

**PCL/Youth Minister Meeting Minutes**  
**September 26 & 27, 2016**

Present:

Owensboro (September 26): Carrie Howard, Rose Wheeler, Crissy Stevenson, Jessy Bennett, Nick Hardesty, Charlie Hardesty, Christina Barnard, Sr. Jeannette Fennewald, Matt Knight, Joe Wathen, Corey Bruns, Sonya Gough, Penny Raleigh, Diane Willis, Sr. C.J. Olinger, Kim Tignor, Sr. Vivian Bowles, Patti Gutierrez, Donna Murphy, Debi Hopkins, Rayma Dayberry, Joe Bland, Elaine Robertson, Robin Tomes, and Donna Biggs,  
Calvert City (September 17): Kathlene Armbruster, Cathy Acuna, Mary Johnson, Sr. Michael Marie Friedman, Paula Schmidt, Emily Danchisin, Megan Bell, Ging Smith, Lorie Brown, Maria Korte, Carol York, Joe Bland, and Elaine Robertson

The meetings began with an opening prayer. (See attachment.) Introductions followed with individuals stating their name, ministry, place of ministry and a way that he/she or the parish community serves the poor and needy as a reflection on the gospel message from Sunday. (The gospel was the story of the rich man and Lazarus.) Numerous actions were cited such as having a food pantry, Happy Feet (provide shoes for the needy), Back Pack program (provide food), providing school supplies, paying for others lunch randomly, Sts. Joseph and Paul's block party, helping at homeless shelters, and many more actions were called forth. Our parishes and people are truly generous and living out the call to help those in need. It was also brought out that the rich man in the gospel's problem was that he did not even notice Lazarus. So for many they spoke of the need to be more mindful of those in need.

Prayers for Sr. Julia Head as she laid her brother, Herman Head, to rest. Prayers of consolation for the family of Jerry Martin from Oak Grove as well.

Fr. Jason McClure and Dr. Fred Litke from the Office of Vocations were the guest presenters this month. They were invited to speak about the new Vocation plan for the diocese. The presentation began with the reflective question, "Does your parish promote vocations? Is it evident to visitors to your parish that vocation promotion is essential?" Next it was reported that the office has asked each parish, school, and campus ministry to select a representative that is passionate about promoting vocations. It is hoped that it will not be the pastor but someone from the laity. This representative would be the contact with the Office of Vocations. Monthly contact from the office will include information about continued promotion of vocations, events, and various needs.

The plan (<https://owensborodiocese.org/vocation-plan/>) addresses four actions for all. The first is to pray for vocations. Second is to invite others to consider the call to the priesthood and religious life. Invite young men to the Come and See Weekend that the diocese plans each year. Many religious orders also have weekends to explore what life as a religious looks like. Also, invite young men in high school to attend the Made for More Camp at Gasper River in the summer. The third facet of the program is to teach about the need for priests and religious. It is imperative that vocations is understood by people. Finally, the fourth step is to celebrate. There are many opportunities throughout the year in which to celebrate and call attention to the beauty of the call to vocation. These are a few:

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: (Good Shepherd Sunday )

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations.cfm>

Priesthood Sunday: October 30, 2016

<http://www.priestsunday.org/>

National Vocation Awareness Week: November 6-12, 2016

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm>

Vocare: September 22, 2017

<https://owensborodiocese.org/vocare/?locale=en>

World Day for Consecrated Life: Feb 2 (celebrated in parishes Feb, 4-5, 2017)

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/world-day-for-consecrated-life.cfm>

The vocation director is happy to visit your parish, school, or campus ministry to speak about vocations. They can also provide guidance in your efforts to promote vocations.

Dates for

Come and See Weekend is October 21-24. If you know someone that would like to visit Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary in Indianapolis, IN, please invite. There is no cost to the participants. This is the link to the info: <https://owensborodiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/Come-and-See-Brochure.pdf>

Made for More Camp: Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center (June 25-28, 2017). More info and video can be found here: <https://owensborodiocese.org/m4m/>  
Registration begins in January.

Each parish was sent the book: *Hundredfold A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry* by Rhonda Gruenewald. This book has many practical ideas completely outlined to use in the parish to promote vocations.

Another video: <https://vimeo.com/168337060> entitled *Become Who You Are: Discernment at College Seminary*

Our second guest presenter was the Director of the Office of Communications, Tina Kasey. The Communications Office has truly grown to be much more than just the Western Kentucky Catholic. Elizabeth Barnstead, another member of the office, is tasked with the publication of the Western Kentucky Catholic-the diocesan newspaper. Laura Clarke is the digital media specialist and she works with maintaining a social media presence and graphic design. In addition to the WKC, the communications office produces *Across the Diocese* which is a video conversation with Bishop Medley about various topics. Also the diocese publishes an E-Newsletter to supplement the WKC. It typically comes out the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you are not getting the E-Newsletter, please contact Tina to get on the mailing list. The office also manages the diocesan social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

In addition to this overview, Tina voiced the desire of the office personnel making a visit to each parish in the diocese. So please invite them to any events in your parish that you want to share with the rest of the diocese. The presentation ended with Tina sharing that the office is here to also help the parishes. They can come and help you set up a website, social media or promote any event. They are willing to help design publications and brochures. Often they have helped design T-shirts and various graphic work. They encourage you to contact the office with any needs you may have. The best e-mail address to use is [communications@pastoral.org](mailto:communications@pastoral.org) This will reach all three of the persons in the office.

Announcements:

Mid-South Leadership Conference at Lake Barkley from November 6-9, 2016. All are highly encouraged to attend. More info on schedule and presenter can be found at <https://owensborodiocese.org/leadership-conference/>

You can also sign up and pay online at the above site.

National Conference for Catechetical Leadership will be May 22-25, 2017 at Hyatt Regency DFW International Airport. The theme for this year is Transformative Leadership. If you are not a member of NCCL please

consider joining. Individual membership is \$75 for 1 year. Benefits of joining include those listed on this site: <https://www.nccl.org/membership/benefits/>

Discussion was held to promote participation in the Faith Recognition Awards developed by the Boys and Girls Scouts. These awards are open to anyone. Booklets have been developed by the diocese and can be e-mailed upon request. The patches we are beginning with include the following: The Rosary, Joyous Mysteries, Luminous Mysteries, Sorrowful Mysteries, Glorious Mysteries, Jubilee Year of Mercy Patch and 20 American saints. For more details contact Elaine in the Office of Faith Formation. These awards are a way to recognize the students who have learned the rosary or about the saints. The requirements are fairly easy to accomplish.

Webinar Series: *Amoris Laetitia* This is a series of Webinars sponsored by NCYM, NCCL, NACFLM, and NCEA. For more information on this free series and to register go to the following site: [www.strongcatholicfamilies.org/amoriswebinar/](http://www.strongcatholicfamilies.org/amoriswebinar/)

The date for the Day at the Cathedral for Confirmation students is scheduled for January 14, 2016. More info and registration will be sent out in early November.

The Parish Catechetical Leadership Institute is scheduled for July 16-20, 2017. The cost for the week is \$300 and covers all expenses. All parish leaders are highly encouraged to attend. For more info: <http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/continuing-formation/parish-catechetical-leadership-institute/>

Catechist blessing on September 17, 2016 went very well. Discussion will continue on how to proceed.

Next meeting: November 28, 2016-McRaith Catholic Center  
November 29, 2016-St. Pius X, Calvert City, KY

Presentation: Heidi Caudill: Archives: Preserving our History: What to retain and how long?