myrna Vazquez



6 October, 2014

By Kyle Heavrin

Too often, we get so caught up in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives that we forget the things that are most important. For me, those things are God, family, friends, health, peace, and happiness. I thought about all those things as we were traveling to Haiti on our connecting flight before we hit foreign soil. I realized that all of those things are most important to everyone, but unfortunately other responsibilities take precedence in our daily lives. We get caught up juggling multiple tasks, putting out daily fires, and making priorities for some of the most trivial things.

As soon as my feet hit the ground in

My First Mission Trip

that was wrong was me. I couldn't have been more wrong. As I previously mentioned, the airport was a little chaotic, but we got ALL of our luggage back, and we made it safely to the Matthew 25 House, even with many traffic violations by U.S. standards.

It did not take long to feel welcome and comfortable at the Matthew 25 House so, once again, when it was time to leave for Lalomas the next morning I knew I would have to re-adjust and get out of my newly-developed comfort zone. I felt it was going to get much, much more primitive and challenging. We loaded the two vehicles to the max with luggage and



Haiti, I automatically felt a burden lifted off me. I could let all that stuff go. My phone had absolutely no signal. Thus, there was no social media, text messages, or demanding emails. It was pretty chaotic at the airport in Port-au-Prince, and it was my first experience in a 4th world country. Normally, I would think I would be distraught, but I was calm and at peace because I felt humbled. It is a very surreal feeling to step off the plane and submit myself and give everything to God.

Before we landed, I started wondering to myself, "What the heck are you doing going to a 4th world country, Kyle? You are crazy! Anything that can go wrong WILL go wrong!" The only thing

missionaries and set off on our long journey to Lalomas.

For a majority of the time, I was in the very back of an SUV sharing a small bench seat with Lavidia Mischel, and rest assured she had her fill of me within a couple of hours (or maybe minutes). There were many sights to behold heading up the mountains. There were women walking up dirt trails carrying baskets full of things on their heads, people washing their clothes and themselves in creeks, and people sitting out in front of their homes because they had already caught word that missionaries were coming up the mountain. We even had people running after our vehicles and screaming for joy. They were so happy to see us once



Kyle Heavrin and new friends: "These trips are not just about helping the people of Lalomas, they are about helping us, too." Photos submitted by Lavidia Mischel

we arrived.

As soon as we got to the rectory, I could not wait to get out the kickball and play with the kids. Stephen Boyens, Logan Willet, and I played games outside with the kids until it was dark. As I reflected later that night, it was hard to fathom. I hadn't talked to anybody on my cell phone all day and the only priority at the time was to make sure the kids were having fun. I know I was. As the week went on, we passed out dresses, held a medical clinic, played games, drove a little girl to the hospital, researched needs, attended daily mass, and conducted daily group prayer.

To me, I had fulfilled everything in this 4th world country that I seem to fail to fulfill in my daily life. I had God, new friendships and family of missionaries and Haitians, health, peace, and happiness. Those people were some of the happiest people I had ever met and they had almost nothing. I realized they are happy because they keep things much simpler. Yes, they need help in many ways, but they also have one thing figured out—being happy is not about what you have, it is about simplifying your life and being humble.

I've been blessed to travel many places for work and pleasure, but this was the most fulfilling trip I have ever been on. It helped me realize what is important in my daily life back here. Many things



do not seem as important now. As long as I have God, my family, and health then I have everything. I'm learning to simplify my life, but also not to take things—such as a hot shower and air conditioning—for granted. I know we will continue to research important needs for a reliable water source, medical needs, consistent food supply, and higher-level education for Lalomas. But as Lavidia Mischel pointed out, these trips are not just about helping the people of Lalomas, they are about helping us too.

Water With Blessings: Clean Water for God's Thirsty Children

October, 2014 7

By Father Fidelis Levri

Is The World Running Out Of Pure Water? One Small But Vital Remedy: Water With Blessings.

I've always enjoyed the cowboy song: "Cool, Clear Water" because it dramatically portrayed the preciousness of water in a dry environment. Another impressive fact was when I witnessed a scientist take a full glass of desert sand devoid of any life. Then he added a cup of water. Several days later the glass was full of tiny swimming microbes and microorganisms. What this indicates to me is that water is a vital producer and sustainer of life without which it wouldn't exist.

Here are a few shocking facts about the scarcity of good clean water in our world today:

- "780 million people lack access to clean water. This is more than two and a half times the united States population."¹

- "3.4 million people die each year from a water related disease. This is almost the entire population of Los Angeles. 99% of it occurs in the developing world."²

- "Lack of access to clean water and sanitation kills children at a rate equivalent of a jumbo jet crashing every four hours."³

- "The water and sanitation crisis claims more lives through disease than any war claims through gun violence."⁴

I believe that you will agree that we in America use water like there is not limit. Of course we know that several of our States as Texas and California are experiencing drought conditions for several years. But the clean water scarcity has not made an impression on us yet. And therefore we take and use water for granted as unlimited and relatively cheap.

Whereas in developing nations as in Africa, South and Central America, much time, effort and expense is required to obtain clean water, if its available at all. We know that 70% of the earth is water but most of it is undrinkable because of its salt content. In many countries, women and children must walk many miles to obtain water from a well or stream that is often contaminated with bacteria or chemicals. Lack of clean drinking water forces millions to drink unsafe water. In China, 80% of major rivers are so degraded that fish no longer survive. Both the Yangtze and the Yellow Rivers are so pol-

luted from industrial waste and sewage that it can't be used even for irrigation. The World Health Organization identified clean water as the single most important factor in determining public health.

Vandana Shiva in her book: "Water Wars," claims that the water crisis is the most pervasive, severe and invisible dimension of the ecological devastation of the earth.⁵



Now let me introduce the project: "WATERS WITH BLESSINGS" (W.B.B)

This is a world wide organization that incorporates the vital elements of prayer, "Water Women" education, training, partners advocates, do-

nors and water filters to provide instant drinkable water to person in developing nations. This project is a collaborative effort open to all persons in developing countries. Water Women are the leaders of this movement who educate and promote it. They are mothers with children under five years of age chosen by ballot. Names are placed in a box and are chosen in a random choice. The women then are trained how to use the water filtration system which is shared in a cluster of three or four families. The chosen women filter water for these families, and at the same time teach them how to use it. Then after several months the process is moved on and repeated in another area.

What is the present and future water scarcity outlook? According to Maude Barlow and Tony Clark, "There is simply no way to overstate the fresh water crises on the planet today." In Blue Gold: "The fight to stop the corporate theft of the world's water," they predict "Unless we dramatically change our ways, between one-half and 2/3 of humanity will be living with severe fresh water shortages within the next quarter-century."⁶

There are two principle signs of stress according to the online site, web of creation.org.: Rivers are running dry due to overtapping and disappearing glaciers. And secondly, water tables are falling on every continent. They are falling because of over pumping of ground water Water mining is taking place at twice the rate of natural recharge. (web of creation.org)

70% of all fresh water is used for ir-

rigation. This will have a negative effect on our food supply eventually. According to the site web of creation.org, the #1 cause of the shortage of fresh water is global warming. Another cause is the privatization of water. In our economy "scarcity creates value" and corporations motivated by profit are limiting access to water.

The question must be asked: do people have a moral need or moral right to water? If it's a need, the private sector can charge a profit. However, if its a universal right, the government would be responsible to ensure that people have equal access to potable water on a nonprofit basis.

There is a plethora of information on the topic of clean water shortages and Water With Blessings available to you online.

Please contact Sister Lorraine Lauter, O.S.U. at Lorraine@waterwithblessings.org or <http://smile-box.co/KFAnbc>



Sister Lorraine Lauter, O.S.U. working at an ice cream stand Sept 14 during the Mount Picnic.

• FOOTNOTES:

1. <http://water.org/water-crisis/water-facts/water>
2. World Health Organization (WHO) (2008) safer water, better health
3. Estimated with data from Diahhoa: Why children are still dying and what can be done. UNICEF, WHO, 2009
4. United Nations Development Programme (UND) (2006)
5. www.web of creation.org/Earth%20problems/water.htm

• LINKS To Water Sites

- American Oceans Campaign - <http://www.oceana.org>
- American Rivers - <http://www.americanrivers.org>
- Center for Watershed Protection - <http://www.cwa.org>
- Clean Water Network - <http://www.cwn.org>
- Coastal America <http://www.coastalamerica.gov/>
- Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) - <http://www.ctic.purdue.edu/CTIC/CTIC.html>
- EPA Office of Water - <http://www.eoa.gov/water/>
- EPA Wetlands Oceans, Watersheds - <http://www.epa.gov/owow/>
- Information on the world's freshwater resources - <http://www.worldwater.org>. Links at <http://www.worldwater.org/links.htm>
- International Water Management Institute - <http://www.cgiar.org/iwmi>
- Know Your Watershed - <http://www.ctic.purdue.edu/KYW/>
- Groundwater Foundation <http://www.aroundwater.org/>
- National Institutes for Water Resources <http://wrrri.nmsu.edu/niwr>
- Natural Resources Defense Council - <http://www.nrdc.org/water/default.asp>
- Ocean Conservancy <http://www.oceanconservancy.org/>
- Ramsar Convention on Wetlands - <http://www.ramsar.org>
- Restore America's Estuaries - <http://www.estuaries.org>
- River Network <http://www.rivernetwork.org>
- River of Words <http://www.riverofwords.org>
- SeaWeb <http://www.seaweb.org>
- Water Environment Federation - <http://www.wef.org>
- Watershed Education for Teachers - <http://www.projectwet.org>
- Watershed Management Council - <http://www.watershed.org>
- Water Use in the United States - <http://water.usgs.gov/watuse/>
- What's An Estuary? Now You Know Campaign - <http://www.whatsanestuary.com/>
- World Commission on Dams - <http://www.dams.org>
- World's Water <http://www.worldwater.org>
- <http://www.webofcreation.org/Earth%20Problems/water.htm>

“Until you hold me in heaven, I am safe in the arms of Jesus”

October 17, 2010 by Debbie Ward

10-10-10 is a day that will be remembered for many things by many people. For me, this day will be remembered as the day of Hope. It began with the homily from my parish pastor during the Sunday liturgy. Fr. John pointed out the similarities between Namaan, from 2 Kings, to the Samaritan leper, from Luke. Both were healed of their afflictions; however, the main point was that both were considered outsiders to the Jews. Fr. John listed some who may be considered outsiders by us: relatives, neighbors, those of different color, different religion, etc. Women who have had abortions came to my mind because I have actually heard people say they do not deserve forgiveness.

There are no outsiders with God. While I am not post-abortive, I was called by our Sorrowful Mother to pray for healing for post-abortive women, then later to an active role of ministry with Rachel's Vineyard Retreats (*See article on page 9*).

I have witnessed women deeply wounded by abortion; some in so much despair that they find it hard to believe that God could forgive and love them. During the course of the weekend I have witnessed the mighty hand of God restore dignity and hope to those who thought of themselves as outsiders not worthy of God's mercy or deserving of new life.

That afternoon I went to the dedication of the Hope sculpture in the Garden of Hope, sponsored by the Gospel of Life Committee, which represents the message of hope for life and also for God's mercy. Originally, I had planned on going to a Marian Congress in honor of our Blessed Mother. Maybe it was she who drew my heart to the dedication instead as she did to prayer and Rachel's Vineyard. The sculpture depicts Jesus, a woman, and an infant. Jesus is holding the infant in one arm, which is looking up at Jesus, while holding the hand of the mother. Jesus and the mother are facing each other and appear to be conversing. The mother is holding a heart pendant with her other hand. I wondered if Jesus gave her the pendant. Maybe it is a

special gift to remind her of the healing of her wounded heart now made whole. It makes me think of an insight shared on a recent retreat by one of the ladies, “Healing of our wounds does not mean that there will be no trace of the wounds, rather, our wounds are to be glorified, like the glorified wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ! Jesus still bears the wounds of His Passion, but He does not suffer from them anymore; we also will always have the wounds from our past abortions — but glorified and perfected and healed in Him! Let us each join our wounds with those of our Blessed Lord, and know that He will bring them to glory in heaven!”

The brochure describes the scene in the Garden as “*A Place of Hope*: Jesus comforts us with the assurance that our precious one now lies cradled in His love and will forever live and rejoice in the presence of God. *A Place of Love*: Trusting in Jesus, who gathered children into His arms and blessed them, we commend our precious one to His tender care until the day when we will be brought together again. *A Place of Healing*: In this quiet setting, we come to understand that Jesus is always inviting us to receive His forgiveness and love. He heals us with the reassurance that none who trust in His mercy are lost to Him.” The sculpture's setting is called “*Garden of Hope*: Remembering those innocent lives who have gone to the embrace of an all merciful God. *For those who trust in God*: in the pain of sorrow there is Consolation, in the face of despair there is Hope, in the midst of death there is Life. We ask for strength, for healing and for love.”

Before the conclusion of the prayer service, all were invited to come forward

**White lilies
symbolize
innocence,
purity and
sweetness.**



“Hope”

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank our generous donors who have helped to make the Garden of Hope a reality.

We are grateful to Brescia University for allowing the placement of this monument on its campus as a beacon of Hope—especially to those who have lost a child prematurely.



“Until you hold me in Heaven, I am safe in the arms of Jesus.”

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*Gospel of Life Committee
– Diocese of Owensboro*

The “Hope” sculpture created by Beverly Paddleford.

to reverence the sculpture and to take a rose. I already had my eye on a yellow rose which was just beginning to open. I wanted it for two reasons. The first being like graces received in the beginning of conversion.

As the heart continues to respond to grace, a new life opens up just like the rose as its petals open up to reveal the beautiful flower. The second reason was for the birth of my new niece who was scheduled to be delivered on Monday, the 11th; however, God had another plan. Just now, an inspiration came about another flower, a lily, which makes me think of the Resurrection. My niece's name is Lily.

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Please Pray For The Repose of the Soul of Ann Victoria Cruz, SCN, Who Died Sept. 15, 2014



Sister Ann Victoria Cruz, SCN

Sister Ann Victoria Cruz, daughter of Robert Sebastian and Margaret Cecilia Donovan Cruz of Waverly, Kentucky was recommended to enter the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth by Rev. John Higgins of St. Vincent, Kentucky on September 24, 1938. In 1951, Sister Ann Victoria returned to the Owensboro Diocese as a teacher of Economics and Chemistry at Owensboro Catholic High.

In September 1963, Sister became the Principal of Fancy Farm High School in Graves County, Kentucky and remained in that position until fall 1965 when she assumed Provincial Administration in Louisville, Kentucky. Sister Ann Victoria continued to serve the people of God and her religious community until her death at

Nazareth Home, Louisville on September 15, 2014. Survivors include two brothers, John Bertrand and William Joseph Cruz of Waverly, Kentucky; two sisters, Margaret Helen Purdy of Loveland, Ohio and Teresa Ann Ithurnburn of Yuba City, California, and her religious community.

Visitation will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2014, at Nazareth Home and after 4 p.m. in St. Vincent Church, Nazareth, Kentucky. There will be a Prayer Service in St. Vincent Church at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evening. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 19, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Vincent Church, Nazareth, followed by burial in Nazareth Cemetery, Nazareth, Kentucky.

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A bus trip is being planned to go to Bardstown.

WE will leave on Friday, November 7th after the 7:00 a.m. Mass and return on Saturday, November 8th. Cost is \$148 per person/double or \$138 per person/triple (Includes bus transportation, one overnight stay, tour of Spalding Hall, tour & tasting at Heaven Hill Distillery, continental breakfast, lunch at Stephen Foster Restaurant on Saturday, tour of Abbey of Gethsemani, St. Thomas Church and St. Joseph Cathedral). Lunch (Talbot's Tavern) and Dinner (BJ's Steakhouse) on Friday on your own. If interested, please contact Penny Blandford at the Parish Office at 270-684-6888. Registration deadline is October 23, 2014.



Consider A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

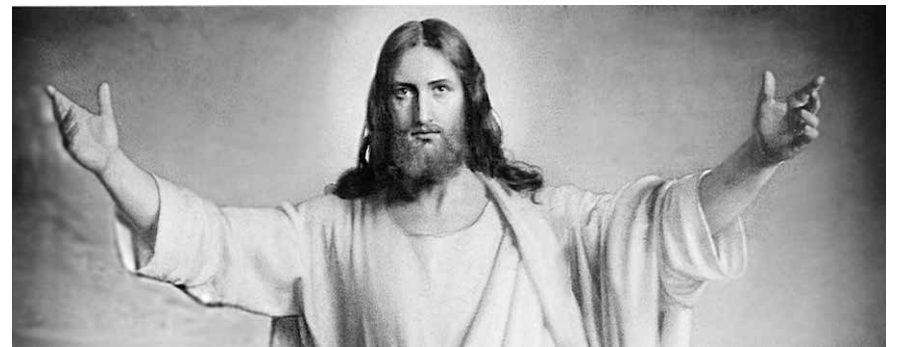
Are you worn out by one-on-one therapy, or by group therapy? Have you been to confession, but just can't seem to "let go" of the feelings of guilt from your abortion, even though you know that God has forgiven you? Or are you just beginning to realize how much you are hurting, and you want to get right with God again?

Rachel's Vineyard offers a unique approach to healing the wounds of abortion. We do not focus primarily on the emotional hurts, and therapeutic techniques to work through our feelings (though a licensed professional therapist is part of every retreat team). Nor do we look at abortion as a purely spiritual wound, which can only be approached through prayer and confession (though a Catholic priest is an important part of every retreat team). Rachel's Vineyard sees the human person as both body and soul, with body, emotions, and a spiritual soul that longs for union with our Creator. There is ultimately only one Healer, only one Divine Physician who can heal each and every wound that we have suffered. Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat process: over the course of a weekend (Friday evening until Sunday afternoon), our experienced team will accompany you on a spiritual journey, a journey back to God, a journey in which we reflect on the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Healer, and allow Him to do what only He, our God, can do – to heal us and restore us to emotional and spiritual health.

Many of us have never been allowed to grieve the loss of our children, never been permitted by well-meaning family and friends, to acknowledge the humanity of our children and the loss of the relationships that we might have had if things had been different. Rachel's Vineyard provides a safe, confidential place to do this with the loving support of one another and of the retreat team – all of whom have been through the same retreat experience themselves. Rachel's Vineyard helps all of us to once again believe in, and to experience, the power of God's Infinite Mercy, which can heal all wounds, both the emotional and the spiritual wounds that we have suffered during our lifetimes – whether they came before, after, or during our abortion experiences.

We invite you to contact us, and to join us on one of these unique, but powerful retreats. May God bless you until that time!

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in the Owensboro, Kentucky area is April 10-12, 2015. For more information, contact: Debbie: 270-205-4388. debbie@hopeafterabortionky.com



St. Gerard Life Home in Owensboro, KY – provides free shelter and services for pregnant women age 18 and older in a crisis pregnancy. A woman may come to us at any point in her pregnancy and may stay for up to 3 months after the birth of her child. There are no limitations on race, nationality or religion. Let us help. Call: 270-852-8328 or Email: stgerard@pastoral.org.

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September 13 marked a National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children at Gravesites.

The National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on Saturday, September 13, 2014, was first marked in the modern era last fall, but memorialization of society's tiniest innocent victims is not a new idea. Citizens for a Pro-life Society, Priests for Life, and the Pro-life Action League have reached back to ancient Rome for the inspiration behind this solemn national event. Dug into the walls of the earliest Christian catacombs in the outskirts of Rome are countless small tombs, only a foot or two across. These are the burial places of infants cast out of their pagan homes and left to die of starvation and exposure - a common practice of that time. Members of the early church, charged by Christ to love all their neighbors, offered these newborn sacrifices to Roman cruelty the only act of love they could - that of burying their little bodies and mourning for them in prayer.

This tradition of mercifully burying abandoned children continues in our own day with the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, taking place on September 13. Mourners across the country were invited to visit the gravesites of aborted children, whose broken bodies were recovered from trash dumpsters and pathology labs and solemnly buried over the four decades of legal abortion in the United States.

Under the director of three national pro-life groups - Citizens for a Pro-life Society, Priests for Life, and the Pro-life Action League - simultaneous memorial services were held at more than forty such gravesites, as well as at scores of other memorial markers set up in memory of the aborted unborn at churches and cemeteries.

Eric Scheidler, Executive Director of the Pro-life Action League, stated, "It's sobering to realize that grave markers for the unborn victims of abortion list only a date of burial. They have no birthdays because they were never allowed to be born. We can list no date of death, because those who killed them discarded their bodies like garbage. But they are not garbage to us. They are our brothers and sisters. That's why we buried them, and that's why we visit their graves to mourn for them and testify to their humanity."

Monica Miller, Director of Citizens



In the Diocese of Owensboro, the location for a memorial service listed at <http://abortionmemorials.com/sites.php> is the Garden of Hope Monument at Brescia University. Mel Howard Photo

for a Pro-life Society, added, "Since 1973, 55 million innocent unborn children have been killed with the sanction of law. A fraction of these victims of the American slaughter have actually been buried. The graves of these victims are scattered across America - graves of sorrow and graves of indictment on a nation that permitted the killing of the innocent. As we visit these graves on September 13, we call upon our nation to remember these victims and bring an end to the injustice of abortion."

"Abortion is not an abstract issue," explained Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life. "Having a memorial service where these babies are buried reminds us that abortion is not merely about beliefs, but about bloodshed; not just about viewpoints, but victims. By visiting the graves of the aborted unborn, we allow our hearts to be broken for them, and we recommit ourselves to protecting other children from suffering the same fate."



The Memorial of Names is a shrine in Resurrection Cemetery, Philpot, KY, created by the Catholic Churches of the Owensboro area as a pastoral instrument of healing and reconciliation. The Memorial of Names was blessed by Bishop-emeritus John McRaith on Jan. 20, 2001. All are welcome to gather there for memorial prayer. Mel Howard Photo

The first National Day of Remembrance was held last September on the 25th anniversary of the solemn burial of several hundred abortion victims in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Prayer services were held at over 100 locations, with thousands of mourners participating. Response was

U.S. Catholics Follow Pope to Honor Abortion Victims 9-13-2014

In the week of August 20, 2014, Pope Francis made what I consider to be the most profound pro-life statement of his pontificate to date by praying at a gravesite in South Korea where abortion victims are buried. The cemetery is on the grounds of Kkottongnae Home, a Catholic charity that serves the elderly and disabled. The Holy Father's visit to this cemetery for the aborted unborn comes only a month before the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is set to take place here in the United States, of which the Pro-Life Action League is a major sponsor.

On Saturday, September 13, solemn memorial services will be held at more than 40 gravesites throughout the United States where abortion victims have been mercifully interred by pro-life activists. Vigils will also be held at dozens of other memorial markers dedicated to these children.

I encourage all pro-lifers to follow Pope Francis's lead and take part in the

so great that the National Day of Remembrance has been established as an annual event, to be held on the second Saturday each September.

Source: Sept 3, 2014 release from TC Public Relations, Chicago, IL.



Pope Francis prays at the gravesite of aborted children in S Korea Photo source: <http://prolifeaction.org/hotline/2014/popekorea-2/>

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on September 13.

Source: Posted by Eric Scheidler, August 20, 2014 at <http://prolifeaction.org/hotline/2014/popekorea-2/#sthash.TbWkc0Ve.dpuf>

Cardinal O'Malley: Government Report Confirms Bishops' Concern on Abortion Coverage October, 2014 11

WASHINGTON: September 16, 2014 - A new report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) "confirms the U.S. bishops' longstanding concern about abortion coverage" in the Affordable Care Act (ACA), said Cardinal Seán O'Malley of Boston, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The report, "Health Insurance Exchanges: Coverage of Non-expected Abortion Services by Qualified Health Plans," was issued by the GAO, an independent reviewing agency of the U.S. government, on September 15.

Despite repeated claims by President Obama and other supporters that the ACA would not promote abortion, the report identified over a thousand health plans eligible for federal premium subsidies that cover elective abortions. On five

state exchanges, every plan covers such abortions in 2014; in another three large states, 95 to 98 percent of the plans do so. The Act's alleged requirements regulating abortion coverage do not exist or are widely ignored. Many health plans do not inform enrollees about their inclusion of abortion coverage; they do not tell them how much they are being charged for such coverage; and they do not charge a "separate payment" for abortions that is distinct from the premium payment eligible for federal tax subsidies. While state insurance departments are supposedly tasked by the federal government with ensuring that these health plans maintain segregated accounts for abortion funds to keep them separate from federal funds, the report indicates that this is not taking place.

"This report confirms the U.S. bish-

ops' longstanding concern about abortion coverage that we raised both before and after enactment of the Affordable Care Act by Congress," said Cardinal O'Malley. "Surveys have shown that most Americans do not want elective abortion in their health coverage, and do not want their tax dollars to fund abortions. Their wishes are not being followed, and it can be difficult or impossible for them to find out whether those wishes are respected even in their own health plan."

Cardinal O'Malley added: "The only adequate solution to this problem is the one the Catholic bishops advocated from the beginning of the health care reform debate in Congress: Bring the Affordable Care Act into compliance with the Hyde amendment and every other federal law on abortion funding, by excluding elective abortions from health plans subsi-

dized with federal funds. At a minimum, Congress should not delay in enacting a law to require full disclosure of abortion coverage and abortion premiums to Americans purchasing health plans."

Past USCCB materials on this issue, including Cardinal O'Malley's letters to Congress endorsing the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act" (H.R. 7) and the "Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act" (H.R. 3279), are at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/index.cfm. For an analysis of how the Affordable Care Act treats abortion coverage see www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/health-care/upload/Background-The-New-Federal-Regulation-on-Coerced-Abortion-Payments.pdf.

Monte Cassino Pilgrimages To Be Held In October

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

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:

October 5 – Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB "Mary, Virgin of Mercy"	October 19 – Fr. Timothy Sweeney, OSB - "Mary at the Cross"
October 12 – Fr. Sean Hoppe, OSB "Mary, Mother of Life"	October 26 – Br. André DeDecker, OSB - "Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary"

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 Road 62 in St. Meinrad, IN. For more information, call Mary Jeanne Schumacher during business hours at (812) 357-6501. For updates on the day of the event, call (812) 357-6611.



Come and Explore at Sister Trek 2014!

Would you like to visit several communities of women religious in one weekend, along with your peers? We invite single women ages 18-35 to the first Owensboro Sister Trek. It will take place Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18. You can learn more about what it's really like to be a Sister in the Church today. The trek will include visiting and sharing prayer and/or meals with the following: Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Franciscan Sisters, Glenmary Sisters, Sisters of the Lamb of God and the Carmelite Sisters. Explore the variety and unique flavors of communities that can be found right here in the Owensboro area. Meals, accommodations and transportation will be provided. To register, contact Sister Martha Keller, OSU, at 270-229-4104 or email vocations.ms@maplemount.org. You can also register online at www.ursulinesmj.org. Click on Become a Sister. Please register by Oct. 10.

A Jail and Prison Ministry Workshop

met Aug. 23, 2014 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Sixteen participants were seeking to become involved or already involved in Jail or Prison Ministry. The Diocesan Prison Ministry Committee has been meeting for about 14 years. The five panelists in this photo at center rear are Cathy Doup who works in various women's ministries; Bob and Sharrie Cinnamond who help lead the Resident Encounter Christ (REC) retreats; Brett Mills and Fr Ray Clark are Catholic Chaplains for the Green River Corr Complex (GRCC) in Central City. In the group above the panelists are from left Kathy Doup, Dr. Bob Cinnamond, Sharrie Cinnamond, Brett Mills, and Father Ray Clark. The Diocesan Office of Social Concerns convened the meeting. Mel Howard Photo

Hundreds Come Out For Award-Winning BBQ ...

There are so many fun events to help everyone enjoy the 44th Mount Saint Joseph Picnic Sept. 14, 2014. Award-winning barbecue cooks filled the air and stomachs of hundreds who shared their incredible BBQ chickens, pork, mutton and burgoo. The men from Precious Blood Catholic Church were the winners of the 2014 International Barbecue Festival Cookoff, and they cooked more than 700 chickens. There's never a drop of burgoo left even though the St. Martin, Rome, Parish cooking team makes 11 huge kettles, assisted by the folks from St. Pius Tenth Cooking Team, Owensboro. Savory mutton and pork is provided by the team from St. Alphonsus Parish, Owensboro, cut all the meat to enjoy in the dinner, lunch and meat by the pound stands. It is a feast that's not to be missed.

The Mount Picnic offered Booths • Silent Auction • Games • Sisters' Handmade Crafts • Hog Wild Game • Cake Wheel • Bingo • Yard Sale • Adopt-A-Pet • Holiday Decor • Ice Cream • Inflatables • Bottle Pitch

New at the 2014 Mount Saint Joseph Picnic on Sept. 14 was a Quilt Sale; 40 quilts were offered for sale.

Source: ursulinesmsj.org/news

Photo at right, Amanda Jacobs from Farmington, Mo., measured the dimensions of a quilt for a potential customer at the new Quilt Sale booth which as the photo at right shows, added a lot of color and joy to 2014 Picnic.



St. Pius Tenth Cooking Team members preparing to sell gallons of burgoo. Mel Howard Photos

At right, three Beta Club members from Apollo High School helped sell jellies at Mount Crafts, booth; from left are Katie Thomas, Ashley Cissna, and Margaret O'Bryan.



Photo at right, St Mary of the Woods Elementary student Maddie Aguilar has her pet stuffed raccoon, Squiffles, with her as she helped out in a toy booth. Maddie's t-shirt announces that St Mary's School is celebrating 135 years of Catholic education in Whitesville this year.



People who came to the 2014 Mount St. Joseph Picnic went home as pleased and happy as these two girls walking with their treasures.



Photo at left, Fr. Mike Clark, pastor of Blessed Mother Church, enjoyed meeting and greeting present and past parishioners near the dinner tables.

Corey Elder from Fancy Farm helped Sr. Jane Miriam Hancock, OSU, take a "selfie." Sr. Jane Miriam taught Corey's grandmother.

... At The Mount St. Joseph Picnic Sept. 14, 2014

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Bishop-emeritus John McRaith greeted many people at the MSJ Picnic. Mike Thompson was his ATV driver.



Sitting pretty at the 2014 Mount Saint Joseph Picnic.



Sr. Mary Sheila Higdon, OSU, greets Henry Higdon of St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville.



Afternoon sunlight makes the smoking mutton glow.



Sr. Catherine Marie Lauterwasser, OSU, enjoyed seeing many of her former students. Mel Howard Photos



The Conversation Oak

Thank You!

...to the many volunteers who helped in any way to make our 44th annual picnic such a success!

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy this beautiful day with us. We sincerely appreciate your support of our retired sisters.



Sister Jane Miriam loves to see everyone in the Information/Ticket booth at the picnic.

May God bless each of you for your kindness and generosity.



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Burgoo? Potato Salad? Cole Slaw? Brooke Cecil, Abby Cecil, Maggie Mitchell and her mom, Cathy, serving a table.



Sr. Rose Jean: Get your coupons here!

Dr. Mark Ginter: A Missionary Disciple Is An Everyday, Spirit-Filled Evangelizer

Dr Mark Ginter wrote in a release from St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc. located in Bristow, In., on August 25 saying, "We are very excited to announce another book from Gardener's Servant Productions. It is titled *Missionary Disciples: A handbook for the New Evangelization based on Evangelii Gaudium*. It is 60 pages long and consists of two parts.

"The first part is a brief history of the term 'the new evangelization.' By some amazing grace, I was able to detect that the New Evangelization was going to be a hallmark of the papacy of St. John Paul the Great. So, I have the unique distinction of being the author of the first academic publication on the New Evangelization in English. This book, 'Missionary Disciples' includes a popular summary of that term and its meaning in the subsequent papacies of Pope Benedict and Francis.

"The second part is a practical summary of Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*. What I mean by 'practical summary' is that I have highlighted and organized in a clearer way the points that Pope Francis makes about being an everyday, Spirit-filled evangelizer. Although it would be great if everyone read 'The Joy of the Gospel,' I have tried to even out some of his composition to make it more understandable."

Dr. Mark Ginter did that very well - made reading *The Joy of the Gospel* more understandable - in his presentation Aug. 25 in the Catholic Pastoral Center for youth ministers and parish catechetical leaders as they call Catholics in a parish to be everyday spirit-filled evangelizers.

With his son, Matthew, 15, helping out at the book and pamphlets table, Dr. Ginter told his audience about The Saint Joseph's Holy Family, Inc. a 32-acre retreat in Bristow, In., named God's Country, LLC, whose mission he said, is "helping Catholic families discover Jesus Christ as the Lord of their lives ... Our four pillars are: To Learn; To Pray; To Work; To Play. These are the elements for the renewal of Catholic family life to produce families who are holy, healthy, and wholesome." With Dr. Ginter's leadership, St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc. seeks to share with the whole world this apostolate's history, mission, and vision of renewing Catholic family life through the inspired and natural beauty of God's



Dr. Mark Ginter presented his handbook for the New Evangelization based on *Evangelii Gaudium* Aug. 25 at The Catholic Pastoral Center.



A Statuette of The Holy Family



Dr. Mark Ginter listened closely as each person in the Aug. 25 workshop introduced themselves to others in The Catholic Pastoral Center conference room.

Country.

Missionary Disciples is a handbook for better understanding the New Evangelization based upon *Evangelii Gaudium*. As he talked through the outlined sections of his handbook, Dr. Ginter frequently paused for a story or a prayer, like this one he offered once when he encountered a leaking ceiling in a hotel room in which he stayed while giving a workshop. The leak was uncomfortable, so he approached the motel's desk to

speaking about it. Just before he did so, he felt this prayer: "Lord, is there somebody here You want me to encounter? Lord, how do You want this to go? How do You want this to happen?"

Mirroring Pope Francis' teachings in *Evangelii Gaudium*, Dr. Ginter described the stance of the missionary disciple who is startled out of a comfort zone while in the Lord's service: take the first step - become involved; abase yourself if necessary, be supportive; be fruitful; be joy-

ful, celebrate every small victory, spread goodness daily.

Dr. Ginter's presentation was also given on Tuesday, August 26 at St. Pius X in Calvert City.

The content of Dr. Ginter's book, *Missionary Disciples*, and his presentation on Aug 25 is engaging, as good as advertised in St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc. website, blog, and press releases.

Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family (2014)

Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville announced Sept. 18: "On Sunday, October 5, the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops addressing The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization will commence in Rome. I am privileged to be joined by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Cardinal Donald Wuerl and Archbishop William Skurla as members of the Extraordinary Synod and I thank you for your prayers as we consider how to serve and support Catholic families today."

Archbishop Kurtz suggested this prayer for the Synod on the Family;

Prayer to the Holy Family for the Synod

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection
and division: may all who have been
hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful of the sacredness
and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

By Larena Lawson

At a very young age Julio Barrera enjoyed doing priestly things, like playing processions as a little boy. In his mother country of Mexico, magnificent and beautiful processions are common place during sacred liturgies and in celebration of significant feast days. He nearly missed even making those childhood memories, but because of the miraculous hand of God in his life from the very beginning, it was allowed to happen and so was so much more. God had a plan for His life and vocation all along the way.

Lolek Productions' captivating video, "No Greater Love" tells the shocking and profound story of how God led Julio down an unlikely path to be ordained a Catholic Deacon. From his very close call with death in the womb, to his mother's life threatening illness, to the final doubts before ordination,

this story will amaze you and give you an incredible glimpse of God's loving grace and the power of His wondrous, life-giving miracles.



No Greater Love

with
Rev. Julio Barrera



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Since the filming of this production, Deacon Julio Barrera has been ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Owensboro. Father Julio now serves as Associate Pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville, Kentucky and as Sacramental Minister at St. Susan Parish in Elkton and Sts. Mary and James Parish in Guthrie.

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In Our Catholic Schools

Mark Vollman Recognized as OCHS #1 Fan



OCHS principal Gates Settle shakes hands with the 2014 ACES #1 Fan, Mark Vollman, CPC employee. The Catholic Pastoral Center staff and Mark's parents Bob and Mary Vollman accompanied Mark at the 50-yard line of Steele Stadium at the start of the Sept. 5 football game with OHS. Photo by Kristin Vollman

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Mark Vollman was recognized as OCHS #1 Football Team Fan at the Owensboro Catholic High School game on Sept. 5, 2014 at Steele Stadium against Owensboro HS, the Catholic Pastoral Center staff helped to recognize CPC Employee Mark Vollman as OCHS' #1 Fan. The CPC staff was invited to join Mark on the field at half time to hear and witness the recognition

of Mark as the ACES' #1 Fan. Former Diocesan Chancellor Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU has agreed to join us at the game and on the field so come see her as well.

Mark has written letters to the past five teams of the football ACES. Mark always tells players that he will say a "Holy Mary" for them.

Challenge Met! St. Mary School System Matches \$30,000 Challenge Gift for Financial Assistance

PADUCAH, KY – St. Mary School System has exciting news to report regarding the outcome of our matching gift "challenge" earmarked for tuition assistance! Thanks to the very generous support from our St. Mary Educational Committee (SMEC), parents, faculty/staff, and generous friends, we met the \$30,000 matching gift challenge set forth by an anonymous donor as part of the 2014 Annual Fund Drive. With these gifts, St. Mary now has an additional \$60,000 in financial assistance to help ensure that students will not be denied a Catholic education due to financial barriers.

THANK YOU for helping St. Mary accomplish this important financial goal which strengthens our ability to serve Catholic families throughout Western Kentucky. We are grateful for this level of support from our donors.

For those who did not have a chance to participate in last year's Annual Fund Drive matching gift challenge, but would like to support St. Mary today, we greatly appreciate gifts in any amount. These gifts will be credited to the 2014-15 Annual Fund Drive. Every gift counts - no gift is too small.

This matching gift to the Fr. Lew White Fund has given St. Mary School System the ability to distribute additional funds to those in need. Catholic families in need of assistance are encouraged to contact System Director, Eleanor Spry at 270-442-1681, ext. 273, or espry@smss.org.



First Book For St. Ann School

In the photo above, third grade students from St. Ann Catholic School were surprised with a visit from members of Earle C. Clements' Job Corp Center Materials Handling Department last week. Through a program called "First Book," new storybooks were delivered to St. Ann School. The purpose of the program is to get books into the hands of kids. Nick Haws, employee of ECCJC accompanied members of the Material Handling Department the first week of September to make the delivery. Submitted by Beth Hendrickson



St. Ann School 2014 Cherokee Golf Team. Members include Hannah Thomas, Gabe Vincent, Drew Davis, Myles Thomas, Eva Cassidy, Zack Mason, Weston Clements, Avery Welden, Kent Davis, Sarah Hagedorn, Garren Duckworth, Sam Brown, Hadley Welden, Kennedy Jenkins, Sydney Brown. Absent from the team photo is Jarett Gough.

Photo submitted by Beth Hendrickson

Five graduates of diocesan high schools named Sen. Jeff Green Scholars

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 22, 2014) — Five 2014 graduates of Owensboro Diocesan high schools have been named Senator Jeff Green Scholars by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). To earn this honor, a student must have a 4.0 grade point average each year of high school and at least a 28 composite on the ACT.

These students have also earned \$2,500 a year in Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) awards. If they keep their grades up in college, they will

have \$10,000 to use toward a four-year degree. The designation honors the late state Sen. Jeff Green of Mayfield, who served in the Kentucky General Assembly from 1992 to 1997.

The scholars are:

- Owensboro Catholic High School: Kelsey Conkright.
- St. Mary High School: Wesley Averill, Michaela Jones, Allison Reed, Ross Whittaker.

KEES and other Kentucky student aid programs are administered by KHEAA. KEES awards are funded by net Kentucky lot-



Kelsey Conkright



Wes Averill



Michaela Jones



Allison Reed



Ross Whittaker

tery proceeds and may be used at most colleges and universities in Kentucky. In some cases, the award may be used at an out-of-state school if the major the student is pursuing is not available in Kentucky. No application is necessary for KEES awards.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

Fourth Middle and High School Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference to be Held Nov. 21-22, 2014 at Owensboro Convention Center

By Melinda Prunty

OWENSBORO, Ky. - We are very excited to inform you that the Office for Youth Ministry will be hosting its 4th combination Middle and High School (grades 6-12) Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference, or ODYC for short. The theme for the conference is "Prayer: The Universal Language" It will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22, at The Owensboro Convention Center in Owensboro, KY. The conference will begin with registration at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night and end at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. The event will feature Fr. Joseph Espailat and Mary Bielski as Co-Keynoters and Emcees.

The conference will include: keynote addresses, prayer experiences including a Eucharistic Procession to St. Stephen Cathedral with Adoration and praise and worship music and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as an international Rosary, workshops on various topics relevant to youth and adults and lots of music. The event will end with liturgy celebrated by Bishop William F. Medley.

The cost for the event is \$30/person, including chaperones, and must be post-marked by October 20, 2014. The fee includes the conference and all conference materials, with the exception of a t-shirt.

Please be in prayer as we prepare for this exciting event. We will be announcing a 30 Day Prayer Challenge or a Novena in the near future so be on the lookout for that information. If you have



Fr. Joseph Espailat spoke at the Owensboro Diocesan Encuentro in 2013; he directs the Office of Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese of New York, and Cardinal Timothy Dolan: "Truth be told I became a priest because when I was living with the priests in high school at Cathedral Prep, I got to see the human side of the priesthood. A man who ate ice cream, would go to the movies and play basketball. Yet, he had an intense spiritual relationship with God." <http://www.nypriest.com/real-lives/fr-espailat.html>

any questions, please feel free to call the office at 683-1545. We look forward to receiving your parish's registration!

NOTE: There will be no registrations accepted at the door. Regarding the Middle School students, they can be no younger than 6th grade, but this is left up to the discretion of local circumstances. All groups must pre-register.



Mary Bielski: For the last eight years, Mary has traveled the US speaking to Catholic teens about the awesome power of God! Through engaging talks and humorous skits, Mary inflames the hearts of teens to a deeper relationship with Christ and a passionate life given totally to the Lord. Catch Mary at an upcoming retreat or conference (Including Steubenville Youth Conferences and Life Teen). <http://www.marybielski.com/>

Hannah Hagan Earns National Merit Semi-Finalist Honor

Owensboro Catholic High School Senior Hannah Hagan has been selected as a semi-finalist in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. Hannah is one of 16,000 semi-finalist across the United States and will be considered for National Merit Finalist status in the spring. Hannah is the daughter of Martha Hagan and is a member of St. Pius X Parish.



Mary Carrico Catholic School has an opening for a part-time Math Intervention/High School Readiness teacher. Applicants should be certified or qualified to teach middle grades math. The position will be two days per week, three hours per day. Please contact the principal, Chuck Green at 270-281-5526 or e-mail cgreenmcms144@yahoo.com for more information and an application or mail a resume to 9546 Hyway 144, Philpot, KY 42366

A nation of 27 million people, Iraq is a country overwhelmed by war and sectarian violence. Random bombings, killings and kidnappings are becoming tragically commonplace. Unemployment is high and poverty is rampant. Many families displaced from their homes — more than 2 million people within Iraq — also left behind all of their belongings. Without help, they face a daily life without food, shelter, medical care or income. Escalating security risks prompted Catholic Relief Services to withdraw staff from Iraq in 2004. But our work in the country continues today with help from partners on the ground, including Caritas Iraq, who deliver emergency humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable families of all faiths.

• Well Baby Program

The Well Baby program supports vulnerable children and mothers with improved health, nutrition and education to reduce disease and mortality rates in the difficult emergency environment of Iraq. The absence of adequate medical facilities and care, and lack of clean water and electricity are all major contributors to infant malnourishment and disease. CRS' funding supports Caritas Iraq's efforts to provide 120,000 children and 24,000 mothers with supplementary nutritional foods, health and hygiene awareness training, medical support (vaccines, neonatal monitoring and care), and community support systems.

• Humanitarian Aid

Humanitarian aid serves extremely vulnerable Iraqis — including the elderly, disabled, and orphaned children — with food, medical care, and tuition and income assistance. CRS funds facilitate the distribution of food baskets that offer culturally appropriate foods not usually available in typical government food rations. These distributions, which include vegetable oil, tomato paste, milk and cheese, occur every two to three months and provide families with nutritious supplements to their sparse daily diet. Additionally, vulnerable families receive health care, education and other social services. This program serves 8,400 families in Kirkuk, Basrah and Baghdad.

• Emergency Aid for Displaced Families

Increased sectarian conflict and targeted violence has forced more than 4 million Iraqis to leave their homes and

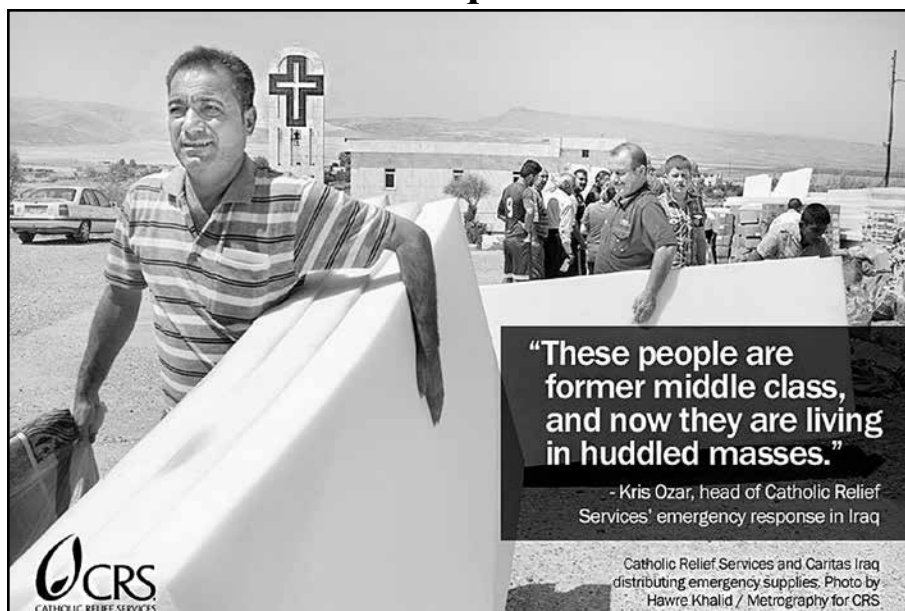


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neighborhoods. Two million people fled to other countries, most to Syria and Jordan. But more than 2 million remain within Iraq, displaced from their homes and, often, without any possessions. Every month, upwards of 60,000 more people follow suit. CRS funding helps provide displaced families with food,

mattresses, blankets, medical care, rent, tuition assistance and basic job training. This program supports 2,000 displaced families in the Nineveh plains, in border areas near Syria and Turkey and in places along the road from Mosul to Irbil. Assistance is largely implemented through Iraqi volunteers, and with support of the Iraqi Red Crescent Society.

“Bishop William Medley has asked ...”

As reported in the September, 2014 *Western Kentucky Catholic*, Bishop William Medley has asked parishes to hold a voluntarily special collection the weekend of September 6/7, 2014. He states that Archbishop Kurtz has asked Catholic bishops across the country to take up a special collection for humanitarian needs and pastoral support for Christians and other victims of violence in the Middle East.

Amid the ongoing crisis in what is “the cradle of Christianity,” the Catholic Church “mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Iraq, Syria and Gaza who are struggling to survive, protect their children and live with dignity in dire conditions,” said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz.

Funds from the collection will be used by Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops’ overseas relief and development organization, and other Catholic agencies “working in partnership with the local church” to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs of people in the three countries.

Please send any funds collected to the Diocese of Owensboro (marked Special Collection for the Middle East) and in turn the Diocese will send the contributions to the Office of National Collections at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington.




A delegation of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) visited the Gaza Strip, September 14. The bishops celebrated Mass with the local Christian community, talked to residents and surveyed the destruction of the recent conflict between Israel and Hamas militants. They also met the staff of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the bishops’ international relief agency, who have been working to provide disaster relief to those impacted by the violence. Bishop Medley’s Prayer during Pilgrimage: “May There Be Peace in Israel and in Palestine.” Photo by Matt McGarry/Catholic Relief Services

• Peacebuilding

The goal of the Caritas peacebuilding program is to spread the culture of peace among people in Iraq so that they can live in harmony. CRS funds increase the capacity of peacebuilders in Iraq to promote reconciliation and conflict mitigation. Caritas staff participates in training and other activities that foster a larger understanding of reconciliation, respect, and social behavior; resolving conflict; and the concept of justice in humanitarian service.

• Volunteer Program

The Caritas Iraq volunteer program provides a pool of trained and experienced Iraqis who contribute their time to provide humanitarian aid and social assistance. Caritas Iraq uses volunteers in most program activities, and they play an important role in spreading the example of community service, solidarity and compassion. CRS funds support staff training and help increase the pool of volunteers for all Caritas programs throughout Iraq. Volunteer programs are developing the capacity of 200 volunteers, providing them with practical exposure to humanitarian and social-service programming through specialized training sessions. *Source: <http://crs.org/iraq/projects.cfm>*



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Be Pro-Life in Owensboro. Visit RTLO.org

Right to Life of Owensboro will be hosting their Annual Banquet on October 16, 2014 at the Hines Center in Philpot. This Year's speaker is comedian Mike Williams. He will make you laugh and cry all at the same time. Please join us. The doors open at 6 pm. Call the office for reservations, 270-685-4922.



Owensboro Walked for Life Sept. 6, 2014

Right to Life of Owensboro hosted the 35th Annual Walk for Life on Saturday, September 6. The walk is part of Right to Life's mission to "encourage among the general public an understanding of the dignity and worth of each human life, whatever his or her state or circumstances; to foster respect for human life before and after birth..."

The event began at 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The walk began promptly at 10 a.m. and proceeded down Frederica Street to Wesleyan Park Plaza before returning back to Lourdes.

Collection For The Catholic Communication Campaign

"Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work." (2 Cor 9:8)

Dear Diocese of Owensboro, Ky.,

September 2, 2014: We have received your recent check for \$4,521.91. This amount has been posted to the 2014 Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign and will appear in our annual report.

I am grateful for your assistance in facilitating the generous gifts of the parishioners in your diocese.

- Bevin C. Kennedy, Ass't. Director, Promotions, USCCB Office of National Collections

People Listen to Witnesses

By Fr. Noel Connolly

In 1975 Pope Paul VI made the powerful comment, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."

They are sobering words especially for missionaries. They always remind me of a poster which featured a huge hippopotamus with a massive yawn. The caption read, "When all is said and done, more is said than done."

I am also reminded of a parable I heard once about a young African called Kahua. Kahua lived in the hills above a vast savannah in East Africa. One day he came down to the savannah and turned up at the Catholic compound where he met the priest. Kahua asked for a job for six months and, as the priest urgently needed someone, he was given a job working closely with the priest. It turned out that Kahua was honest and industrious, imaginative and reliable and above all he got along with everyone. The priest came to rely on him and was shocked when just short of the six months Kahua came to tell him that the time was almost up and he would be leaving in a week. "No Kahua, you can't go. I need you. I know I have been cranky and difficult at times, and I probably haven't paid you enough but I promise to be better and make it up to you."

Kahua explained that it really wasn't about money. He reminded the priest that he lived in the hills and that one day when he was thinking about his life he had looked out on the savannah below where he saw the Christian compound

and the Muslim mosque. He knew they were among the great world religions and thought they might have the answers he was searching for. So he told the priest, "I thought I would go and work for you and the Imam for six months each, and then I would know which religion was best for me. Now it is time to go to work for the Imam." "My God, Kahua, why didn't you tell me?" muttered the priest. But the fact is most people don't tell us. They watch us. It is our witness not our homilies that is important.

People want to see that in everyday life we are compassionate, patient, kind, and rarely jealous, angry or petty. I don't think people expect us to be perfect, but they want to see that our faith makes a difference. They want to see that we still have hope in our hearts and faith in the future and room for others in good times and in more difficult situations.

Kahua was smart in wanting to learn about religion not from the priest's or imam's homilies but from working with them. The quality of our works and lives speaks more powerfully than anything we can say. Witness and teaching necessarily belong together. The problem with some of our missionary endeavors is that our witness doesn't measure up to our teaching. We can be a little like the hippopotamus when we say much more than we do.



Fr. Noel Connolly

Fr. Noel Connolly is the regional director in Australia.

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Mary Carrico Catholic School Kindergarten students, L to R, Grant Howard, Emma Lashbrook and Kirsten Mills show off their reading skills for principal Chuck Green



Sister Vivian Bowles, OSU Honored with Brescia Distinguished Alumni Award

By Dan Heckel

When Ursuline Sister Vivian Bowles was president of Brescia University, she established the Distinguished Alumni Award to honor those graduates who exemplify the elements that encompass The Brescia Difference.

On Sept. 20, Sister Vivian came full circle when she was one of three people named a distinguished graduate of the university the Ursuline Sisters began in 1950.

"I feel honored, but I never thought I would be chosen for the award," Sister Vivian said. "I accept the honor in the name of all our alumni. All of them are distinguished in their own way."

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest award the university bestows. The ceremony takes place at Owensboro's RiverPark Center as part of Homecoming week at Brescia, the only Catholic university in the Diocese of Owensboro. Also honored that evening will be Art Ealum, a 2006 graduate who is chief of the Owensboro Police Department, and Rick Higdon, class of 1986, who is an executive director at Ernst and Young and a member of the Brescia Board of Trustees. Sister Vivian is a 1969 graduate of Brescia. She first began ministering at Brescia in 1973, teaching education classes and supervising secondary student teachers. After a couple of years, she helped develop the psychology department and served as a professor of psychology and director of the Counseling Center until 1995, with a year off in 1981-82 to complete her doctoral studies. She has a doctorate in both counseling psychology and education.

In 1980 she was named division chair of social and behavioral sciences, a position she held until 1992, when she was elected to the Mount Saint Joseph leadership Council, serving until 1996.

In 1995 she was named the fourth president of Brescia, where she served until 2007. It was during Sister Vivian's tenure that Brescia College received approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities to become Brescia University on June 1, 1998.

Prior to coming to Brescia, she was an elementary school teacher from 1960-73 at four Kentucky schools. She left



Sister Vivian Bowles, OSU

Brescia in 2007 to enter into family ministry, then in 2010-11 she served a year as director of the St. Mary School System in Paducah, Ky. In 2012, she began her current ministry as director of faith formation at St. Alphonsus Parish in St. Joseph, Ky.

Sister Vivian, a native of Jefferson-town, Ky., has been an Ursuline Sister for 56 years, entering as a novice in 1958. She served on many community boards, including the Owensboro-Daviess County Airport Board, the U.S. Bank Regional Board of Directors, the Diocesan Sexual Abuse Review Board and the Owensboro Municipal Planning Commission. She was the first woman to serve on the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, from 1983-2007. The Distinguished Alumni Award honors those graduates who exemplify the elements that encompass The Brescia Difference: Respect for the Sacred, Devotion to Learning, Commitment to Growth in Virtue and Promotion of Servant Leadership. Because of the breadth and scope of their life's work, the magnitude of their impact on the regional, national and often international scene and their examples of service and leadership, alumni who receive this esteemed honor have distinguished themselves among their peers and demonstrated that they are true stars of Brescia.

Other Ursuline Sisters to be honored

Sister Sharon Sullivan, OSU Receives Father Saffer Award

Ursuline Sister Sharon Sullivan was honored during Brescia University Homecoming weekend when she received the 2014 Father Saffer Award from the Brescia University Alumni Board on Sept. 19.

The Father Saffer Award is given to an alumnus based on a lifetime of personal or professional achievement that personifies the ideas and basic mission of Brescia University, said Jason Cox, alumni director. The Alumni Board nominates individuals and then narrows the choices to three people. The Alumni Board then discusses further and puts the three people to a vote. It is through this vote that they pick the winners of the Outstanding Alumnus and Father Saffer Awards. Jim Weafer will be honored as the Outstanding Alumnus.

Sister Sharon graduated from Brescia in 1975 with a certification as a special education teacher. She joined the Ursuline Sisters in 1982 and became director of residential life at Brescia from 1984-87, and began teaching special education courses part time. She became a full-time professor in 1987, and other than three



Sister Sharon Sullivan, OSU

years spent completing her doctorate in special education, she served continuously at Brescia as a professor, department chair and finally academic dean until 2010. That's when she began serving as congregational leader of the Ursuline Sisters, a position in which she currently serves. She also serves on the Brescia Board of Trustees.

Join us for Catholic Catechism

Please join us as we complete our final study sessions of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults.

Dates:

- Oct. 9
- Nov. 13
- Dec. 11

Study the Catechism with us!

Second Thursday of the month

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Each session is \$10 (includes lunch)

A program book is \$5.

Led by Sister Ann McGrew

To register, call
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with this award by Brescia include Sister Ruth Gehres, Sister Michele Morek, Sister Joseph Angela Boone, Sister Rose

Marita O'Bryan and Sister Dianna Ortiz. One of last year's recipients was Ursuline Associate Mary Danhauer.

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 3-5 Regional Cursillo
7 Evening with an Ursuline presentation: Beauty
8 Lunch and Learn
9 Study of the Catechism
 11-12 Catholic Engaged Encounter
13-17 Spiritual Direction Training Program (Week 5)
16 The Gift of Aging
 17-18 Sister Trek for single women ages 18-35
 17-19 Yoga & Meditation Retreat
18-19 Marian Retreat
 20-23 Quilters Guild - Trigg County
 24-26 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
 26-31 Glenmary Sisters Retreat

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



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NOVEMBER

- 1 Grief Camp for Youths
4 Evening with an Ursuline presentation: Do You Hear
7-9 Yarn Spinners Weekend
 7-9 Diocese of Owensboro
 Ordained Deacons Retreat
13 Study of the Catechism
 14-16 Diocese of Owensboro
 Diaconate Program
 21-22 Teen Leadership Conference
20 Senior Moments
**22 Walking with the Poor
 Retreat with Fr. Shonis**

DECEMBER

- 2 Evening with an Ursuline
 presentation: Gift of Gifts**
3 Advent Day of Prayer
3 Lunch and Learn
13 Study of the Catechism
18 Senior Moments
 19-21 Diocese of Owensboro
 Diaconate Program

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Covenant OF LOVE + datenight

Created by The Alexander House Apostolate, the Covenant of Love Ministry is more than a ministry; it is a call to action, an initiative, and a resource offered to parishes designed to strengthen marriage ministries, or to help build a foundation to create one. This Marriage Ministry works to educate, strengthen, promote, and advocate the splendor, beauty and truth of God's plan for marriage.

DATE NIGHTS are a monthly gathering of couples with the goal of assisting them in becoming the "true" domestic church by providing tools and information to help them live out God's plan for the sacrament of marriage and to create a vibrant and positive community of married couples.

The Owensboro Date Night takes place on the 3rd Friday of each month. Please join us for our next

Your Unwanted Items Can Bring Hope To Struggling Families

When you donate your gently used clothing, furniture and household items to St Vincent de Paul, you are helping families right in your local community. Proceeds from our Stores-Donation Centers help local families in need. See below to find a store near you:

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- Bowling Green - 655 US 31 W Bypass 270-904-1832
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- Fordsville - 327 East Main St. 270-276-5102
- Henderson - 116 North Alvasia St. 270-827-4138
- Hopkinsville - 902 East 9th St. 270-885-8522
- Lewisport - 8185 US 60 West 270-295-3494
- Madisonville - 101 East Arch St. 502-821-2159
- Morganfield - 218 Jim Veatch Road 270-389-4281
- Oak Grove - 15088 Ft. Campbell Road 270-640-6241
- Owensboro - 200 East 18th St. 270-683-1747 (new location)
- Paducah - 2025 Cairo Road 270-442-9351
- Whitesville - 10534 Walnut St. 270-233-5118

As always, volunteers are needed and welcome to help at any of the stores. Please call the store location for information on how you can volunteer."



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

4 P.M. - 5 P.M.

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph invite you to join us for Eucharistic Adoration on the second Sunday of each month. Upcoming dates: **Oct. 12, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14**


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Eucharistic Adoration is from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the **Motherhouse Chapel** (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56) and concludes with evening prayer. If you are unable to be present, please join us in prayer as we give particular attention to vocations.

Date Night, an evening to enjoy adult fellowship and nurture our marriage relationship. Plus it's free, and childcare is provided! Our next Date Night is Friday, October 17th in the Immaculate's Parish Hall from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Bring your friends, and please RSVP (by Monday Oct. 13th if childcare is needed) to Haley & Matt Fitzgerald, at 270-993-1111, Rachel & Keith Evans, at 270-570-2170, or Helen & Fred Meister, at 270-683-4330.

St. Thomas More Parishioner And St. Mary High School Student Ties Faith Education To Way Of Life

By Patrick Kerr

PADUCAH, KY – Many Catholic Church parishioners, who don't have children in the Catholic School System, may not realize that their church is an important part of the support for the school. A Catholic, faith-based education is so much more than a school that happens to teach a religion class. By instilling Christian values and a strong moral code, we are all helping to mold future leaders who will embrace the values that have been instilled in them throughout the formative years of their lives.

Maria Shockley, a St. Mary High School senior and member of St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah realizes that her faith, time at school and time at church all work together to provide a strong foundation for how to live one's life.

At St. Thomas More, Maria serves as a Eucharistic Minister as well as a lector. She is very involved in the church's youth ministry, Y-Disciple, and is a member of the leadership team for that group. She helps plan service projects and was recently involved in helping build a Habitat for Humanity home.

As a student at St. Mary, her faith again carries her to leadership roles. Maria says, "One flows right into the other.



Maria Shockley

Being a youth leader at St. Thomas More lends itself to being a youth leader at St. Mary. I am on our Catholic Youth Leaders committee and we help younger students put God first in their lives."

Photo by Patrick Kerr

"It just makes so much sense," she continued. "Since I am a Eucharistic Minister at St. Thomas More, of course, I do the same at St. Mary each week when we have Mass."

Maria sees the coupling of St. Thomas More and St. Mary as a fit for a "whole life" perspective on keeping Christ front and center. And, as a Catholic School stu-

dent, she values the ability to be able to come together in prayer at school during times of strife.

She said, "We are such a close nit family here at St. Mary. We are all apart of each other's lives. And, that family extends to my parish. The two together bring me so much closer to parishioners and students both."

In the coming months, Maria and others from the Catholic Youth Leadership team at St. Mary High School will be assisting in planning retreats for each class. The junior class held their retreat at the beginning of September and at the suggestion of the Catholic Youth Leadership committee, spent time with low-income students at a local public school to help tutor in reading and writing. The juniors, along with Maria, plan to make this a yearlong effort.

Maria said, "It is so rewarding to help others and to do so with a foundation of faith. I'm very excited about working with the kids."

As the school year gets underway, the ties between St. Thomas More and St. Mary strengthen and grow. Fr. Brandon Williams, Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas More holds a prayer service each Monday and is working on blessing each classroom in the school as well as each sports team as they have their season openers – all from suggestions from the Catholic Youth Leaders group.

"Do you Hear What I Hear?"

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Time:

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Presenter:

Sister Vivian Bowles

Cost:

\$15 fee includes dinner

**Contact Kathy McCarty to register:
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This session will address communication skills/styles related to family, friends and most interpersonal relationships.

We will distinguish between hearing and listening, use better conflict and confrontation practices, discuss nonverbal implications and identify roadblocks to mature communication.



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The Spirituality of Beauty

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Time:

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Presenter:

Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan

Cost:

\$15 fee includes meal

**Contact Kathy McCarty to register:
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This program provides an opportunity to explore the theme of beauty and its important role in spirituality.



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Priests Among Us

Tommie Briggs, a parishioner at St. Edwards in Fulton, sent the picture of Father Robert Drury doing yard work at right. We are so happy to have him as pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hickman, St. Edward in Fulton, and St. Jude Parish in Clinton, together known as the Tri-Parish Churches of Far Western Kentucky. Photo submitted by Susie Fenwick



Pastor and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Quilters Thank Faithful Parish Staffer



Fr. Brad Whistle presented a quilt to Karen F. Aud for her almost 19 years service to Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The quilt was made and hand-quilted by the quilters at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Karen was the receptionist for



the parish offices. She answered the phone, the door, ran the bulletin every week, took SVdeP calls, and anything that parish staff asked her to do. Submitted by Kay Clark



These pictures are from the going away luncheon for Father Joosa Marydasan hosted by The Tri-Parishes of Far Western Kentucky at St. Edward Church in Fulton, KY. In the photo at top left, the younger boy to the right of Father Joosa is Gabriel Diaz and the young man to Father's left is Moises Diaz. Both are from St. Edward Parish. In the photo above right, the lady at Father Joosa's left side is Jan Taylor and the lady to his right is Sandi Allen. Both are from St. Edward Parish. Fr. Joosa is now the Administrator of Rosary Chapel in Paducah, and also of St. Mary Parish in LaCenter. Photos submitted by Susie Fenwick



Living The Spiritual Life: Study of the Catechism

Therese Wilhite, left, Neil Brooks, Mike McLevaine and Frances Gaddis follow along in the discussion of the seventh and eighth commandments on Aug. 14. Eleven people gathered at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on Aug. 14 for a study of the Catholic catechism for adults, led by Ursuline Sister Ann McGrew. Three of the participants attended for the first time. The class will continue on Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. All are welcome. Preregistration is required by contacting Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org. There is a \$10 fee which includes lunch. MSJ Photo

Glenmary Community Transitions Christ The King Church To A Diocesan Parish

SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. - On August 31, 2014 the Glenmary community transitioned our church to a Diocesan Parish during a mass presided over by Bishop William Medley, Fr. Dennis Holly, Fr. Victor Subb, Fr. Crispine Adongo, Brother Larry Johnson and our new Diocesan Pastor Fr. Daniel Dillard.

Through the use of symbols, we celebrated the fulfillment of Glenmary's mission and stewardship of Christ the King, and the faith of its people:

- **Key To The Church**-- a symbol of how Christ the King has become rooted and recognized as a Catholic presence in this community and county.

- **Parish History And Directory** -- a symbol of the bonds we share in our common faith and identity as members of the Catholic community.

- **A Sheaf Of Wheat** -- a symbol of our gratitude to God for all the blessings and graces we have received as a community of faith

- **Seeds** -- a symbol of a future full of hope that awaits those who put their faith and trust in God's promise to be with us as we embrace all that lies ahead for us.

And so as we begin the next chapter in our history with Father Daniel Dillard, we look forward to the future as we continue to build Christ the King Parish into a vital and contributing member of God's kingdom.

Do Not Fear The Future, For God Is Already There

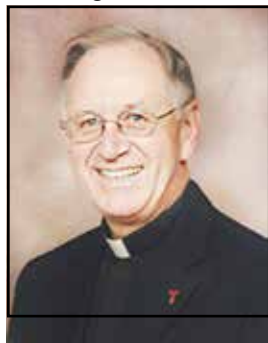
Dear Parish Family of Christ the King,

I am sorry I am unable to be with you in person but what better representative than a beloved former pastor! Father Dennis Holly represents a long line of Glenmarians who have served in Scottsville, Kentucky.

This "transition Sunday" only precedes your golden anniversary by a couple of months and while each event will have a different focus, the two are inter-related. It is certainly true that in the ministry we stand upon each other's shoulders. In other words, we build upon what has preceded us. From the Mass offered by Father Raymond Berthiaume in 1964 until this day every Glenmarian, coworker, and parishioner have brought Christ the King to this point in its history.

Glenmary's goal is always to return a mature parish to the care of the Diocese. While it is difficult to leave a place and people you have come to love, our missionary call bids us to proceed to another area that needs our ministry. We rejoice with your parish that you have attained that level of maturity.

In closing, I would like to use a baseball image. When learning to play the game we are encouraged to "use both hands." That is also my exhortation to you this morning. With the one



Rev. Chet Artysiewicz

the future, for God is already there." Wishing you a blessed future, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Chet Artysiewicz President
Glenmary Home Missioner

hand hold fast to the Spirit and wonderful memories Glenmary has provided over these past 50 years. But keep the other hand open to receive future blessings as you transition to the care of the Diocese of Owensboro. Along with all the Glenmarians who have served you, I express my sincere appreciation for the privilege of having done so and while what lies ahead may be uncertain, I share with you a message that has personally given me much comfort: "Do not fear



Right: Fr. Dennis Holly reading the letter from Fr. Chet



Catherine Grapes, Nancy Campise, Carol Wheat, Dell & John Hall smile at the CCD class kids who brought up the Seeds at Mass Aug. 31, 2014.



Bishop William Medley saying Mass. Present on the altar at back were new Diocesan pastor Fr. Daniel Dillard, Fr. Dennis Holly, final Glenmary pastor Fr. Victor Subb and Fr. Crispine Adongo.

History of Christ the King Catholic Church Scottsville

Our History as a Catholic Church

Christ the King Catholic Church in Scottsville began as a Glenmary Mission Parish in 1964 with eight families. Fr. Ray Berthiaume, a Glenmary priest, celebrated Mass in a trailer located across from White Plains School and religious education classes took place in Dr. John Hall's home. The Glenmary priest would drive over from Franklin, KY on Sundays and holy days to serve Christ the King. The trailer location was changed to our present site on four acres northeast of Scottsville in January 1965. Our building was constructed in 1967 to serve as church, social hall and religious classrooms. In the 1980's over 20 families from the Lafayette, TN area formed their own local parish and left Christ the King. This move decreased our Scottsville parish population to half - 22 families.

St. Peter the Fisherman Mass Station, located near the Barren River Dam, was on property donated by Marcus and Frances Cook and became a popular Saturday night Mass location for vacationers, summer residents and parishioners alike. After a number of years, St. Peter the Fisherman was being utilized only on 3 holidays a year and finally closed in 1997 due to dwindling attendance. The Cook family agreed to sell the property with the proceeds to be donated to Christ the King's building fund - this was approved by the diocese.

When Fr. Jim Woods became pastor in 1988 he saw the need for a Catholic ministerial presence in Scottsville and hired Sr. Mary Lou Ruck, S.P. as Pastoral Associate for Christ the King. As the years passed, our parish has had several administrators. Sr. Lene Rubly, O.S.F. became Pastoral Coordinator for St. Mary's in Franklin and Christ the King in Scottsville in 1993. Fr. Frank Ruff, a Glenmary priest became our Sacramental Minister. When Sr. Mary Lou moved on, Jody and Adam Rewa became our Pastoral Associates. In 1996 we saw the arrival of Sr. Davida Loosbrock to replace Jody & Adam. December 1998 brought Fr. Dennis Holly as pastor to both St. Mary's and Christ the King.

The year 2003 brought big changes. We were no longer to be administered together with St. Mary's in Franklin, KY as Glenmary mission churches. St. Mary's parish was turned over to the Owensboro Diocese, as it had become self-supporting. Fr. Dennis was then reassigned as pastor of Christ the King Parish in Scottsville and Holy Family Parish in Lafayette, TN. In

July 2005, Sister Davida left for Greensboro, South Carolina and it was decided not to replace her at that time.

Our building, too, has seen changes over the years. A ramp for handicapped access was installed in the early 1990's and in 1995 volunteers installed a steeple. Our seating capacity increased in 1997 due to the removal of a wall in the nave area, and in 1998 we bought a new external storage building. New windows were installed in 1999.

In 2004 Christ the King had over fifty families and we had reached full capacity in our existing church facility. We decided to establish a building committee to look into the needs of the parish. The committee members were: Father Dennis Holly, Sr. Davida, Catherine Grapes, Ken Felix, Jack Beeckler, Loni Carli, Carol Wheat & Bob Blencoe. The committee met for the first time on August 15, 2004.

With the blessings and encouragement of our membership and the Diocese, we began working to fulfill the goal of replacing our old facility with a new combined chapel and fellowship hall. The plan was to build on our current four-acre property next to our existing church building. Christ the King then established a three-year plan: Two years to raise funds and one year for construction with completion targeted for the fall of 2008. Since 2004 over 2,000 hours were spent visiting other newly built churches and meeting with building contractors, interior designers, sound system engineers, architects, and numerous others.

Our prayer for our new church became part of the Prayer of the Faithful at each Mass and has now been replaced with our prayer of gratitude for our successful project. The hymn - "All Are Welcome" begins with: "Let Us Build a House". This became our theme song and gave us strength and hope each time it was sung during our three-year project.

We began fundraisers of many kinds: spaghetti dinners, yard and bake sales, raffles, auctions, saving and recycling aluminum cans, barbecues, Ice Cream Socials and Mexican Fiestas. Our women's organization, "King's Angels", the children and our hardworking parishioners worked unceasingly to earn money for the new church. Our builder, Scott, Murphy & Daniel, generously donated two pickup trucks for which we sold raffle tickets. We sent letters to Christ the King Churches across the



Bishop William Medley on Twitter: "August 31, 2014 - Today the Glenmary Fathers depart Christ the King Church in Scottsville, KY - a church they started 50 years ago." CTK Parish Photo

Carol Wheat, Dell and John Hall bring up the key to the church during the presentation of the symbols.



Catherine Grapes brings up the Church Directory while Nancy Campise brings up the Sheaf of Wheat during the presentation of the symbols. Troy Anderson is coming up to the read the names of the presenters.



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Town	County	Years	Name of Parish	Diocese
Sunfish	Edmonson	1942-1971	St. John the Evangelist	Owensboro
Russellville	Logan	1942-1965	Sacred Heart Church	Owensboro
Franklin	Simpson	1946-2003	St. Mary of the Woods	Owensboro
Scottsville	Allen	1946-2003	Christ the King	Owensboro
Scottsville	Allen	2003-2014	Christ the King	Owensboro
	Lafayette (TN) Macon	2003-current	Holy Family	(Nashville)
	Celina, (TN) Clay	2012-current	Divine Savior Church	(Nashville)
Elkton	Todd	1960-2008	St. Susan Church	Owensboro
Guthrie	Todd		St. Mary and St. James	Owensboro
Beaver Dam	Ohio	1963-2004	Holy Redeemer	Owensboro
Morgantown	Butler	1963-2004	Holy Trinity	Owensboro
Fordsville	Ohio	1963-1995	St. John Church	Owensboro
Horsebranch	Ohio			Owensboro

The names of the Glenmary Priests who served at the beginning and end of each term:

Sunfish - 1942 - Fr. Clement Borchers; 1971. Final Pastor, Fr. Joseph Nagele

Russellville - 1942 - Fr. Benedict Wolf; 1965. Final Pastor, Fr. Eugene Ryan

Franklin (was served out of Russellville until 1964.) It's first pastor as a "stand alone" site was Fr. Raymond Berthiaume. Final pastor was Fr. Dennis Holly

Scottsville - was served out of Franklin, KY. Then served out of Lafayette, TN. First pastor was Raymond Berthiaume. Final Pastor was Fr. Victor Subb with Fr. Crispine Adongo as Associate Pastor.

Elkton and Guthrie - First pastor was Fr. John Lauer. Final Pastor was Fr. Frank Ruff

Beaver Dam - First pastor was Fr. Carl Boehler. Final Pastor was Fr. Fideles Levri.

History of Christ the King Catholic Church Scottsville

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United States and to other parishes that our members had attended in the past appealing for donations. These generated substantial funds that proved to be critical to our efforts. We could not have been successful without the generous help and support we received.

As mentioned above, we selected Scott, Murphy & Daniel as our builder and began construction in early 2008 with a completion date scheduled for early November 2008. Scott, Murphy & Daniel completed their work in time for us to have the dedication of the new church on Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2008.

Prior to the dedication, we spent months planning our dedication day. Our newly formed choir began practicing; we created the beautiful copper artwork that graces our narthex; we cleaned, repaired and moved donated pews from St. Mary's in Franklin, KY, and Mt Union United Methodist Church; our old tabernacle was restored by Stan Chmiel; and Jack Beeckler built our new altar, ambo and the crown & cross artwork behind the altar. Invitations were sent out, prayer cards were designed, landscaping was done, and final cleaning was completed.

On November 23, 2008 we held the dedication for the new church. Bishop John McRaith presided and was presented with

the keys to the new church by Mike Murphy, representing our builder, Scott, Murphy & Daniel. Bishop McRaith received the construction plans from Bob Blencoe, chairman of our building committee and Richard Douglas presented the Bishop with a pictorial record of the construction process. The dedication Mass then proceeded, and a joyous celebration was held afterwards.

Our old worship area was subsequently renovated into 5 classrooms for our religious education program. The Knights of Columbus, Council 1513 Bowling Green, and the Disciples Response Fund both donated the money for this to be accomplished.

On November 20, 2009 we added a new steeple for our new church that was donated by Mike Murphy of Scott, Murphy & Daniel. The new steeple was ready for our first anniversary of the new church's dedication. Mike Murphy also had the old steeple removed from the old church. Our main parking lot was paved the following week, thanks to the generous donation of time and materials by Dan Reynolds.

As we reflect on the 3 year building and fundraising process for the new church and the year following its completion, we are deeply aware of God's abundant blessings throughout the entire process. It is truly humbling to look back on all the donations of time, talent and treasure inspired by God's intervention, which

Glenmary Home Missioners Turns 75

Glenmary Home Missioners is turning 75 in 2014!

Glenmary is a Catholic society of priests and brothers dedicated to establishing a Catholic Church presence in mission areas of Appalachia and the South. Founded by Father William Howard Bishop in Cincinnati in 1939, Glenmary is the only Catholic religious society dedicated exclusively to serving the spiritually and materially poor in the rural U.S. home missions.

"This anniversary is a milestone for our community," said Father Chet Artysiewicz, president of Glenmary. "Since our founding, over 100 Catholic churches have been successfully established in counties where, prior to the arrival of our missioners, the Church was not effectively present.

"This year, we will celebrate our past while remaining focused on continuing to meet the spiritual and material needs of those living in our current mission areas as well as planning for our future. There is still much work to be done to fulfill our founder's dream that one day the Church be present in every U.S. county," he said.

When Glenmary was founded in 1939, there were 1,022 U.S. counties without a resident priest. Today, in the southern United States alone, there are still more than 350 counties with no Catholic congregation or resident pastoral minister. In Kentucky, there are only four counties in eastern Kentucky which do not have a Catholic Church.

On Sunday, Oct. 19—Glenmary's Founder's Day and the Feast of the North American Martyrs—a 75th anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in downtown Cincinnati.

"In addition to our work in the missions, we are also called to remind Catholics and all those with missionary hearts that not all missions are foreign, and to call them to partner with us as we continue to serve in areas our founder called 'the neglected regions of America,'" Father Artysiewicz said.

For 75 years, Glenmary missioners have sought out these areas and dedicated their lives to serving the needs of all residents, no matter what their religious affiliation.

"As we move through this decade and beyond," Father Artysiewicz said, "we look forward to continuing to establish Catholic communities where none have been before, promote ecumenical cooperation, evangelize the unchurched and provide social outreach to all those in need."

made the completion of our new church such a great success. We still have things to be done. Our fellowship hall remains incomplete. We have an enclosed space but still use the limited kitchen facilities in our old building.

In 2012 we said good-bye to Fr. Dennis Holly as he retired and hello to our new Pastor, Fr. Victor Subb and Associate Pastor Crispine Adongo along with Brother Larry Johnson. With the leadership of Glenmary, matched only by the faith, hard work and commitment of its members, Christ the King grew and developed to the point where it could be transferred to Diocesan care.

On August 31, 2014 the Glenmary community transitioned our church to a Diocesan Parish during a mass presided over by Bishop William Medley, Fr. Dennis Holly, Fr. Victor Subb, Fr. Crispine Adongo, Brother Larry Johnson and our new Diocesan Pastor Fr. Daniel Dillard.

Through the use of symbols, we celebrated the fulfillment of Glenmary's mission and stewardship of Christ the King, and the faith of its people.

KEY TO THE CHURCH-- a symbol of how Christ the King has become rooted and recognized as a Catholic presence in this community and county.

PARISH HISTORY AND DIRECTORY -- a symbol of the bonds we share in our common faith and identity as members of the Catholic community.

SHEAF OF WHEAT -- a symbol of our gratitude to God for all the blessings and graces we have received as a community of faith

SEEDS -- a symbol of a future full of hope that awaits those who put their faith and trust in God's promise to be with us as we embrace all that lies ahead for us.

And so as we begin the next chapter in our history with Father Daniel Dillard, we look forward to the future as we continue to build Christ the King Parish into a vital and contributing member of God's kingdom.

St. Agnes Church In Uniontown 95th Birthday Celebration Of Anna Clements

October, 2014 27

Submitted by **Barbara J. Franks**
UNIONTOWN, Ky. - On July 20, 2014, friends and family gathered at St. Agnes Parish Hall here to celebrate the 95th Birthday of Anna Clements.

Anna is a lifelong member of St. Agnes and is currently the oldest active member and the second oldest living member of the Church. She was educated through the Catholic Schools at Uniontown, graduated from St. Agnes High School in 1937, and attended Nazareth College.

Anna fell in love with a young man named Fred Clements, who was also a lifelong member of St. Agnes; and during a three-day furlough during WWII, they got married at St. Agnes Church. Through the years, they were blessed with eight children – Stephen, Suzanne, David, Judi, Mary Kay, Philip, Sally and Peggy - 21 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren. Several of



Anna Clements, left photo, celebrating with her beloved Saint Agnes parishioners, right photo, on the occasion of her 95th birthday. The St Agnes parish community say, "Happy Birthday, Anna Clements. Thank you for serving your God, your Church, your Family, and your Community." Photos by Barbara J. Franks.

their children and their families are still members of St. Agnes Church. Fred and Judi have passed away.

Anna has been a faithful part of the St. Agnes Church, and she hasn't let her number of years get in the way. She currently volunteers in the Church Office several times a week, is

on the Cemetery Committee, and does the genealogy of the Church. She is also an avid supporter of the City of Uniontown and its people.

On a souvenir bookmark given to those who attended the Celebration were these words: "A beautiful life does not

just happen. It is built daily by prayer, humility, sacrifice and love." Anna has certainly lived these words throughout her life.

Happy Birthday, Anna Clements. Thank you for serving your God, your Church, your Family, and your Community.

Owensboro Catholic Young Adult Group
Presents

Theology on Tap

**Theology on Tap
2014 Fall Series
"Charity and Justice"**

Where: Gambrianus
Libation Emporium
(116A West 2nd Street,
Owensboro, Ky.)

Social Half Hour: 7:00PM
Talk: 7:30PM

Forming Your Voting Conscience
October 7, Den. Dirk Curry

Compassion in Immigration
October 14, Patti & Chris Gutierrez



Homosexuality and the Church
October 21, Melinda Prunty

The Sacrament of Confession
October 28, Fr. Brandon Williams

Defending Religious Freedom

Must be 21 to attend

The Owensboro Young Adult Group welcomes
married couples, singles.

Holy Name School Annual Fall Festival

HENDERSON, Ky. - Holy Name School held its annual Fall Festival on September 12 and 13 and, with cooler temperatures and additions to our offerings, hundreds of people came out to enjoy good food and family fun.

New this year was a Holy Name School Alumni Soup Booth that sold out by Saturday afternoon with offerings like homemade chili as well as potato vegetable, taco, and bean soups. Other new features were a haunted library, which featured HNS teachers in the roles of some of literatures most eerie characters, along with an archery booth, fried cookie dough and cheesecake, and strawberry/lemon shake-ups.



Holy Name Parish recently welcomed Fr. Maury Riney, who is shown here with Kim Miller, just before he won a round of bingo on Friday night, which also featured our Men's Club fish fry. The event closed on Saturday evening with a live auction and the big raffle drawing.



Pictured here working that booth are volunteers, Jerry ('64) and wife, Regina Benson, with customer, Joe Thomas ('63).

Happy Anniversary
Marriage Anniversaries for October, 2014
Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50
and Over 50 Years of Marriage

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

James & Vivian Montgomery, 40
Ernie & Lou Davis, 54

Christ the King, Madisonville

Maurice & Patty Jolley, 62

Holy Name, Henderson

Dwight & Diana Emerson, 50

Larry & Anita Ivie, 25

Ray & Evelyn Shoemaker, 67

Herman & Mary Ruth Thomas, 61

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Robert & Georgia Zoellner, 51

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Alan & Linda Murphy, 40

Robert & Faye Gray, 53

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Mark & Kim Krampe, 25

Thomas E. & Joann Castlen, 68

Joseph & Mary Jane Clark, 52

Martin & Jane Cravens, 55

David & Patricia Hamilton, 62

Jerry & Vickie Kennedy, 51

William H. & Kay Pence, Jr., 40

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Thomas E. & Vickie Buford, 40

Joe & Ann Roth, 50

J. C. & Mildred Higdon, 60

Billy & Anna C. King, 64

William & Janice Morton, 53

Lester & Helen Schaick, 65

Charles & Margie Terry, 56

George L. & Anna Weldon, Jr., 58

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Bruce & Sharon Tucker, 40

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Kerry & Sharlet Beauregard, 51

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Billy & Susie Buckman, 40

Donald & Ellen Buckman, 60

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Michael & Faye Riney, 50

Bob & Janette Warren, 58

Jamie & Shelly Glenn, 25

Tony & Betty Byrne, 40

St. Ann, Morganfield

Eddie & Peggy Salyers, 63

Michael & Jane Holt, 50

Raymond & Sue Alvey, 69

Sam & Sharon Kay Dyer, 25

St. Anthony, Axtel

Michael & Virginia Camp, 40

Alfred & Edna Critchelow, 54

Francis & Sue Henning, 53

Dan & Pat Rhodes, 54

Dave & Joan Elder, 54

St. Anthony, Peonia

Ervin & Coreen Moore, 50

Randolph & Judy White, 50

Eugene & Georgetta Smith, 56

Carlton & Betty Clemons, 55

St. Augustine, Reed

Jimmy & Judy Beasley, 50

St. Benedict, Wax

Russell & Rudell Higdon, 59

St. Dennis, Fancy Farm

Thomas & Christina Goatley, 51

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Tim & Cathi Hard, 40

Stuart & Lois Stephany, 54

Siro & Marcella Pandolfi, 66

Paul & Catherine Floyd, 53

St. Henry, Aurora

Carl & Sharon Nank, 53

William & Pat Day, 55

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Jack & Mary Ann Purcell, 56

Terry & Hettie Wilson, 51

St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

Joe & Eileen Fulkerson, 56

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Lawrence & Dorothy Halvorson, 63

Gerald & Pat Roof, 54

Bob & Barbaranell Tackett, 54

Paul Louis & Martha Wurth, 54

Ray & Martha Levesque, 56

Charles & Margaret Ballard, 54

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

David & Teresa Alford, 25

Medhat Nabih & Souha Talaat Grace, 25

Kenneth & Kimberly Kern, 25

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Estille & Joan Dobson, 55

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Robert & Judy Hayden, 52

Mike & Nancy Bisto, 53

Harold & Barbara Hayden, 59

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Bernard & Kathleen Wright, 57

John Daniel & Lisa Johnson, 25

St. Leo, Murray

Alfred & Patricia Koehler, 57

John & Marie Clark, 53

Bob & Judy Futrell, 25

St. Martin, Rome

James & Margaret Bickett, 59

John & Eloise Chandler, 59

Bill & Patti Wink, 59

St. Mary, LaCenter

Henry & Shirley Golon, 54

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

John & Lisa Wathen, 25

Phil & Cathy Ebelhar, 40

Jim & Kelly Goetz, 40

Dick & Mary Jane Alexander, 51

William D. & Mary Ann Knott, 54

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Patrick & Patricia Clark, 25

Ray & Wanda Mills, 40

Audry & Martha Hagan, 68

Harold & Barbara Morris, 53

Val & Bernadine Payne, 53

M. C. & Barbara Roberts, 54

Lawrence & Mary Jo Wright, 51

St. Michael, Sebree

John & Brenda Badertscher, 51

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Frank & Catherine Gawarecki, 55

David & Gina Sims, 25

St. Paul, Princeton

Tommy & Martha Stewart, 50

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Charles & Nannette Pedley, 25

Gene & Margaret Boehmann, 40

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Terry & Theresa Potts, 40

Ronald & Cissy Sullivan, 64

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Alvin & Margie Mattingly, 52

Harold & Mary Jo Beard, 51

St. Rose, Cloverport

John & Libby Popham, 57

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Mark & Michelle Badertscher, 25

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Robert & Helen Bidmar, 51

Richard & Marlene Goll, 50

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Mike & Ann Wurth, 50

Bill & Marge Wurth, 51

Bill & Mary Brucker, 52

Kelly & Barbara Robinson, 56

St. William, Knottsville

Kenny & Marguerite Lanham, 52

Ralph & Catherine Mudd, 55

Allen & Becky Payne, 54

Owen & Charlotte Cecil, 53

Claudie & Erma Millay, 62

Edward & Judy Bertke, 50

Marvin & Josephine Boling, 50

Rick & Denise Isbill, 25

Sts. Mary & James, Guthrie

Bob & Barbara Arms, 51

Glynn & Ina Lambert, 55

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Melvin J. & Maxine Fleischman, 54

Chester & Deanna Kaminski, 54

James & Doris Mills, 56

Robert & Mary Helen Ward, 54

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Phillip & Ruby Carsone, 60

Lyndon & Sheila Googe, 54

Ronald & Beverly Todd, 51



Bishop William Medley with Denny & Bernadette Thompson on their 50th wedding anniversary at St. Charles Church. @BishopMedley1 Aug 3, 2014



Coach Rick Pitino spoke about his Hall of Fame basketball coaching career, his family, and about Father Bradley for The Daniel Pitino Shelter 20th Anniversary Celebration & Roasting of Father Ed Bradley September 13, 2014. 'No honor I've been given compares to the honor of having a shelter for protecting homeless people named after our son, Daniel. Joann and I are grateful to the people of Owensboro for their great support of the shelter these 20 years.' Mel Howard photo



Bishop-emeritus John McRaith listened to Coach Rick Pitino speak Sept. 13. Special Guests for the 20th Anniversary of the Daniel Pitino Shelter included University of Louisville Head Basketball Coach Rick Pitino, Former Mayor of the City of Owensboro Tommy Watson, and University of Louisville Basketball Team Chaplin and native of Owensboro Father Ed Bradley. Bishop-emeritus John McRaith was instrumental in the start-up of the Daniel Pitino Shelter. Mel Howard Photo



2014 Owensboro Catholic High School graduate Jenny Beth Willis sang one of Father Ed Bradley's favorite hymns, "How Great Thou Art," at the beginning of the program Sept 13 in the Owensboro Convention Center celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Daniel Pitino Shelter. Father Bradley later spoke about the history of Walnut Street Baptist Church burning and the purchase of the church's Educational Building on the corner of Fifth and Walnut Sts. in Owensboro which became the site of the St Stephen Soup Kitchen and also the Daniel Pitino Shelter. Mel Howard Photo



Lourdes SLIM Award Recognitions

On Sunday, September 7th, Our Lady of Lourdes recognized four young people with the "Servants Leaders in Ministry" award and certificates presented by the Diocese of Owensboro Office of Youth Ministry. Dillon Schueler received the plaque award and Triston Hollis, Kara Hollis, and Tyler Hollis all received certificates. Lourdes is very proud of these four young people who are great examples of the young church! Pictured left to right are Father Ed Bradley (who coincidentally baptized Dillon), Danny May, and Lourdes pastor Father Brad Whistle. Submitted Photo

School Reunion. Saint Benedict School Reunion October 19, 2014 in the basement of St. Benedict Church, Wax, Ky. Beginning after 10:00 Mass. Everyone welcome. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship with former classmates and friends.
If you have questions, call LaMont Miller-270-259-3303

OCHS Habitat Volunteers Pitch In For Banjos and Brunch Fundraiser



Helping build houses and hope, Owensboro Catholic High School Habitat For Humanity Chapter members volunteered their time on a hot Saturday in August to help the local Owensboro Habitat at their annual fundraiser, "Banjos 'n Brunch" held at Southern Star. In the group photo at top left, (left to right) are

Ashleigh Deno, OCHS Counselor Bev Howard (sponsor), Lauren Willett, Mason Robertson, Raychel Bahnick, Elizabeth Warren, Carson Greenwell, Lucy Kurtz, Allie Ford, Hope Johnson, and Cameron O'Nan)

In the photo at top right, cleanup is part of service-OCHS students pitch in with local Habitat

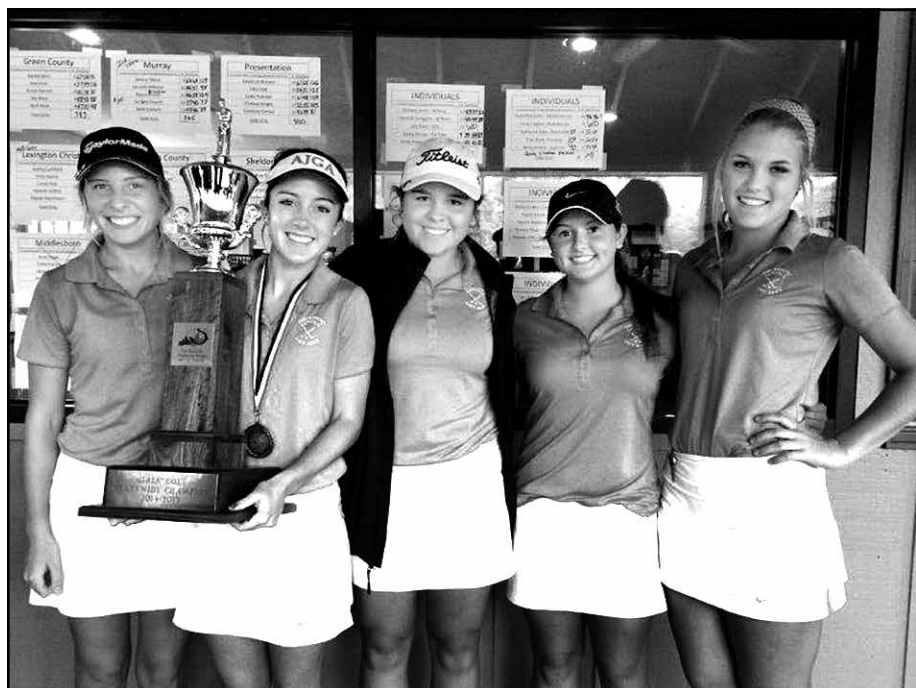


members. For Habitat volunteers, there is no standing around, waiting for someone to tell you what to do. With many hands offering to do the work, a community effort gets jobs done.

In the photo at bottom right, Raychel, Cameron and Carson don't mind getting dirty and sweaty in the cleanup. A phrase heard among

Habitat For Humanity volunteers and organizers is "sweat equity;" new home owners are required to work many hours in the building of their home. Many new owners volunteer time to help build the new homes of other applicants, too.

Habitat's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Photos submitted by Bev Howard



Lady Aces Golf Claim All A State Championship

The Owensboro Catholic Lady Aces Golf team captured the All A State Championship Sept. 6, 2014! This is the first All A State Championship for the Lady Aces Golf program! Team members are – Olivia Cason, Raychel Bahnick, Logan Jenkins, Emily Lyons, and Payton Hite. Olivia Cason finished 1st in individual competition as well! Congratulations ladies on a terrific accomplishment! Photo source:OCS In The Loop, 9/8/2014



Why Habitat for Humanity Is Needed

The world is experiencing a global housing crisis. Worldwide, some 827.6 million people live in urban slums.

By 2020, it is estimated the world slum population will reach almost 1 billion. About 50 percent of the world's population now live in urban areas. Lack of clean water and sanitation claim the lives of more than 1.8 million young children every year.

In the United States, 48.5 million people are living in poverty. Minimum wage is not keeping up with the rising cost of living and many workers struggle to afford decent housing. Source: <http://www.habitat.org/>

We Are Masterpieces Of God's Creation

By Sister Constance Veit, I.S.P.

The month of October is a real bonanza for us Little Sisters of the Poor. During October we celebrate the anniversaries of the birth, beatification and canonization of our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan. Along with Catholics all over the United States, we also observe Respect Life Month. Rereading Pope Benedict's canonization homily recently, I realized how appropriate it is to simultaneously celebrate Saint Jeanne Jugan and respect for life.

Inspired by Pope Francis' greeting for England's 2013 Day for Life, the theme chosen for our U.S. Respect Life observances this year is Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation. "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect," he said. Time and time again we see Pope Francis demonstrating the truth of these words in his humility, warmth and compassion for each person he encounters.

"We want to be part of a society that makes affirmation and protection of human rights its primary objective and its boast," Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, wrote in his message for Respect Life Month. "Our mission is to show each person the love of Christ. As uniquely created individuals, we each have unique gifts which we are called to use to share Christ's love." This is exactly what Saint Jeanne Jugan did as she devoted her life to elderly persons in need.

"Born in 1792 at Cancale in Brittany, France, Jeanne Jugan was concerned with the dignity of her brothers and sisters ... whom age had made more vulnerable, recognizing in them the Person of Christ himself," Pope Benedict XVI said at her canonization. "'Look upon the poor with compassion,' she would say, 'and Jesus will look kindly upon you on your last day.'" Jeanne Jugan focused upon the elderly a compassionate gaze drawn from her profound communion with God in her joyful, disinterested service, which she carried out with gentleness and humility of heart, desiring herself to be poor among the poor."

Pope Benedict rightly attributed Saint Jeanne's compassionate love to her profound union with God, which she achieved through many years of prayer and an active sacramental life. Cardinal O'Malley suggests that we pursue the same course – to draw close to Jesus in prayer and the sacraments – asking God for the grace to see ourselves and others as he sees us, as masterpieces of his creation.

"Look upon the poor with compassion,' she would say, 'and Jesus will look kindly upon you on your last day.'"

"When God created each of us, he did so with precision and purpose, and he looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness." If we wish to help build the Culture of Life, we should reflect on these words of Cardinal O'Malley until they are assimilated into the deep recesses of our minds and our hearts. From there they will give birth to deep convictions: "We must look at ourselves and at others in light of this truth and treat all people with the reverence and respect which is due."

This was Jeanne Jugan's secret. She saw in each elderly person a suffering member of the Body of Christ, and she treated them as she would have treated Christ himself. Jeanne Jugan's canonization process involved the recognition of two miracles worked through her intercession. But our foundress hasn't stopped working miracles now that she is a Saint! During this Respect Life Month, pray through her intercession for the miracle of a conversion of our society's values to those of the Culture of Life. And ask Saint Jeanne Jugan to help you realize your own dignity, and the dignity of all those with whom you share your life, as masterpieces of God's creation.

Sister Constance Veit is director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor.



Walking With the Poor: Bishop Oscar Romero and Pope Francis

Saturday, Nov. 22

Retreat Hours:

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Retreat Facilitator:

Father Anthony Shonis

Cost:

\$25 fee includes lunch

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Archbishop Romero was the voice of the voiceless poor in El Salvador. He is increasingly recognized as a model Christian, a pastor and a bishop — a saint for the 21st century.

Pope Francis asks us to ensure humanity is served and not ruled. Our responsibility as Christians is to ensure the best opportunities and care for our children and the poor.

The retreat is based on the books, "The Joy of the Gospel" by Pope Francis and "Pope Francis: Untying the Knots" by Paul Vallely.

Holy Name School Annual Fall Festival

HENDERSON, Ky. - Holy Name School held its annual Fall Festival on September 12 and 13 and, with cooler temperatures and additions to our offerings, hundreds of people came out to enjoy good food and family fun.

New this year was a Holy Name School Alumni Soup Booth that sold out by Saturday afternoon with offerings like homemade chili as well as potato vegetable, taco, and bean soups. Other new features were a haunted library, which featured HNS teachers in the roles of some of literatures most eerie characters, along with an archery booth, fried cookie dough and cheesecake, and strawberry/lemon shake-ups.



Holy Name Parish recently welcomed Fr. Maury Riney, who is shown here with Kim Miller, just before he won a round of bingo on Friday night, which also featured our Men's Club fish fry. The event closed on Saturday evening with a live auction and the big raffle drawing. Submitted by Kamille Stich



Pictured here working that booth are volunteers, Jerry ('64) and wife, Regina Benson, with customer, Joe Thomas ('63).

Wisdom Gifts of Our Elders Affects Our Whole Life

By Anne Hagan

Today is grandparents' day. My grandparents are long gone now, but I have a lot of fond memories of when they were alive. I miss them.

As we have been going thru boxes of stuff from the previous 8 moves, I have found a lot of random pictures and I ran across one the other day, ironically, where my Grandma Emma and Granddaddy Brasher were sitting together. One of them was holding Whitney as an infant and the other one reached in to pat her. I caught it on film zooming in on their hands. It brought tears to my eyes.

I've always cherished that picture. Neither one was ever "working" when I knew them. They weren't "productive" members of society but they sure were productive members of our family. And there was a lot of love transmitted thru those hands.

It was just a natural thought to go visit Granny when you came home to visit mom and dad. There was no NOT going to visit her. She loved seeing the babies and holding them. And she listened attentively as we talked and told her about our busy lives.

And as long as I can remember she always had chocolate chip cookies or some sort of something in the cookie jar waiting for us. She was always praying for us and exhorting us to pray daily, go to Mass and raise those babies well. She passed on much more than that though. I'm pretty sure I got my love of gardening from her as she had one until she was probably in her 80's.

It was pretty much the same thing with Granddaddy Brasher. He lived in the Roosevelt House and drove an old retired sheriff's car. I often went to visit him between classes while I was attending Brescia. Sometimes we would just sit and talk, other times he would take me out to eat (on his limited income) and other times we would go to the grocery store and stock up on stuff he needed but couldn't carry all by himself. He kept up with what was going on with all of us as best he could and gave out his advice or at least thoughts on the subject.

I can still see him sitting there laughing at some plan I had told him about. Once the babies came along he loved it when I brought them to visit. Of course

the visits were fewer and further in between. I regret that now.

There's great article in the WKC this month (*September, 2014, page 5*) that talks about aging. (As I have turned the corner, I'm paying more and more attention to that kind of stuff) "Pope Francis... Feels that we live in a time when the elderly do not count, yet the elderly pass on history, doctrine, faith and they leave them to us as an inheritance. They are like a fine vintage wine; that is, they have within themselves the power to give us this noble inheritance." *September, 2014 WKC, Page 5.* Pope John Paul II suggested that we should look at old age as a "gift of God to the individual and the family and society"

Its funny that just last night, I had a conversation with a lady I've never met before (imagine that)... She and her husband were out celebrating their 30th anniversary in Lowe's! They were getting stuff for their daughter's upcoming wedding and were just settling down from another daughter's wedding in June.

We decided that one of the best gifts we can give our children is that legacy of faithfulness and fidelity to our spouse so that they have something to model their new marriages after. Isn't that what today is all about?

I thank God for my grandparents and my children's grandparents for the legacies they passed on to me and mine. I didn't catch them all, but somehow I think those lessons are still there in the back of my mind or maybe way down deep in my soul waiting to be utilized at just the right moment. Thanks Mom, Dad, Emily, Raymond, Granny and Granddaddy and all of those other significant adults who helped raise me to this point.

McLean Co. Community Coalition Celebrates Ten Year Anniversary at Saint Sebastian, Calhoun



McLean County Champions Against Drugs Youth in Action pose in front of sign proudly displayed! St. Sebastian, Calhoun, parishioner Cooper Bishop is seated at right.

Submitted by Gary W. Hall

September 4, 2014 - On a warm end-of-summer evening, adults and youth alike gathered together at Saint Sebastian Catholic Church in Calhoun to celebrate the culmination of a decade of hard work and dedication. Research studies have determined that the average community coalition lasts five to seven years. It appears that McLean County Community Coalition defies those odds.

September 4th was more than a celebration of ten years of success; it was the ending of Drug-Free Communities grant funding which has been appreciated for the past decade as well. McLean County Community Coalition will be transitioning back to a totally volunteer board and coalition leaders.

A special thank you is extended to the McLean County Community Coalition members and especially, Becky Atherton, Suzie Vandiver, Joe Van Roberts, Becky Tanner, David Scott, Beth Mitchell and newly elected board chair, Beth Smith!

Joe Van Roberts presented to special guests and coalition members a thank you card and special lapel pin in appreciation for their service to the youth and adults of McLean County.

The Gift of Aging

Thursday, Oct. 16

Retreat Hours:

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Retreat Facilitator:

Sister Mary Matthias Ward

Cost:

\$15 fee includes lunch

Contact Kathy McCarty to register:

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Preaching Lecture, Workshop Set At Saint Meinrad

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN, will present the 24th annual John S. and Virginia Marten Lecture and Workshop in Homiletics on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 7 and 8, on the Saint Meinrad campus.



Fr. Donald Senior, CP

This year's lecturer is Fr. Donald Senior, CP, of Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago. Fr. Senior is president emeritus of CTU and a professor of New Testament studies.

Fr. Senior has published extensively on biblical topics, with numerous books and articles for both scholarly and popular audiences. He is the general editor of the acclaimed Catholic Study Bible (Oxford University Press, rev. ed. 2006) and editor-in-chief of the journal, *The Bible*

Today.

The lecture will be held in St. Bede Hall auditorium from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Central Time on Tuesday, October 7. The lecture, "The Word of God and the Mission of Preaching," will examine the Church's statements on preaching and Scripture, from Vatican II through Pope Francis' "The Joy of the Gospel."

On Wednesday, October 8, a workshop will be held in the Flexible Conference Room on the fourth floor of Newman Hall from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on "Preaching the Mystery of Faith," the U.S. bishops' recent statement on preaching.

The workshop will explore the theological, liturgical and pastoral dimensions of the homily for those called to preach the Word of God. The workshop will engage the teachings of this key document and complement its importance with continuing reflections on "The Joy of the Gospel."

The Marten Lecture and Workshop are free of charge, but reservations are appreciated. For more information, contact Dr. Richard Stern, (812) 357-6627.

To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

Any person who wishes to contact the diocese regarding an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Catholic Pastoral Center at 1-270-683-1545 and ask to speak with the Assistance Coordinator or a member of the Review Board. To speak with a particular member of this Board, tell the receptionist. In either case, the receptionist at the Catholic Pastoral Center will give the caller's information to a member of the Diocesan Review Board for follow-up.

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

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett (Vice-Chair), Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty (Chair), Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, 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. The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro has just revised its sexual abuse policy, and it is available at this parish and also on the diocesan web site (www.rcdok.org/safe).



Nearly 50 people attended the Catholic schools workshop for food service employees at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on July 21.

This lecture/workshop series is made possible by an endowment established by the John S. Marten family of Indianapolis. For decades, Virginia Marten and the late John S. Marten have generously supported the homiletics program at Saint Meinrad. Parking is available behind St. Bede Hall, as well as in the Guest House and student parking lots.

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Signs will be available at 2 pm at the

Right to Life office
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Come take a Stand for Life
Come take a stand for an end to abortion
Come take a stand for women, men and babies who are victims
Come stand together as a nation
Come stand united in prayer

2:30 pm– 3:30 pm



OCS K-3 "Talk Like A Pirate Day"

Students in Ms. Heather Hayden's music class at the Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus used Boomwhackers to learn about pitch and rhythm by pretending to be swashbuckling pirates on "Talk Like a Pirate" Day. They played the "Chopsticks" melody as a group and ended with a hearty arrgggg! Submitted by Lori Whitehouse



Youth Volunteers at Mount Saint Joseph

A parish youth group from St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton, Mich., spent a week at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center the week of July 21-25, 2014 for their annual mission trip. Along with the adult chaperones, the teens helped around the Mount as well as with nonprofit organizations in the Owensboro area such as Habitat for Humanity and the Daniel Pitino Shelter.

This hazy, hot July morning did not deter these young women from working hard. Everyone worked together to finish the job by lunch. After lunch, the teens began working on painting the boards that will be used for the Cake Booth at this year's 44th Annual Mount Saint Joseph BBQ Picnic. MSJ Photos



Fall Discernment Weekend With the Sisters of Providence

Catholic women ages 18-42 are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for their annual Fall Discernment Weekend, scheduled for 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31, to 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 2.

The theme for the weekend is "Rooted in Providence, Rooted for Tomorrow." Sister Editha Ben, vocations

director, said women who attend the Fall Discernment discover how community life is lived, find out more about the ministries of the Sisters of Providence, whom they serve, how they pray and the stages of formation.

For further information or to register, call Sister Editha at 1-800-860-1840, Ext. 2895, or email eben@spsmw.org.

Women Religious Summer Retreat At Mount Saint Joseph

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About 50 women religious, mostly Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, gathered at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center the week of July 13-18 to take part in the Summer Retreat for Women Religious. The title of the retreat was "At the Feet of Jesus, Our Refuge and Our True and Good Master." It centers on Saint Angela Merici's Last Legacy.

Sister Kathryn J. Hermes, FSP, smiles as she talks with the sisters. She is a Daughter of Saint Paul Sister, and has been involved in many ministries through the years, including publishing, door-to-door outreach, Pauline Books and Media Centers, managing magazines, vocations, public speaking and writing books.



During a break, Sister Lois Lindle, right, talks with Sister Lynn Jarrell whose term as president of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville ended on July 31, and who was a presenter at the Community Days gathering.



Following in The Footsteps of Jesus and Pope Francis
Bishop William Medley, center, hands folded, prayed at Mass on Sept. 14, 2014. Members of the USCCB's 2014 peace pilgrimage to the Holy Land celebrate mass and meet with parishioners of St. Justin's Latin Church in Nablus. The Christian population in Nablus is small, but parish priest Fr. Johnny Abu Khalil calls it a "community of hope" and prays for a peaceful resolution to conflict. The USCCB and Catholic Relief Services led a peace pilgrimage with 18 bishops from across the country to the Holy Land from September 11-18, 2014. These bishops followed in the footsteps of Jesus by 2,000 years, followed in the footsteps of Pope Francis, who visited the Holy Land in June, and follow the devastation of the war in the Holy Land by only days. Their message: Prayer is powerful; peace is possible. Photo by Jennifer Hardy for Catholic Relief Services.

Community Days

More than 100 Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph were at Maple Mount from July 9-11 for Community Days, and many stayed to celebrate the 12 sisters celebrating their jubilee and the entrance of Stephany Nelson into the postulancy on July 12. Ursuline Sister Ruth Gehres was our roving photographer for Community Days.

In the photo below, Sister Marian Powers, left, visits with her actual sister, Sister Rose Jean Powers.



Longtime friends Sister Sharon Sullivan, left, and Sister Michele Morek. Sister Sharon succeeded Sister Michele as congregational leader.



St. Louis Choir Visits Mount Saint Joseph

About 30 members of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest Choir Camp, from the St. Francis DeSales Oratory in St. Louis, returned to the Mount

Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center the week of Aug. 18-23 for their fifth year of music camp. Youths from 10-17 can participate in the camp to learn

church music, and members come from all over the country, and even Canada. Priests, brothers and seminarians work

with the camp. On Aug. 22, the members performed for the Ursuline Sisters in Saint Joseph Villa. The camp ended with Mass on Aug. 23.



The choir students from St. Louis sang Kyrie, Agnus Dei, Sanctus and other songs in Latin for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph on Aug. 22.



Sister Marie Brenda Vowels shares a smile with some of the choir students after they performed at Saint Joseph Villa on Aug. 22.

Advent Prayer Retreat Day

Wednesday, Dec. 3

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)



The season of Advent is more than just trimming a tree and buying presents. The true nature of Christmas calls us to prayer and celebration at the Lord's coming and our own salvation. This will be a day to reflect on the meaning of Advent and Christmas through prayer. Reconciliation will also be offered. Join us in celebrating God's wonderful love for us all in the best gift of all – GOD'S SON.

To register, contact
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Sister Mary Henning, right, and Sister George Mary Hagan smile as they talk with two of the music camp students. Sister Mary is the director of worship and liturgy at the Motherhouse. She was formerly an associate professor of music at Brescia University.

Three Women Religious Serving on the Texas Border are Honored for Their Life-Changing Work Among the Poor

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***Unsung heroes built a church,
created a community of hope***

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (September 17, 2014) – Three women religious from The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are being recognized nationally for their work among the poor and immigrant people of Penitas, Texas, located near the U.S. – Mexico border. Catholic Extension has named the sisters as the 2014 recipients of its Lumen Christi Award, which in Latin means “Light of Christ.” Catholic Extension is a national organization dedicated to supporting and strengthening the Catholic Church in the poorest regions of the United States. For the past 37 years, through its Lumen Christi Award, it has recognized a priest, woman religious or layperson whose work is transforming the hearts and lives of the people they serve. As the 2014 recipients, the sisters will receive a grant of \$25,000 in support of their ministry; in addition, the Diocese of Brownsville, which nominated the sisters, also will receive a grant of \$25,000.

The three women, Sister Carolyn Kosub, Sister Emily Jocson and Sister Fatima Santiago, first came to the tornado-stricken colonia of Pueblo de Palmas, in Penitas, Texas, in 2003 at the request of then-Bishop Raymondo J. Pena. Upon arrival, the sisters were shocked not only by the destruction they encountered, but also by the poverty. They also were deeply moved by the richness of faith they found there, so they decided to make this colonia the focus of their missionary efforts. The sisters moved into the community, secured a convent and began to live in solidarity with the residents.

Since that time, they have worked tirelessly to listen to the residents, establish trust and meet their most basic needs. In 2004, they created Proyecto Desarrollo Humano (The Project for Human Development), an outreach center dedicated to evangelization, health, social services and education.

Through the center, the sisters have worked to develop human potential, strengthen family bonds and help the residents of Pueblo de Palmas obtain the basic skills to succeed. The center contains



Sister Emily Jocson, Sister Fatima Santiago and Sister Carolyn Kosub are the recipients of the 2014 Lumen Christi Award. They are shown here in front of St. Anne Church, which they built in the border community of Penitas, Texas.

classroom space for instruction and activities, a kitchen and hall space for large assemblies, a computer lab, a medical and dental clinic, and a pre-kindergarten classroom.

According to Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, no other ministry like Proyecto Desarrollo Humano is serving the needs of the colonia.

The sisters have empowered the residents of Pueblo de Palmas and built a true faith-based community. The people served by the center live at or below the federal poverty level, relying on irregular income, which the men earn from day labor jobs in agriculture and construction. Most of the women are mothers who are learning English through the center's English as a Second Language classes. They are realizing their full potential by means of the Women's Wellness Program and leadership training.

“We have real mission territory here in the traditional sense, with people living way below the poverty line, struggling in their everyday lives and speaking no English,” said Sister Carolyn Kosub. “This is where we belong as missionaries, to do the best we can, work with the people and learn from them. I see the face of God very strongly in them – this is living

Christianity.”

In 2009, in answer to an outpouring from the strengthened community, the sisters took yet another bold step – they secured donations, found a plot of land and supervised construction of a brand new church, which was dedicated in 2013 and is home to the newest parish in the Diocese of Brownsville. Today, in an area that was once a drug-smuggling highway, St. Anne Church gleams as a symbol of hope and possibility. It is a thriving parish, and has three dependent missions, which extend the Church's presence throughout Hidalgo County, Texas. “Having this church, the community center and these sisters here with us is to have the presence of God among us,” said a Saint Anne parishioner and resident of Penitas, Texas.

“The work of the sisters on the border shows why women religious are the ‘unsung heroes’ of the Catholic Church,” said Catholic Extension Vice President of Mission Joe Boland. “They represent hope to the people of the Rio Grande Valley, particularly the women and children, who face daily battles with extreme poverty. The sisters are living out what Pope Francis has called all of us to do – to go out into the streets and serve. We hope

that by honoring them they might inspire others to do the same.”

In addition to building faith among the people, the sisters have developed a strong network of volunteers whose lives also are being transformed. The volunteers, who come from all parts of the United States, are helping with everything from cooking and serving a community Thanksgiving dinner to supporting other major sacramental and liturgical celebrations.

In reflecting upon the sisters' work, Father Jack Wall, president of Catholic Extension, said, “From the moment we had an opportunity to visit Proyecto Desarrollo Humano, we were awed by the work of these sisters and their love for the people they serve. We also were struck by how through faith, the sisters have visibly transformed this community. It is their faith that reveals to the people of the Rio Grande Valley that they are more than their impoverished circumstances. Catholic Extension is privileged to witness the sisters' life-changing work.”

The sisters will be honored during a special Mass at St. Anne Church followed by a community celebration in mid-November. For more information on Catholic Extension, and to read more about the impactful work of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Diocese of Brownsville, please visit www.catholicextension.org.

The Diocese of Brownsville, located in the Rio Grande Valley, near the U.S.-Mexico border, has 1.26 million people, with approximately 1.07 million Catholics, making it the most densely populated Catholic diocese in the United States.

About Catholic Extension: Catholic Extension, a papal society, has been supporting Catholics on the margins in America since 1905. Based in Chicago, Catholic Extension provides funding to dioceses and parishes to support programs and services that invest in people, their ministries and their churches. It has distributed more than \$500 million to communities across America. For more information visit www.catholicextension.org.



Father Ken Mikulcik New Diocesan Canon Lawyer
Fr. Ken Mikulcik, right, making a profession of faith and oath of office in the Catholic Pastoral Center chapel on July 3, 2014 as our new canon lawyer. From left, Diocesan Judicial Vicar Fr. Mike Clark, Bishop William Medley and Diocesan Chancellor Kevin Kauffeld witnessed the profession. Photo source: Bishop Medley @BishopMedley1 Jul 3, 2014

Pope Tells Catholics To Go Forth With The Gospel Message

Speaking on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014, during his General Audience the Pope spoke of the universal and apostolic nature of the Catholic Church. "Ours," Pope Francis said, "is a Church that goes forth, impelled by the life-giving breath of the Spirit."

Dear Brothers and Sisters: When we profess the Creed, we affirm that the Church is catholic and apostolic. The word catholic signifies that she is universal. This means that the Church is found everywhere and teaches the whole truth regarding the heavens and the earth. The Church shows her catholicity by speaking all languages which is the effect of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave to the Apostles and the whole Church the gift of proclaiming the Good News of God's salvation and love to all, even to the ends of the earth. The Church then is of her nature missionary, given to evangelization and encounter; that is, she is apostolic. Founded on the Apostles and in continuity with them, the Church is called to proclaim the Gospel to everyone, and to show the tenderness and power of God. This too flows from Pentecost. It is the Holy Spirit who prevents us from being self-absorbed, of thinking that the blessings of God are for us alone. Rather, the Spirit compels us to encounter our brothers and sisters, even those most distant from us in every way, to share with them the love, peace, and joy of the Risen Lord. May we always live in solidarity with all of humanity, and never closed in on ourselves. May we go out, in communion with the Successors of the Apostles, to announce Christ and his love to all. And may we always be a sign of the Church our Mother: holy, catholic and apostolic.



Social Justice

On Sept. 6, 2014, The Diocesan Office of Social Concerns hosted a Social Justice Workshop at The Catholic Pastoral Center. The folks in the picture above participated in the workshop and are members of their respective parish's Social Justice Committee from across the diocese. From left are Permanent Deacon candidate Richard Murphy, Director of the Diocesan Office of Social Concerns; Nola Courtney, St. Stephen Cadiz; Jamey Mills, St. Francis de Sales, Paducah; Bernadette Howard, Precious Blood, Owensboro; Joe Loeffler, Holy Name, Henderson; Barbara Dye, Holy Name, Henderson; Liz Francis, Blessed Morher, Owensboro; Ranni Dillard, Holy Name, Henderson; Marian Bennett, Blessed Mother, Owensboro; Linda Fentress, The Immaculate, Owensboro; Cindy Bornader, St. Stephen Cathedral; and Betty Sue Howard, St. Stephen Cadiz. Photo submitted by Linda Fentress.



Spiritual Direction

Sister Cheryl Clemons, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, makes a point about the Gospel during a Spiritual Direction Training class on July 23. The 2013-2015 class was taking its fourth week of instruction during the two-year program offered at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Sister Cheryl serves as academic dean and vice president of academic affairs at Brescia University in Owensboro. She is also an adjunct professor for the Hesburgh Center at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

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Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18, 2014

For single women ages 18-35

You are invited to a fun exploration of six women religious communities in the Owensboro, Ky., area. Meals, accommodations and transportation are included at no charge.

Come and see what being a Sister in the Church today is all about!

The trek begins and ends with prayer and supper (6 p.m. Friday until 8 p.m. Saturday).

Participating communities are:

- Sisters of Charity of Nazareth
- Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph (includes overnight stay)
- Franciscan Sisters
- Glenmary Sisters
- Sisters of the Lamb of God
- Carmelite Sisters



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Register online at ursulinesmsj.org



Following in The Footsteps of Jesus and Pope Francis
Bishop William Medley elevated the Chalice at the consecration of Mass on Sept. 14, 2014. Members of the USCCB's 2014 peace pilgrimage to the Holy Land celebrate mass and meet with parishioners of St. Justin's Latin Church in Nablus. The Christian population in Nablus is small, but parish priest Fr. Johnny Abu Khalil calls it a "community of hope" and prays for a peaceful resolution to conflict. The USCCB and Catholic Relief Services led a peace pilgrimage with 18 bishops from across the country to the Holy Land from September 11-18, 2014. These bishops followed in the footsteps of Jesus by 2,000 years, followed in the footsteps of Pope Francis, who visited the Holy Land in June, and follow the devastation of the war in the Holy Land by only days. Their message: Prayer is powerful; peace is possible. Photo by Jennifer Hardy for Catholic Relief Services.

Annual Marian Retreat Weekend Oct. 18-19, 2014

Retreat Director: Msgr. Bernard Powers

Pope John Paul II called all of us to prayer asking that we learn the "art of prayer." To learn this great art, we go to Mary, the woman of prayer.

Our Marian Retreat will take us to Mary both to learn to pray and to pray.



The retreat includes opportunities for solitude, communal prayer, recitation of the rosary, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Liturgy. The \$125 fee includes retreat, meals and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$85.

To register, contact Kathy McCarty:

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Find a flyer online: www.ursulinesmsj.org

A limited number of scholarships are available. Contact Sister Ann McGrew: 270-229-0200



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**Special To
The Western Kentucky Catholic**

Christopher Gutiérrez is a committed Catholic who is enthusiastic about sharing the treasures of the faith with others, especially with his Hispanic brothers and sisters. Having been raised on a small farm in Jalisco, Mexico, many years even without electricity, he can relate to where many migrants are coming from. However, being born in Los Angeles to a woman from Boston and a man from Mexico, he is well prepared to serve as a bridge between two distinct cultures and languages. Chris is passionate about serving Christ in the migrant, with a heart to advocate for the undocumented immigrants who he feels are most often voiceless and living in the shadows.

Chris is married to Patti Gutiérrez, currently the Pastoral Associate at St. Michael's in Sebree, where they live with their two sons: Gabriel (5) and Isaac (1). Patti blogs at www.patticc.com if you'd like to learn more about their family and ministry. Chris loves watching the corn grow across the street from their house because it reminds him of home on the farm.

After 15 years of experience planning, coordinating and leading pastoral ministry in Catholic parishes in Mexico and the United States, he is eager to apply this experience to the diocesan setting. Chris' 7 years as director of Hispanic Ministry for Daviess County, based out of Sts. Joseph and Paul in downtown Owensboro, has given him time to become familiar with this Diocese and the various communities with Hispanic Ministry. He looks forward to working in collaboration with his fellow Hispanic Ministers, priests serving Hispanic communities, as well as his new colleagues in diocesan ministry to continue improving the pastoral care of Hispanics.

Chris sees the continued growth of Hispanic populations in our Diocese, as well as around the country, as a blessing for the broader church. One of his goals for his office will be to foster integration among diverse cultures. He envisions celebrating each culture's gifts, fostering respect and understanding, especially for the many indigenous cultures present in our Diocese, and then helping people feel they each have a place at the table. He hopes to continue to foster leadership among Hispanics so they can assist in many different ministries at the parish and diocesan levels.

Chris' experience in ministry began early when he would accompany his aunt to

**Christopher Gutiérrez**

the surrounding rural communities in Mexico to offer religious education classes to the children. His love of the Catholic Church had been instilled in him from his grandparents who raised him from the age of five. They would all walk from the farm for an hour and a half to get to Mass in the city of Yahualica every Sunday and first Friday of the month where Chris eagerly assisted as an altar server.

Years later, he began to feel called to serve the Church in a more formal way and entered minor seminary for the Diocese of San Juan de los Lagos in Jalisco, Mexico. He finished minor seminary and finished the philosophy program in major seminary. Before heading into his theology years, he met Fr. Steve Pawelk from Glenmary Home Missioners who was at his seminary looking for seminarians to come serve Hispanic immigrants in the missions in the United States. Being bicultural and bilingual, Chris felt this might be a better use of his gifts and soon after joined them in Hartford, KY for their aspirancy program. He immediately liked the rural area. He comes from a family of farmers and at a very early age his grandfather taught him the hard work of milking cows by hand at dawn and dusk and farming the land with only oxen, mules and donkeys. Although at first Chris had a hard time with the local accents in English in Kentucky, it didn't take him long to pick it up and learn about the local culture.

After about a year and a half with Glenmary, Chris discerned out of the program but continued to feel called to formal, full-time pastoral ministry in the Church. He had come to like the area and ended up becoming the first parish coordinator of Hispanic Ministry in the city of Owensboro.

There he has worked in close collaboration with Sr. Fran Wilhelm and the Centro Latino staff, as well as the parish staff to build a successful, comprehensive ministry to serve the Hispanics not only in Daviess County but in several of the surrounding counties.

As he begins his diocesan ministry on October 1st, Chris welcomes anyone who would like to get in touch with him to do so either at the Catholic Pastoral Center (270-683-1545) or his cell phone (270-880-8018) or email chris.gutierrez@pastoral.org.

God's Players**Presents****"The Prairie Home Companion Radio Show"****Saturday, November 15, 2014 @7:00 pm****and****Sunday, November 16, 2014 @2:00 pm****Immaculate Conception Parish Hall****Benefit for Hancock Co. Catholic Churches****Tickets: \$10.00 in advance****\$12.00 at the door**

For Tickets call Jean Mattingly 270-302-9143

Lou Fleck 270-295-3471 or Sharon Russelburg 270-314-1748

No Assigned Seats - No Refunds**Counseling Services**

Your parish and Catholic Charities have partnered to provide confidential counseling services at a reduced rate. Catholic Charities collaborates with several counselors who offer their services at a reduced rate for parishioners of the Diocese of Owensboro. Catholic Charities and many parishes supplement this discounted rate for up to 6 counseling sessions. The counselor you choose should be informed of the parish you attend. Confidentiality is assured.

For more information and a list of counselors call 270-852-8328 or see Counseling Services on the diocesan website http://www.rcdok.org/ministries/catholic_charities/counseling.php

Harmonic Unity in Diversity



Slack Water

By Deacon Terry Larbes
"The Holy Spirit creates diversity in the Church. The First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12. He creates diversity! It's true this diversity is so rich, so beautiful." 1



We were at the red outer buoy about a mile off-shore of Ocean City, Maryland which marked the channel into Ocean City Inlet. We timed our arrival according to the "Tide Tables" so that we would motor our 40' sailboat through the Ocean City Inlet during slack water.

Slack water is a brief respite between the "flood and ebb" of the tide; the overall flow through the channel ceases. However, slack water is turbulent with eddies, whirlpools, and counter-currents as "flood and ebb" continue to contest each other. Flotsam drawn into innumerable whirlpools spin around endlessly. Sand entrapped in the turbulence turns the water opaque.

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther sent his "95 Thesis," titled "Disputation on the Efficacy and Power of Indulgences" as an appendix to a letter to Archbishop Albrecht of Mainz. In this letter, Luther expressed serious concerns about preaching and the practice of indulgences occurring under the responsibility of the Archbishop and urged him to make changes. 1.

The Christians of the western world were caught up in a flood of arguments, politics, theology, and conflict. "The Reformation" unleashed a tidal flood that forever changed the landscape. A flood that had the unintended consequence of tearing us apart; causing numerous and huge separations.

Since 1517 there have been arguments, accusations, rhetoric, exaggeration, and polemics. The eighth commandment, you shall not bear false

witness against your neighbor, was repeatedly violated as opponents verbally fought for the higher ground. The higher ground became a swamp of false witness.

In the name of Christ wars were fought: for politics, over geography, and about property.

In the name of Christ: Christians persecuted Christians and Christians killed Christians.

Vast numbers of people fled from their home country and sought refuge in a foreign country. Some refugees founded new countries. In the new countries the previous issues of religion followed them; the divisiveness and conflict continued.

So here we are almost 500 years later. People are feeling the pain of separation.

Pentecostal and other charismatic movements have become very widespread across the globe. These powerful movements have put forward new emphases that have made many of the old confessional controversies seem obsolete. 1

There are today Christians of various confessions throughout the whole world; the number of Christian in the South (hemisphere) is growing while the number of Christians in the North (hemisphere) is shrinking. The churches of the South (hemisphere) do not easily see the confessional conflicts of the sixteenth century as their own conflict. 1

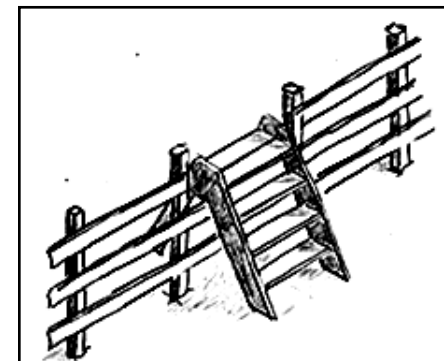
We are able to clearly acknowledge the separation and discuss it a manner that is considerate of the other person's convictions. The flood is slowing; the separation is not increasing. From the discussions of separation comes the desire to unify. As we come together we sense the need to be unified by the words of Christ, "That they may all be one." The Word's words, "That they may all be one." simultaneously: convict us, motivate us, and shelter us.

Lutherans and Catholics today enjoy a growth in mutual understanding, cooperation, and respect. They have come to acknowledge that more unites than divides them: above all, common faith in the Triune God and the revelation in Jesus Christ, as well as recognition of the basic truths of the doctrine of justification. 1

We are at a unique junction in the history of salvation. We are here because the Holy Spirit brings us here in accordance with God the Father's plan of salvation. The Holy Spirit will cause our growing awareness of separation to increase our desire for unification. The Holy Spirit is relentless; we will move towards unity.

We are blessed to be afloat in the slack water that occurs between the flood of separation and the ebb of unification. The flood that separated is slowing and in some areas has ceased to flow. The ebb that unifies has started in other places. At times we are caught up in issues that spin around endlessly. Our attitudes make the path to unity opaque.

• *1. From Conflict to Communion, Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017*



An Understanding of Islam

The Ecumenical Commission will have a guest speaker, an emigrant from Bangladesh, at the December 15th meeting. The speaker will present his understanding of Islam as an American who is an adherent of the Sunni-Muslim faith tradition.

Ecumenical Calendar

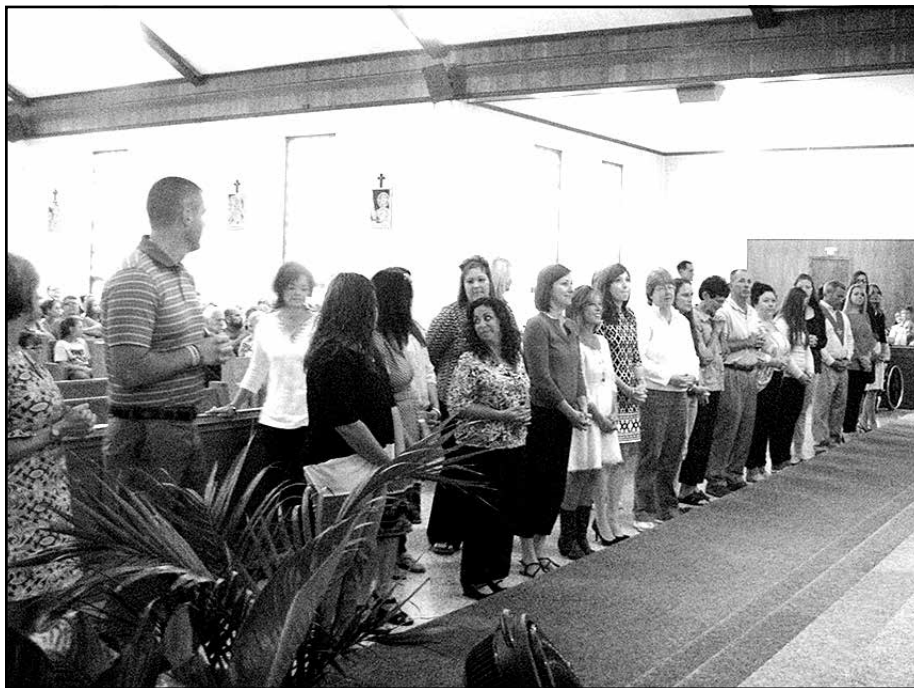
- Oct. 24 – 25, 2014 KCC Annual Assembly: Cincinnati Airport – northern Kentucky
- Nov. 10, 2014 Workshop: Catholic Pastoral Center, Owensboro – 5:30pm to 8pm
- Nov. 11, 2014 Workshop: St Thomas More, Paducah- 5:30pm to 8pm
- Nov. 15, 2014 Workshop: Holy Spirit, Bowling Green- 10am to 2pm
- **Nov. 24 – 28 Ecumenical prayer gatherings of Thanksgiving: celebrated locally**
- Dec. 15, 2014 Ecumenical Commission Meeting: Christ the King, Madisonville- 11am to 2pm
- **Dec. 21 – 25 Ecumenical prayer gathering for Christmas: celebrated locally**
- **Jan. 18 – 25, 2015 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: celebrated locally**
- Mar. 16, 2015 Ecumenical Commission Meeting: Christ the King, Madisonville- 11am to 2pm
- **Apr. 5, 2015 Ecumenical prayer gatherings for Easter: celebrated locally**



A Blessing For a New School Year

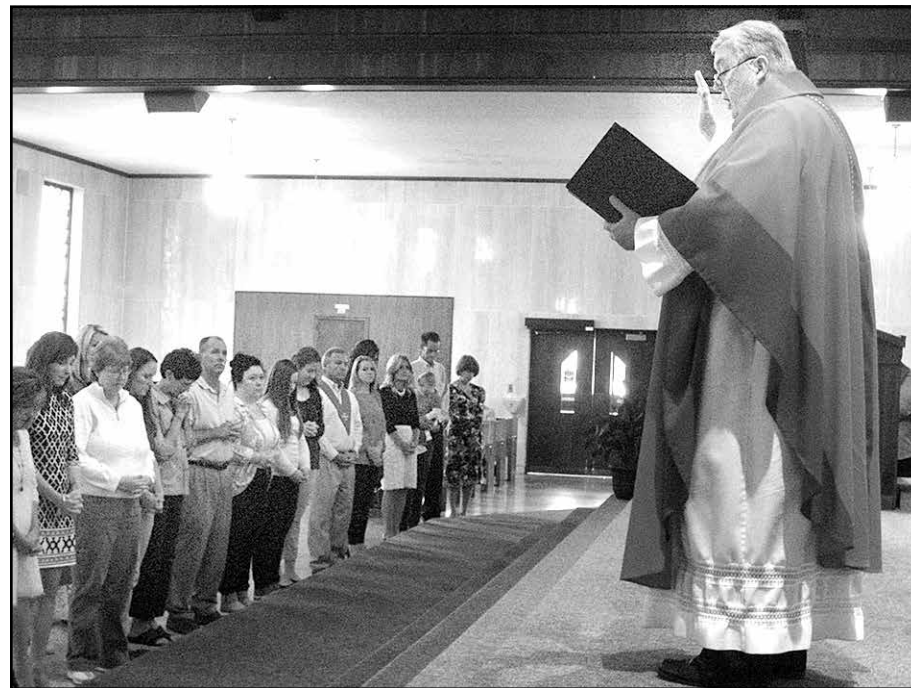
Father Brian Johnson blesses Ms. Gera's Pre-K children and backpacks at SRIS for the start of a great year! Submitted by Erin Waddell.

Celebrating Catechetical Sunday At The Parish Of The Immaculate



Parishioners from Immaculate who serve as catechists and teachers received a blessing during the Liturgy

for Catechetical Sunday. Over 100 parishioners were recognized as RE catechists, Catholic school teachers,



Public School teachers, Homeschool teachers, Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists, RCIA Team, Engaged

Encounter catechists and Sponsor Couple catechists. Submitted by Diane Willis

Jeff Cavins Seminars Help All Grow In Relationship With The Lord

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Over 200 people gathered at Immaculate Parish September 20 and 21, 2014 to hear internationally known speaker Jeff Cavins, an author for Ascension Press Publishing. He may be best known for the Great Bible Adventure: The Bible Timeline. Mr. Cavins seminars were sponsored by a grant from the Diocesan Bishop's Annual Appeal. Representatives from the sponsoring parish were very pleased with the outcome. "After a year plus of planning, it was great to see this venture come to fruition," said Diane Willis, Director of Faith Formation at Immaculate and member of the organizing committee. "Jeff is a wonderful speaker; very engaging and Spirit-filled. I'm hoping his enthusiasm was felt and that more people yearn to grow in their relationship with the Lord."

Elaine Robertson, Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Owensboro said "The seminar title says it all. We are all walking towards eternity and as a Christian we want our eternity to be with Christ. In this seminar we were given another tool to help us on this walk-another tool to deepen our ties with our God."



Over 50 people gathered at Immaculate Parish September 20 to hear internationally known speaker Jeff Cavins. Submitted Photo

Committee member Sharon Hart commented, "There has never been anything but positive comments about Jeff Cavins and the Ascension Press Bible Study Program. At Immaculate participation has grown every year we have used these studies. And this is in great part because of the enthusiastic response of participants who go out and tell their family and friends how much these studies help them to understand the life of Christ within our Church."



Jeff Cavins signed his new book, Praise God and Thank Him: Biblical Keys for a Joyful Life for David and Julie Renshaw. Submitted Photo

At right, the Planning committee: Diane Willis, Sr. Rosanne Spalding, Drew Hardesty, Elaine Robertson, Jeff Cavins, Sharon Hart (absent: Donna Murphy). Submitted Photo



How Generation Z Differs from Generation Y



By Tim Elmore

The numbers are just coming in from studies of younger teens, who are part of Generation Z (also known as “Homelanders”, these kids

follow Generation Y). They are part of a population who grew up post-9/11, where terrorism is part of the landscape, a sour economy is all they remember, and uncertainty defines our mindsets.

In many ways, we need to stop assuming they’ll simply be extensions of Generation Y (or the Millennials). They are the younger counterparts to that older generation and have grown up with new technology that’s marked them. While Generation Y grew up with computers, Generation Z grew up with touch-screens. Their phones have always been “smart.” Bill Clinton is a president from

history, and Madonna is an aged veteran... like Elton John or Michael Jackson. They never knew her when she was “like a virgin.” We live in a new day.

The Shifts This New Generation Will Bring...

1. While Generation Y spent money boldly and with few boundaries, 57% of Generation Z prefers saving money to spending it.
2. While Generation Y spent loads of time at the mall, Generation Z prefers shopping online for almost all their purchases... except for online games. Hmm.
3. While Generation Y grew up during a strong economy, Generation Z is growing up in a time of recession, terrorism, violence, volatility, and complexity.
4. While Generation Y subscribed to everything social, Generation Z doesn’t want to be tracked, preferring Snapchat, Secret, or Whisper to communicate.
5. While Generation Y watched YouTube, Hulu and Netflix, Generation Z



GenY or GenZ? Campers during an Explorer Camp at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center, summer, 2014.



They Have School Spirit, Yes They Do!

The Mary Carrico Catholic School Class of the Month for September is Kindergarten. They have been very busy practicing their skills in counting, letters and sounds with Zoophonics, expert coloring and having fun at their learning centers and making very colorful hall displays. Pictured are: Front row L to R: Emma Lashbrook, Rylan Cecil, Thomas Payne, Ella McManaway, Kristen Mills. Back row L to R: Kindergarten teacher Jenny Lashbrook, Michael Johnson, Grant Howard, Ryan Ward, Will Roby, Finn Williams. Photo submitted by Chuck Green

wants to co-create, live stream, and help to make up the activity as they participate.

6. While Generation Y loved sports and adventure, Generation Z sees sports as a health tool, not for play. Their games are inside. Teen obesity has tripled since 1970.
7. While Generation Y grew up with slightly longer attention spans, Generation Z has an attention span of 8 seconds. Approximately 11% have ADHD.
8. While Generation Y initiated text messages as a norm, Generation Z prefers communicating through images, icons and symbols.
9. While Generation Y worried about their growing social status and their “likes” on social media, Generation Z worries about the economy and world ecology.
10. While Generation Y enjoyed a life that revolved around them, Generation Z plans on coping with multi-generational households and marriages (400% increase).

According to a recent report from Sparks and Honey, these younger children and teens are from a smaller population that will be more about coping with reality than Generation Y, who was about virtual reality. For instance:

Their movies are Hunger Games and Divergent, where youth are being slaughtered and kids no longer feel as central to their world.

They multitask on five screens, not one or two. They experience FOMO: the “Fear Of Missing Out.” They try to consume it all.

They plan to get educated and start working earlier, but will be “school hackers” and not necessarily attend a liberal arts college.

On the other hand, they are growing up in America, where:

The average Gen Z kid receives \$16.90 a week in allowance, translating to \$44 billion a year.

They are a major influence on household purchases, including dinner menus, vacations, home furnishings and even family cars.

Three out of four wish their current hobby could become their full-time job. That was far more than Millennials reported when asked about it.

What do you observe in these younger students? Are you up on Gen. Z?

Source: <http://growingleaders.com/blog/generation-z-differs-generation-y/>

First Evening with an Ursuline Dinner and Presentation

There was a wonderful turnout for the first "Evening with an Ursuline Sister" on Sept. 2, with 16 people present at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center to listen to Sister Amelia Stenger discuss "Finding God in Our World: Environment and Me." Each of the participants was served dinner at 5:30, followed by the program at 6. The next "Evening with an Ursuline" is at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 7, featuring Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan discussing the Spirituality of Beauty. After that will be "Do you Hear What I Hear" with Sister Vivian Bowles on Nov. 4. For a complete list of topics and dates, visit the Conference and Retreat Center page at www.ursulinesmsj.org.

Above: Ursuline Sister Amelia Stenger makes a point about climate change during her talk on Sept. 2.



Top Right: Winny Lin, left, Sheila Campbell, center, and Nelda Barnett listen to Sister Amelia's talk on Sept. 2 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.

At right: Ursuline Sister Mary Matthias Ward, left, who came up with the idea for An Evening with an Ursuline, smiles with participant Paula Gray during registration on Sept. 2. MSJ Photos



Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, Pastor of St. Michael's, Sebree

SEBREE, Ky. - On September 6th, many members of the St. Michael family gathered for a bilingual mass with Bishop William Medley who came to Sebree to install Fr. Carmelo Jimenez as pastor of St. Michael's.

After his homily, Bishop Medley presented Patti Gutiérrez, Pastoral Associate and the Parish Council encouraging Fr. Carmelo to share his ministry in a spirit of mutual trust, common prayer, genuine concern and to seek the counsel and assistance of the Parish Council.

Then he exhorted the new pastor: "Remember, Fr. Carmelo, always be a loving father, a gentle shepherd, and a wise teacher of your people, so that you may lead them to Christ who will strengthen all that you do. As a teacher of that faith, I ask you now to lead your people in the profession of their faith."

After leading the congregation in the Nicene Creed, Fr. Carmelo said: "With firm faith I also believe everything contained in God's Word, written or handed down in tradition and proposed by the

Church, whether in solemn judgment or in ordinary and universal magisterium, as divinely revealed and calling for faith. I also firmly accept and hold each and every thing that is proposed by the Church definitively regarding teaching on faith and morals. Moreover, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the college of bishops enunciate when they exercise the authentic magisterium even if they proclaim those teachings in an act that is not definitive."

Bishop Medley continued the mass as usual which was followed by a warm celebration in the parish hall.

Thanks to everyone who lent a hand to help this installation mass and celebration be a success and thanks to everyone who was able to participate!

Source: <http://smsebree.org/>



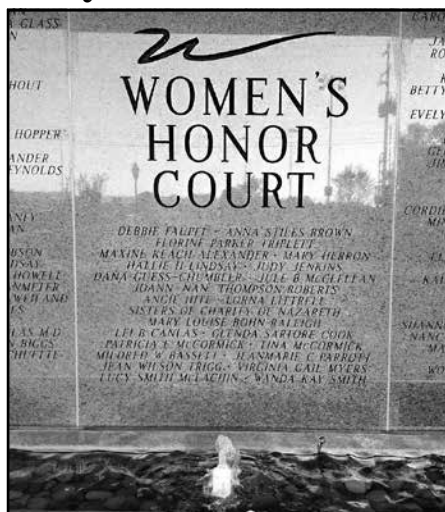
Installation of Pastor / Instalación del Párroco

On Sept. 6th Bishop Medley officially installed Fr. Carmelo Jiménez as the pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church during a beautiful bilingual mass followed by a meal.

El 6 de Septiembre el Obispo Medley instaló al Padre Carmelo Jimenez como párroco de San Miguel en una misa bilingue seguida de una comida. Photo: Jeannie Davis; other photos found online at <http://smsebree.org/installation/>

Holy Name Church and School Honor SCN on Community Monument

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These are photos of the monument; people going through the lunch line, and Fr. Larry attending the event. Submitted by Kamille Stich

HENDERSON, Ky. - Holy Name Church and School honored the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth on September 14 by inscribing their name on a new granite monument located on the Henderson riverfront. The Women's Honor Court celebrates women who have made a contribution to the community. Four SCN sisters came

to Henderson in 1872 on a freight train and began Holy Name School, which is in its 142nd year of continuous operation. Seven delegates from SCN were honored at a Mass followed by a luncheon reception prepared and served the Holy Name school faculty and staff. Those SCN's attending were: Sr. Eula Johnson; Sr. Lore-

na Fleischmann; Sr. Dorothy Thomas; Sr. Betty Vannucci; Sr. Rosemarie Kirwin; Sr. Molly Thompson; and, Sr. William Ann Haydon. Sr. Dorothy Thomas attended Holy Name School and still has family in the Henderson community. Sr. Rosemarie, Sr. Molly and Sr. William Ann were members of the HNS faculty and staff.

Sr. Rosemarie remembers her mission at Holy Name to be one of the most happy times of her life and had a keen memory for her students and their families. Sr. Anita Hager, also an SCN from Holy Name School, was unable to attend.



HNS faculty and staff who joined us to serve the sisters: Audrey Young; Jackie Caudill; Judy Jenkins; Valerie Beckert; Yvonne Drury; Holly Farina, and Julie Eadens. Many faculty and staff members joined in to make delicious food and set up the lunch.



Sr. William Ann Haydon, who was very animated in discussing her time at HNS.



Sr. Dorothy Thomas was joined by her sister and brother-in-law, Charles & Virginia Knight, for the celebration.



El día 18 de Agosto, los Ministros Hispanos de la Diéresis, tuvieron la ultima reunion trimestral, en la parroquia de Sts. Jose y Pablo en Owensboro. Se aprovecho la ocasion para expresarle a Luis Aju como director del Ministerio Hispano, por todo lo que hemos desarrollado, bajo su direccion. Ha sido una experiencia muy buena. Hemos visto el proceso de crecimiento en

El joven Jesus López Méndez estudiante seminarista, del seminario Mayor de St. Meinrad IN. Vino a la reunion de los ministros hispanos, iniciar a ser parte , del comite hispano y como servimos en las comunidades con presencia hispana Es un buen gesto al venir y aprender lo que pasa en las comunidades y ofrecer un servicio como sacerdote y como persona en el futuro no lejano, como sacerdote. Gracias por venir a la reunion. F.Luis Aju.



nuestras comunidades de la Diocesis. Como gratitud a su dirección, se le presento, algunos regalos como gesto de apreciaron por su labor, para con todas la comunidades Hispanas de la diéresis. Todos muy agradecios. Nos dijo: Gracias y que Dios los bendiga. Paz a todos.

Gracias A La Diócesis Y Al Ministerio Hispano Por Su Acompañamiento.



Miembros de la Parroquia de San Miguel y el Seminarista Jesus Lopez, también nos acompañó, en la presentación de Levántate. Lo hemos tomado como parte de su formación, el de venir a las presentaciones a las comunidades.



La comunidad de la parroquia de San Jose en Bowling Green, reciben la ultima presentación de Levántate, impartido por el P. Alejandro Lopez, de REENUE International. Este fue la ultima etapa que se recibió. Gracias a la diócesis y al Ministerio Hispano por su acompañamiento. por venir a las sesiones.



Gracias P. Alejandro Por Su Ayuda



En esta fotografía, vemos a Luis Aju, director del Ministerio Hispano, le extiende y le entrega un Certificado, En Honor al Mérito al

P. Alejandro Lopez y al programa Renew International, por su gran labor en la formacion de nuestras comunidades.

En Nombre de la Diócesis, se le agradeció su tiempo y disponibilidad de venir a compartir su sabiduría en este proceso de formación, en nuestra diócesis. A nombre de la comunidad hispana y de su oficina, se le entregó dicha certificación.

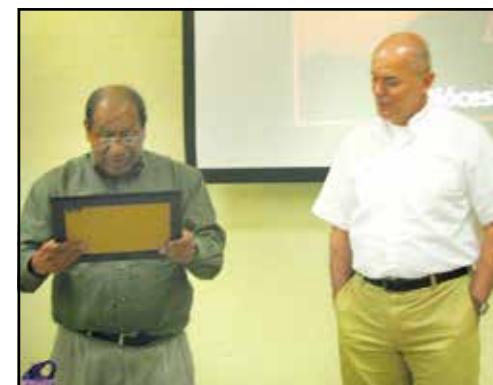
English Translation of Certificate:

Go and teach to all the Kingdom of God (Mt. 28:19)

The Diocese of Owensboro and the Office of Hispanic Ministry Presents in Honor of the Merits this Certificate of Recognition to the most Reverend Fr. Alejandro Lopez and the Staff of Renew International For the process and success of the Ecclesiastical Small Community Leadership Base Training In the Parishes of the Diocese of Owensboro. Signed: Bishop William Medley, Sr. Ethel-Marie Biri, SSND, and Mr. Luis Aju

Luis Aju como Director del Ministerio Hisapno, con sus palabras elocuentes, dio el agradecimiento al P. Aljandro por hacer estado con nosotros en este proceso y ha sido nuestro guia en este proceso de formación, LEVANTATE. Gracias P. Alejandro por su ayuda. Dios lo bendiga en su ministerio.

Todos estos eventos se realizaron al final de LEVANTE, 5a. etapa del programa. Por Luis Aju





Obispos de Estados Unidos Hacer la Paz Peregrinación en Tierra Santa

Obispos de EEUU tocan muro de separación en Jerusalén; Obispo William Meldey a la derecha con otros obispos de Estados Unidos 12 de septiembre 2014. Tienen la esperanza de tocar los corazones demasiado en #PeacePilgrimage. El grupo seguirá los pasos del Papa Francisco, que oró por la paz en su 24 a 26 may peregrinación a Tierra Santa. Stephen Colecchi foto.

Calendario del Obispo Medley de Octubre 2014

Octubre 1	9:00 a.m.	Misa Escolar, Escuela del Cristo Rey, Madisonville
Octubre 5	9:00 a.m.	Misa de Clausura de Cursillo, Monte San José
Octubre 7	9:00 a.m.	Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, CPC
Octubre 8	10:30 a.m.	Visita con las Pasionistas, Monasterio Pasionista
Octubre 19	1:00 p.m.	Misa del 75 Aniversario del Glenmary Home Missioners, Cincinnati, Ohio
Octubre 20	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal, CPC
	6:00 p.m.	Reunión de la Fundación Católica de Kentucky Occidental, CPC
Octubre 21	10:00 a.m.	Misa Escolar, Escuela Primaria de Santa María, Paducah
	12-3:00 p.m.	Horas de Oficina de Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes
Octubre 22	10:00 a.m.	Misa de las Escuelas Católicas de Owensboro, Sportscenter
	6:00 p.m.	Misa, Formación de Fe del Decanato Central Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
Octubre 23/24		Reunión del Consejo de la Universidad de Brescia
Octubre 24	5:00 p.m.	Picnic de SPACE, Parque Legión, Owensboro
Octubre 25	10:00 a.m.	Celebración de Jubileo del Consejo de Religiosas, San Martín, Rome
Octubre 26	2:00 p.m.	Misa del 100 Aniversario e Instalación del Párroco, San Denis, Fancy Farm [Padre Chrispin Oneko]
Octubre 28		Cumbre sobre Atención Médica, Centro de Flaget, Louisville, KY
Octubre 29	11:00 a.m.	Unción en la Villa de Monte San José
	4:00 p.m.	Bendición de la Nueva Sección, Carmel Home, Owensboro
Octubre 30/31		Visita al Seminario del Colegio del Obispo Simon Bruté

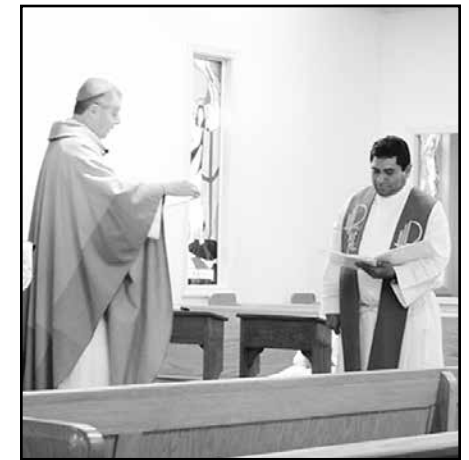
Instalación Del Padre Carmelo Como Párroco De San Miguel

SEBREE, Ky.- El 6 de Septiembre, muchos miembros de la familia de la Parroquia de San Miguel se juntaron para una misa bilingüe con el Monseñor William Medley quien llegó a Sebree para instalar al Padre Carmelo Jiménez como el párroco de San Miguel.

Después de su homilía, el Obispo Medley presentó a Patti Gutiérrez, Asociada Pastoral y al Consejo Parroquial animando al Padre Carmelo a compartir su ministerio en un espíritu de confianza mutua, la oración común y la preocupación genuina y de buscar el consejo y ayuda del Consejo Parroquial.

Entonces se exhortó al nuevo párroco: “Recuerde P. Carmelo, sea siempre un padre amoroso, un pastor gentil, y un sabio maestro de tu pueblo, para que pueda conducirlos a Cristo, quien te fortalecerá en todo lo que hagas. Como maestro de la fe, te pido ahora, guiar a tu pueblo en la profesión de su fe.”

Después de guiar a la congregación en el Credo Niceno, el Padre Carmelo afirmó: Con fe firme, creo también, todo lo contenido en la Palabra de Dios, escrita o transmitida por la tradición y propuesta por la Iglesia, ya sea en solemne juicio o en magisterio ordinario y universal, como divinamente revelado y llamado a la fe. También acepto firmemente y mantengo todas y cada una de las cosas que se propone por la Iglesia definitivamente sobre la doctrina de la fe y la moral. Por otra parte, me adhiero con religiosa sumisión de voluntad y entendimiento, a las en-



El 6 de Septiembre el Obispo Medley instaló al Padre Carmelo Jimenez como párroco de San Miguel en una misa bilingüe seguida de una comida. Photo: Jeannie Davis; other photos found online at <http://smseebree.org/installation/>

señanzas que el Romano Pontífice o el Colegio de los Obispos enuncia cuando ejercen el Magisterio auténtico, incluso cuando proclaman esas enseñanzas en un acto que no es definitivo.”

El Monseñor Medley continuó la misa como normal y enseguida todos compartieron una comida en el salón parroquial en un ambiente familiar.

¡Gracias a todos que echaron la mano para ayudar para esta misa y celebración de instalación y gracias a todos los que pudieron asistir!

Reportar las Acusaciones de Abuso Sexual

Cualquier persona que desea comunicarse con la Diócesis sobre una alegación de abuso sexual debe llamar al Centro Pastoral Católico a 1-270-683-1545 y pedir hablar con al Coordinador Auxiliar o un miembro de la Junta de Revisión Diocesano. Para hablar con un miembro particular de este junta, dígame a la recepcionista. En cualquier caso la recepcionista en el Centro Pastoral Católico le dará la información de la persona que llama a un miembro de la Junta de Revisión para seguimiento.

Las personas que llaman pueden ser anónimos para la llamada inicial a la recepcionista. Los números de teléfono de los miembros de esta junta no serán divulgados al público. También se puede contactar a la junta por su email a reviewboard@pastoral.org. No se olvide de incluir su información de contacto. No se responderá directamente por email porque no se puede garantizar la confidencialidad por email. Seguimiento será por teléfono.

Los miembros de la junta que responden a las alegaciones de abuso sexual en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Mr. Ken Bennett (Vice-Chair), Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty (Chair), Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Teresa Henry, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, and Ms. Kelly Roe. Sr. Ethel Marie Biri, SSND, sirve como enlace entre al Obispo y la Junta de Revisión Diocesano.

Christopher Gutierrez Llamados A Ser Tercer Director De La Oficina Diocesana De Ministerios Hispanos

Cristóbal Gutiérrez es un católico comprometido y entusiasta, deseoso siempre de compartir de los tesoros de nuestra fe con los demás especialmente con hermanos hispanos. Cristóbal fue criado por sus abuelos en un rancho pequeño del estado de Jalisco México. Después de haber crecido sin electricidad, sin agua potable y sin muchas otras comodidades, puede entender de donde vienen muchos de los migrantes. Al mismo tiempo como nació en Los Ángeles de una madre originaria de Boston (área del noreste de los EEUU) y de un padre de México, está bien preparado para servir como puente entre dos culturas e idiomas distintos. Cristóbal posee una pasión por servir a Cristo en el migrante, con un deseo profundo de abogar especialmente por los inmigrantes indocumentados quienes muchas veces no tienen voz y viven en las sombras de nuestra sociedad. Cristóbal está casado con Patti Gutiérrez, Asistente de Pastoral en la parroquia de San Miguel en Sebree donde viven con sus dos hijos: Gabriel (5) e Isaac (1) Patti escribe un blog que se puede ver en: www.patticc.com por si quisiera saber más sobre su familia y ministerio. A Cristóbal le encanta apreciar y ver crecer la milpa justo frente a su casa en Sebree porque le recuerda sus años de casa en el rancho.

Después de 15 años planeando, coordinando y guiando en procesos de pastoral en parroquias en México y los Estados Unidos, él está emocionado por la oportunidad de aplicar su experiencia a nivel diocesano. Los 7 años y medio en que Cristóbal ha podido dirigir el Ministerio Hispano en el condado de Daviess, basado en la parroquia de Santos José y Pablo en el centro de Owensboro, le han dado el tiempo para conocer la diócesis y las comunidades con ministerio hispano. Tiene muchas ganas de trabajar en conjunto con los demás ministros hispanos, con los sacerdotes que sirven a las comunidades hispanas, y con sus compañeros en el ministerio diocesano para continuar desarrollando el cuidado pastoral con los hispanos.

A Cristóbal le parece que el número creciente de gente hispana en nuestra



Cristóbal Gutiérrez

Diócesis, igual que en todo el país, es una bendición para toda la Iglesia. Uno de sus metas para la oficina será fomentar una integración entre las diversas culturas incluyendo la cultura católica anglosajona. Él desea celebrar los dones de cada cultura, fomentando respeto, colaboración y entendimiento, especialmente para las varias culturas indígenas presentes en nuestra diócesis, y así ayudar a todos a sentirse que tienen un lugar en la mesa. Cristóbal espera seguir desarrollando líderes hispanos para que puedan contribuir en los distintos y variados ministerios tanto a nivel parroquial como diocesano.

La experiencia pastoral de Cristóbal empezó a una edad temprana cuando acompañaba a su tía a los distintos ranchos de alrededor para ofrecer catequesis para niños. Su amor por la Iglesia Católica le fue inculcado a través de sus abuelitos quienes fueron los que lo criaron en el rancho desde los cinco años. Él junto con sus abuelos caminaban desde el rancho por una hora y media hasta el pueblo de Yahualica para llegar a la misa cada domingo lo mismo cada primer viernes del mes, donde Cristóbal incluso por algunos años sirvió con mucho empeño como monaguillo.

Años después, él comenzó a sentir el llamado a servir a la Iglesia de una forma más formal y entró al Seminario Menor de la Diócesis de San Juan de los Lagos en Jalisco, México. Terminó el Seminar-



Este mes de Octubre, la Iglesia Católica a través de los Estados Unidos observará el Mes Respetemos la Vida, una conmemoración que está celebrando su año 43. A partir del 5 de octubre, el Domingo Respetemos la Vida, los católicos en este país serán llamados a renovar su compromiso personal de defender toda vida humana. Para recursos en inglés y español: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>



io menor y después los tres años de Filosofía en el Seminario Mayor. Antes de iniciar la teología, conoció al Padre Steve Pawelk de los Misioneros de Glenmary quien en esos días pasaba por el seminario de San Juan buscando seminaristas que quisieran interesarse en ir a servir a los inmigrantes hispanos en las misiones de los Estados Unidos. Siendo bicultural y bilingüe, Cristóbal sintió que tal vez Dios le podía utilizar de esta forma y poco después llegó a Hartford, KY con este grupo de misioneros para iniciar el programa de aspirantado. Inmediatamente le gustó el área y el lugar tan rural. Él proviene de una familia de campesinos y desde chiquito aprendió el trabajo arduo de ordeñar vacas cada madrugada como al atardecer y de cómo labrar la tierra con solo bueyes, mulas y burros. Fue una experiencia muy distinta hacer la pastoral entre sus hermanos indígenas en Hartford y conocer a muchos hispanos de distintos países con sus propias culturas, dialectos, costumbres y palabras. Él recuerda con mucho cariño como los Guatemaltecos que hablan el dialecto maya Chuj le decían "Kistup" (según eso su nombre en Chuj) y que él les decía conachi i'klesia (vámonos a la iglesia) cuando los recogía para la misa. Hoy día sigue aprendiendo

con mucho gusto nuevas palabras y costumbres de los diversos inmigrantes hispanos en el área.

Después de un año y medio con Glenmary, Cristóbal discernió salir del programa pero todavía sentía el llamado de seguir en la pastoral formal de tiempo completo en la Iglesia. Desde el principio le entusiasmó bastante el área y empezó a trabajar como el primer coordinador del ministerio hispano oficialmente en una parroquia en la Ciudad de Owensboro. Allí ha colaborado mucho con la Hermana Panchita Wilhelm, el personal del Centro Latino, y con el personal de la parroquia, para establecer un ministerio exitoso y más integrado para servir a los hispanos no solamente en el condado de Daviess pero en varios condados de alrededor.

Ahora que comienza su ministerio diocesano el 1 de Octubre, Cristóbal invita a que con plena confianza todo aquel que le gustaría hablar con él que se ponga en contacto. Puede ser contactado en el Centro Pastoral Católico en Owensboro al (270-683-1545) o pueden bien llamar a su celular (270-880-8018) o por email a cristobal.gutierrez@pastoral.org