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## A hearty cheer for Catholic schools

Students of Mary Carrico Memorial School cheer when they are called on by Bishop Medley during Sept. 28 Rainbow Mass. Rainbow Mass is named for the multicolored uniforms seen at the biennial Catholic school gathering. [See back page](#)



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# A Word from Bishop Medley

*“I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.”*

My dear people of God,

The last few lines of the Apostles' Creed draw together many theological concepts that stand as definitive for believers. Indeed, that is what a Creed is to do – to define what is essential for we who are believers. So, in those few lines, we see much of what we rightly call the deposit of faith, which is revealed through Jesus Christ, preserved of Holy Scripture, and Sacred Tradition.

Those last 27 words are simple and succinct. But sainted scholars, and not a few heretics, have debated the meaning of these concepts since the time of the Apostles.

Given that we begin the month of November with the dual feasts of All Saints on November 1 and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, commonly called All Souls Day, on November 2, I wanted to reflect some on our shared profession of belief in the “communion of saints.”

As we await the fullness of God's promises when the Lord comes in his glory, some of Christ's disciples are pilgrims on earth, others have died and are being purified, and still others are in glory. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council in the Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, wrote: “all of us, in varying degrees and in different ways, share in the same charity towards God and our neighbor, and we all sing the one hymn of glory to our God. All, indeed, who are of Christ and who have his Spirit form one Church, and in Christ cleave together.”

Perhaps a very elementary way of speaking then of the communion of saints is to remind ourselves that “we are all in this together.” To imagine a union, a communion, of we who are still pilgrims with all those who “have gone before us marked with the sign of faith” is not too difficult. By baptism into Christ Jesus, we can imagine that union. Those who have gone before us, whose lives evidenced the way of Christ, are counted among the saints of heaven and share in God's glory. At the same time, we may have known and loved others who we might believe had not fully completed their tasks on earth. They may have left relationships broken and wounded; they may not have fully repented of wrongs committed in their lives. In other words, many depart this world with serious unfinished business. I think most of us, if we faced our death quickly and unexpectedly, would have to admit that there are wrongs still to be righted and good deeds left undone.

Of these people, and ourselves, we have a rich tradition of submitting them to the infinite mercy of God. We trust the grace won by Jesus on the cross is sufficient to gain them everlasting life. But it is altogether right and good that we still, on our pilgrim way, would pray for them, would by our prayers complete the purging of life's sin. By this prayer, we also pray for

## BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR ● NOVEMBER 2017

<b>OCT 26-NOV 5</b>	<b>Pilgrimage to Greece</b>
<b>NOV 8</b>	8:30 a.m. ● <b>School Mass</b> – Mary Carrico Memorial School, Knottsville 6:00 p.m. ● <b>Confirmation</b> – St. Anthony, Axtel & St. Mary, McQuady
<b>NOV 9</b>	<b>Presbyteral Day</b> – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC)
<b>NOV 10-16</b>	<b>USCCB Meeting in Baltimore, MD</b>
<b>NOV 16-18</b>	<b>National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) – Indianapolis, IN</b>
<b>NOV 19</b>	2:00 p.m. ● <b>Blessing of Parish Center</b> – St. Paul Parish, Leitchfield
<b>NOV 20</b>	10:00 a.m. ● <b>Priest Personnel Committee Meeting</b> – MCC 1:30 p.m. ● <b>Priest Council Meeting</b> – MCC
<b>NOV 21</b>	10:30 a.m. ● <b>School Mass</b> – Owensboro Catholic High School
<b>NOV 27-28</b>	<b>Provincial Meeting of Bishops, Louisville, KY</b>
<b>NOV 28-29</b>	<b>Provincial Priests' Council Meeting, Louisville, KY</b>
<b>NOV 30</b>	11:00 a.m. ● <b>Anointing of the Sick</b> – Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount



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those lives compromised by the unfinished business sin leaves behind. Think of it this way: when we pray for the dead we pray for the peace and healing of those they left behind.

As challenging as it is to imagine ourselves in “communion” with those who have gone before us, it is maybe more challenging to count us all as “saints.” But saints are those who have been called by God and have answered that call, however imperfectly. We have all had occasion to refer to people as saintly and, almost invariably, this will elicit a protest from them. That’s ok. I think it was Mother Teresa, now the canonized St. Teresa of Calcutta, who always objected to those who called her a saint. She feared that by calling her a saint we were suggesting that what she did to serve the poor, the dying, and

the hungry might be seen as extraordinary. For those who have been called by Jesus Christ, serving others must always be ordinary.

Prayer for All Souls: Eternal rest grant unto the dead, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer for All Saints: All holy men and women, pray for us.



**Most Reverend William F. Medley**  
Diocese of Owensboro

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**Bishop William F. Medley invites  
all 78 parishes in the diocese  
to participate in an**

*Advent Holy Hour*  
**DECEMBER 3, 2017**  
**2-3 PM**



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### To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

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). In addition, 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 revised its sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014 and it is available at parishes and also on the diocesan website ([owensborodiocese.org/safe](http://owensborodiocese.org/safe)). The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

# Pastor recalls earthquake that devastated Chiapas



This image of Capilla Santa Rosa de Lima in Ángel Albino Corzo, Chiapas, shows the severe damage done to the church building. Photo courtesy of Fr. Carmelo Jimenez Salinas.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez Salinas remembers the night of the 8.1 magnitude earthquake that shook Chiapas, Mexico, in early September 2017.

Fr. Jimenez is a priest of the Archdiocese of Tuxtla Gutiérrez in the state of Chiapas, and is the pastor of St. Michael Parish in Sebree, Ky. He has ministered in the Diocese of Owensboro since 2006 to assist in Hispanic ministry.

Fr. Jimenez was in Chiapas when the earthquake hit, as he had been in town to attend a retreat for clergy of the archdiocese.

“I remember that night... it was the middle of the night,” said Fr. Jimenez, who had been staying with his family in Chiapas when the quake happened the night of Sept. 7, 2017.

He and his family survived the earthquake, but the destruction was widespread. Fr. Jimenez quickly went out into the streets to see who might need help.

Fr. Jimenez remembered seeing a woman who

lived a few blocks away, whose house was “completely destroyed.”

The woman had survived, but in a state of disorientation and panic she refused to let go of a structural post. Her family begged her to let go, and she only agreed when Fr. Jimenez arrived and talked to her.

The most media attention has been given to the Sept. 19, 2017 quake that affected Mexico City and the surrounding areas with a magnitude of 7.1, said Fr. Jimenez.

But smaller areas, like Chiapas and the surrounding regions, remain desperate for aid.

“The news forgets the small towns,” he said.

He explained that Chiapas technically fared better than in Mexico City. Chiapas’ houses are smaller and provided a faster escape for citizens, versus the tall buildings of Mexico City that collapsed more disastrously.

“They didn’t lose their lives but they lost their houses,” said Fr. Jimenez, “I saw a lot of houses that fell down, some were damaged and some have to be torn down completely.”

Almost 70 percent of the town of Pijijiapan, Chiapas – which experienced the center of the quake – was destroyed.

In addition to many homes destroyed, 45 churches and the retreat center in the Archdiocese of Tuxtla Gutiérrez have been damaged. The local hospital was also seriously affected.

Sadly, even the archdiocese’s Catedral Metropolitana de San Marcos (Cathedral of St. Mark) was devastated by the quake, requiring Mass to be celebrated outside under a large tent.

Fr. Jimenez said the Mexican government dis-

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Catedral Metropolitana de San Marcos (Cathedral of St. Mark) in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, was severely damaged by the quake. Photo courtesy of Fr. Carmelo Jimenez Salinas.



The damage to the roof structure of Capilla Sr. Del Calvario in Chiapa de Corzo in Chiapas. Photo courtesy of Fr. Carmelo Jimenez Salinas.

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tributed food and supplies after the earthquake, but much more is needed, especially in reconstructing homes.

“So the parishes have been helping the people,” he said – even though many parishes themselves are in great need.

As of his Oct. 16 interview with the WKC, Fr. Jimenez said about one million pesos have been collected for recovery, which is equal to approximately \$54,000.

He was grateful to hear the announcement from Bishop William F. Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro, who invited the diocese’s 78 parishes to hold a special collection the weekend of Nov. 4-5.

According to a Sept. 26 letter released by the bishop, 75 percent of the collection’s proceeds will be sent to the Archdiocese of Tuxtla Gutiérrez, “because of our special relationship with Chiapas.”

In light of the many coinciding natural disasters, the bishop wrote that the other 25 percent will be divided between Catholic Relief Services for international assistance and Catholic Charities USA for the U.S. dioceses that were affected.

“Confident of the always generous response of our people, I am advancing \$25,000 to Archbishop Fabio Castilla (of Chiapas) immediately to assist in humanitarian assistance,” the bishop wrote.

Fr. Jimenez told the WKC that “any penny they can give to the people is a help for them.”

He had returned to Kentucky later in September,

but his heart aches for the still-suffering people in Mexico.

“A friend texted me, ‘you wouldn’t believe it, the people are living in the streets. They have nothing,’” he said. ■

## ♥ Ways to help

Natural disasters across the globe have left many in need. In addition to the special collection, Bishop Medley suggests donating to Catholic Relief Services ([crs.org](http://crs.org)) and/or Catholic Charities USA ([catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://catholiccharitiesusa.org)).

# St. Paul Parish's picnic and car show create community

BY GINA SIMS, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Two fun-filled events that take place in the small community of St. Paul fill the area with games, great food, music and lots of people. Both taking place within a couple of months of one another, they make the area spin with excitement.

On Saturday, July 29, a great celebration took place in the St. Paul community. This event began over 100 years ago. One can ask almost anyone in the area when the St. Paul Picnic is, and they will say, the last Saturday in July! It has changed somewhat over the years, but there's always great food, a drawing for prizes, an auction, games, almost always live music, and a Mass. This year the music was provided by the very talented Emily Portman Drake and Friends. There was a quilt, a zero turn lawnmower and cash prizes in the drawing. Longtime St. Paul parishioner, Becky Darst said, "A long time ago we didn't have it for a few years, but I sure am glad it's back!"

The annual picnic is a fundraiser for St. Paul Parish, but it is so much more than that. Preparations for the event usually begin around March, with meetings of the picnic committee and St. Paul pastor, Fr. Steve Hohman. Collections for the purchase of the meat used in the meal come from parishioners. This begins a few weeks before. Parishioners who have gardens begin bringing in fresh tomatoes, green beans, corn and cucumbers the week of the picnic. They also bring in cakes and pies for the meal and for the ever-popular Cake Walk. The day before the picnic several come together to prepare some of



Fr. Steve Hohman, pastor of St. Paul Parish, awards the "Father's Favorite" trophy to Ken Johnson's Monte Carlo at the St. Paul Car Show. Photo courtesy of St. Paul Parish.

the food for the meal. Fr. Hohman said, "It's one of my favorite times in our church because nearly every family takes part in one way or another. Working together builds community, which brings us closer to Christ."

The picnic brings family members from within the state of Kentucky and living outside the state. It is a family reunion of sorts. Regular picnic attendee Lorna Givens said, "You know it really is like a family reunion for a lot of people. It's not just for people who are Catholic, it doesn't matter what faith you are. Everybody goes to the St. Paul Picnic!"

Some families plan to come in around that time at the end of July because that's when the St. Paul Picnic is! Some people come for the traditional "Mutton Dinner" that is usually served with an abundance of garden-fresh vegetables. Many come for the great music. People bring camp chairs and claim a spot from which they listen to the music and watch others dance. The music is usually played well into the night, much to the enjoyment of all those present. Others come to play a little bingo, which has always been one of the picnic favorites. Of course the children have fun playing the games, trying the

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Catherine Gawarecki, Bobby Robinson, Wanda Portman and Haley Hensel happily serve the Mutton Dinner at the 2017 picnic. Photo courtesy of St. Paul Parish.

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dunking booth, jumping in the bouncy houses, and having one of Sr. Anne Michelle Mudd's flavored snow cones.

Regardless of what the favored activity is at the picnic, one thing is certain, a good time will be had. The families of St. Paul Parish come together as one finely tuned instrument. They work together in the preparation, service during the event, and take part in the cleanup the next day. It is truly a community event that reaches well beyond the St. Paul community.

A fast-growing event, the St. Paul Car Show, takes place in the same general area: the church grounds. It is always held the first Saturday after Labor Day in September. This was the 13th year for the car show, which was started as another way to generate funding for St. Paul Catholic School. It has had entries for as many as 147 vehicles, with this year's entries for the show topping out at 141. The annu-

al car show includes cars, trucks, rat rods, motorcycles, tractors and lawnmowers. It is currently one of the school's biggest fundraisers. This year the show cleared just over \$7,000 for the school. Organizers of the car show, Doreen Lampton and Karen Skees, work together to make it better every year. Like the picnic, it takes the work of a lot of people. The planning begins several months before, getting people and businesses to sponsor trophies and collecting items for gift bags for the participants.

This year there was something new - vendor booths. There were booths for crafts, car parts, jewelry, cleaning supplies and much more. The organizers for the event hope to continue to make vendor booths a regular part of the annual car show.

The parents and teachers of St. Paul School students bring food and drinks to serve with the delicious Schnitzel Dinner. St. Paul parishioner Janice Wilaby began helping with the event a few years ago. Her expertise with the Schnitzel Dinner is always

greatly appreciated. There are those who came just for the meal. One of the participants was overheard saying the great meal is one of the main reasons he comes to the St. Paul Car Show: "It's a ways for me to come to this particular car show, but it's worth it! All the people around here are so nice; it's well organized, great trophies, and the meal is the best around!"

Some of the St. Paul students - present and former - took orders and delivered food and drink to car show participants via "The Chuck Wagon." That way, participants could stay outside to enjoy the day. The kids learn the value of service to others. Once again, as with the St. Paul Picnic, we find people working together, in service, both ultimately, for God. The church and the school teach that in serving others we are brought closer to Christ, and in turn, endeavor to bring others to Christ. Former school principal, Kim Smith, said, "This is a great way to kick off our school year. We appreciate the support we receive from so many. It was a great day, and I was excited to give the first Principal's Pick trophy to Hank Meredith's Ford Fairlane!"

Many car show attendees have their favorite aspects. Some come for the food, some for the "car related" games, some for the oldies music that's played throughout, some for the vendor booths, but most come to view the beautiful vehicles entered. Joan Butterworth, a 20-year veteran teacher of St. Paul School, said, "The Car Show is always fun, but my favorite part is the burn out at the end!"

So mark your 2018 calendars for the last Saturday in July and the first Saturday after Labor Day, if you want to see some real community service and have a "Mayberry" good time! ■

*Gina Sims is a parishioner of St. Paul Parish in Grayson County.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

#### NOVEMBER

- 3-5 Yarn Spinners Retreat Weekend**
- 4 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 7 Day of Prayer for Veterans**
- 7 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Gratitude**
- 9 Focus on Faith Book Study**
- 10-12 Ordained Deacons Retreat Weekend
- 11 Zion Baptist Church
- 17-19 Living Water Fellowship Church
- Women's Retreat

#### DECEMBER

- 1-3 Friendship Spinners
- 5 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Mystery of Christmas**
- 9 Advent Day of Prayer**
- 14 Advent Evening with Bishop Medley**
- 14 Focus on Faith Book Study**
- 15-16 Brescia: Living & Leading with Love
- 25 Merry Christmas!**

#### JANUARY 2018

- 2 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: New Year's Resolution and a Better Life**
- 5-7 Yarn Spinners Retreat Weekend**
- 12-14 Retrouvaille Weekend
- 13 Diocese of Owensboro Deacons Meeting
- 20-26 St. Meinrad Retreat Week

**Think of Mount Saint Joseph when you book your next event!**

Center-sponsored programs are **BOLD**. Please call to register. Also call to schedule an event. **270-229-0206**

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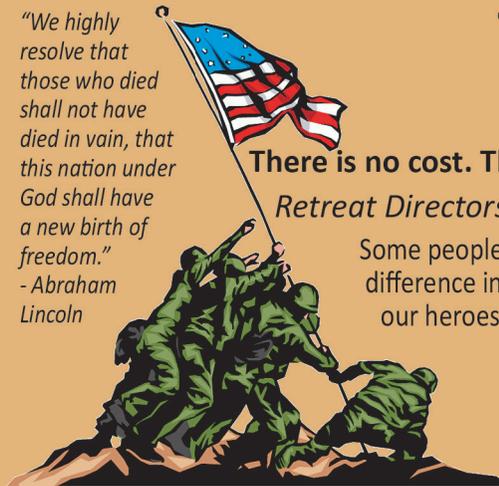
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### VETERANS: Please join us for a tribute day of prayer

**Tuesday, Nov. 7**  
**9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

*"We highly resolve that those who died shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom."  
- Abraham Lincoln*



**There is no cost. The program and meal is our appreciation for you.**

*Retreat Directors: Sister Mary Matthias Ward & Father Ben Brown*

Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in this world, but veterans don't have that problem. They are our heroes. You gave up so much for us, now we hope to give to you.



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## 2018 Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky

**February 17, 2018 | RiverPark Center, Owensboro, KY**

The Catholic Men's Conference is pleased to welcome Christopher West and Doug Barry as the keynote speakers for the upcoming conference.

Conference and ticket information available at [kycatholic.com](http://kycatholic.com).



**Christopher West**



**Doug Barry**

## NOVEMBER 2017 BULLETIN BOARD

### ■ **Thanksgiving dinner at Blessed Sacrament**

Please join Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Owensboro for their annual free Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 19, 2017, from 12-2 p.m. Questions may be directed to Sr. Jeannette Fennewald, SSND, at [blessedsac602@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsac602@gmail.com) or (270) 926-4741.

### ■ **'A scout is reverent'**

Our Religious Emblems Mass with Bishop Medley will be Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral. Now is the time to begin working on religious emblems for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Webelos and Cub Scouts. Please see [owensborodiocese.org/scouting](http://owensborodiocese.org/scouting) for more details.

### ■ **Spring Women's Retreat: Martha and Mary**

Friday-Sunday, March 16-18, 2018 at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Led by Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU. Fee: \$180 (includes retreat, materials, meals, accommodations). \$130 for commuters (includes retreat, materials and meals). Take 10 percent off if paid in full by Feb. 16, 2018. Ursuline Sr. Cheryl Clemons brings her always popular women's retreat to the Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, discussing "Essential Questions: What Martha and Mary Can Teach Us." Stories about Mary and Martha of Bethany are found in both Luke's and John's Gospels. Most discussions of these two Gospel women focus on the frazzled worker Martha compared to her quiet, prayerful sister Mary. During this retreat, we will be invited to consider these stories from a different approach: What life questions still relevant today do these two women evoke, and what answers might they suggest? During presentations that peel back the layers of the Gospel stories, times of quiet reflection, group sharing and the celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, retreatants will explore the links between Mary and Martha and their own lives. For more information and to register, contact Kathy McCarty, 270-229-0206, or [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org).

### ■ **Brescia University's annual Christmas concert**

Brescia University's Annual Christmas Concert will be held Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. in Brescia's chapel. Free and open to the public. It will consist of a short Advent Lessons and Carols plus other readings, and Christmas music by Brescia's band and choir. Stu-

dents from Owensboro Catholic High School will join the groups.

### ■ **"Focus on Faith" Nov. 9**

Thursdays: Nov. 9, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Led by Ursuline Sr. Ann McGrew. Fee: \$20 per class (includes lunch) These monthly classes in 2017 will study the Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of Love," by Pope Francis. Feel free to attend any or all sessions. To register, contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206 or [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org).

### ■ **Mount St. Joseph Quilt Club**

Sign up by Nov. 30 to get your name into the new Quilt of the Month Club drawings at Mount St. Joseph. The drawings take place on the first Friday of each month. You will still get 10 chances to win a handmade quilt! Tickets are \$20. Only 2,000 tickets are available. The proceeds support the retired Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph in Maple Mount, Ky. To order your Quilt Club ticket(s), contact Maggie Matsko at 270-229-2009 or [maggie.matsko@maplemount.org](mailto:maggie.matsko@maplemount.org). For more information, visit [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org). Click on Help the Sisters, then Quilt Club.

### ■ **Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation**

Nov. 7: Sr. Marietta Wethington - Gratitude  
Dec. 5: Sr. Mary Matthias Ward - The Mystery of Christmas  
Jan. 2 - Sr. Cheryl Clemons - New Year's Resolution and a Better Life  
First Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The \$20 fee includes dinner in the Center dining room. To register, contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206 or [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org)

### ■ **Tables of Hope Fundraiser**

Our Lady of Lourdes in Owensboro is hosting a fundraiser on Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. called Tables of Hope. You can decorate a table, then for \$25 each, attendees can eat a full meal and bid on silent auction items. All proceeds benefit St. Benedict Homeless Shelter in Owensboro. For more information, call the parish at 270-684-5369.

### ■ **November Alzheimer's Association programs**

Registration required for all programs: To register, call

1.800.272.3900 or visit [communityresourcefinder.org](http://communityresourcefinder.org).  
*Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior:* Learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common behavior triggers, and learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges of dementia. \$5 donation suggested. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. Nov. 2, 10-11:30 a.m., Owensboro Health Park, 1006 Ford Ave., Owensboro.  
*Creating Positive Holiday Experiences with a Loved One with Dementia:* This program will teach tips and strategies for making the holidays more enjoyable. \$5 donation suggested. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. Nov. 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Lourdes Hospital, Franciscan Room, 1530 Lone Oak Rd., Paducah.

### ■ **Register for Black Catholic Congress**

The Archdiocese of Louisville's fourth Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress will take place on Dec. 9, 2017 at the Flaget Retreat Center in Louisville. This year's theme is "African American Catholics: Missionary Disciples." The day begins with registration at 8 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m., and features continental breakfast, lunch, workshops and more. Speakers are Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville and Fr. Maurice Nkemefuna Emelu of the Diocese of Orlu in Nigeria. Early bird registration (by Nov. 10) is \$30/adults and \$15/youth (4th-12th grade); after Nov. 10 it is \$35/adults and \$20/youth. To learn more or to register, contact F. Veronica Wilhite, director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro, at (270) 683-1545 or email [veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org](mailto:veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org).

### ■ **Dave Ramsey live streaming at St. Pius X**

On Nov. 7 at 7:00 p.m., Dave Ramsey will be live streaming his Smart Money event to churches and Financial Peace University classes across the country. St. Pius X, 3418 Hwy 144, Owensboro, is a host site. To attend this free event, contact Gary Estes at 270-314-4419 or Carolyn McCarty at 270-929-8946.

**To have your events listed in our Bulletin Board, email information of no more than 200 words to [wkc.editor@pastoral.org](mailto:wkc.editor@pastoral.org) by the 15th of the month prior to the publishing month.**

## Diocese celebrates 100th anniversary of Fatima



Bishop Medley stands beside the statue of Our Lady of Fatima during the Oct. 13 Marian Congress. Photo by Laura Clarke/WKC.



Fr. D. Andrew Garner, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green and rector of the Diocesan Shrine of Mary, speaks during the Oct. 13 Marian Congress. Photo by Laura Clarke/WKC.

On the evening of Saturday, Oct. 13, the Diocesan Shrine of Mary hosted a Marian Congress at St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green in honor of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima to three shepherd children in 1917. Bishop William F. Medley gave a presentation, “The Significance of Fatima for the 21st Century,” which was followed by the crowning of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The evening also included a candlelight procession with the Fatima statue, the opportunity for confession, and adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. ■



The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is set in the sanctuary of St. Joseph Parish during the Oct. 13 Marian Congress. Photo by Laura Clarke/WKC.

## St. Jerome community to host Thanksgiving meal for Villa Madonna

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Nov. 19, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, the Social Concerns Committee of St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm will host a Thanksgiving meal for the residents of the Villa Madonna Apartments, located near the church.

“We hope to enjoy a day of fellowship and thanksgiving with all who attend,” said Lori Wilson, chairperson of the committee and parishioner of St. Jerome.

This is the committee’s first year hosting it primarily for the residents of Villa Madonna, which is home to 60-70 residents who are elderly and/or have disabilities, and was established by previous pastor Fr. Jerry Riney.

Wilson said the committee hosted a meal in 2015 that was open to anyone in the community who did not have family to join for Thanksgiving. That event drew eight people, so they opened the invitation again in 2016. That year, however, only one person responded, so committee members shared a meal with the individual in her home.

“This year we decided to include all residents of the Villa Madonna Apartments,” said Wilson.

The meal will be held in the SS. Martha and Mary Hall on St. Jerome’s campus, and will be prepared and served by the Social Concerns Committee and other parish volunteers. St. Jerome’s PRE (parish religious education) students will make placemats to help decorate the tables.

Wilson also said that they will provide transportation for apartment residents who need assistance.

“We are blessed to have very generous parishio-



St. Jerome’s Social Concerns Committee held a Thanksgiving dinner at Villa Madonna Apartments in 2015 for local people who could not spend the holiday with family. Photo courtesy of Lori Wilson.

ners at St. Jerome,” said Wilson. “Our parishioners are always willing to give, whether it is bringing food for events, giving monetary donations to our local charities in need, buying food from the youth for their fundraisers, donating canned goods for the food pantry, purchasing gifts from our Sharing Tree

at Christmas, etcetera.”

She quoted Hebrews 13:16: “Keep doing good works and sharing your resources, for these are the kinds of sacrifice that please God.”

For more information, contact St. Jerome Parish at (270) 623-8181. ■

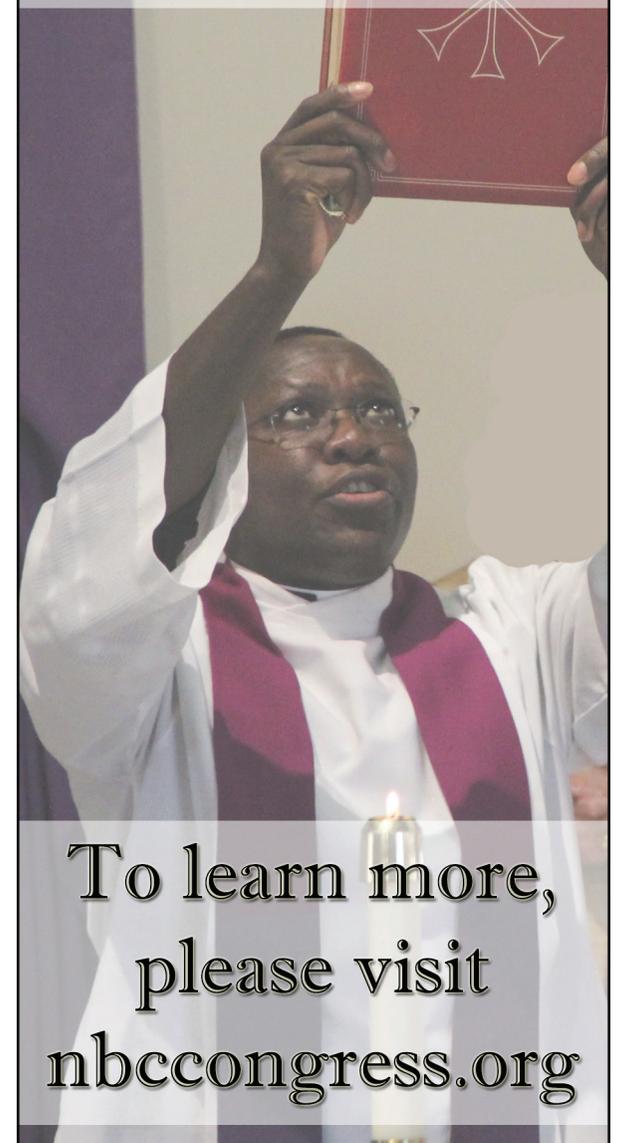
## Eleven men participate in Rite of Candidacy for diocesan permanent diaconate program



Photo courtesy of the Pfingston family.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, Bishop William F. Medley celebrated the Rite of Candidacy at St. Stephen Cathedral for the third permanent diaconate class in the Diocese of Owensboro. The second permanent diaconate class in the diocese was ordained in September 2017. Pictured are front row, left to right: Hal Jones, T. J. Dennison, John Knight, Brandon Swaggart, Percy Riffle and Rob Pfingston. Back row: Bill Clark, Tony Carmona, Frank Bosh, Bishop Medley, Mark Potts and Gayle Rhodes.

## November is Black Catholic History Month



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## Parishioners 'share of the gifts' in Disciples Response Fund

BY TINA KASEY, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The 2016-2017 annual appeal, which ended July 31, 2017, was extremely successful, raising nearly \$800,000 with more than 5,800 donors participating. Funds were used to touch the lives of more than 30,000 people throughout the year in social services ministries. Evangelization and faith formation efforts helped the diocese celebrate 759 First Communion and 709 Confirmations. Parishes and affiliated organizations were able to receive nearly \$100,000 through Disciples Response Fund Grants. Due to exceeding the goal, the diocese was able to return more than \$125,000 back to the parishes as a cash rebate.

"The diocese is successful when our faithful peo-

ple share of the gifts they have received from God to build up the faith and to serve the least among us," said Bishop William F. Medley. "The Disciples Response Fund gives us the resources to do together what no individual parish could accomplish alone."

The 2018-2019 Disciples Respond Fund, with a theme of "I have chosen you," (John 15:16) launched in September with a repeat goal of \$600,000. At the time of this paper going to press, more than 3,200 donors have already supported the diocese with gifts in excess of \$420,000.

Bishop Medley expressed his thanks for those who have given and who plan to give to this year's annual appeal, regardless of the donation size.

**"Thanks to all who pray for our Church – for in prayer there is no large or small."**

"Thanks to all who pray for our Church – for in prayer there is no large or small," he said.

Donations received through this appeal will fund clergy and seminarian formation; parish grants and charitable works; faith formation programs; youth, young adult and campus ministry; and evangelization efforts by the diocese. ■

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**Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministry - \$67,500**

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**Faith Formation - \$112,500**

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**Parish Grants & Charitable Works - \$120,000**

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**Clergy & Seminarian Formation - \$240,000**

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2017-2018  
**Disciples Response**  
FUND APPEAL

## #iGiveCatholic: 24 hours of online giving to help parishes, schools in Diocese of Owensboro

BY TINA KASEY, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

All 17 schools in the Diocese of Owensboro, plus seven parishes, are participating in the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017, also known as Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving. The purpose behind a Catholic giving day was to provide an opportunity to give back to the community following Black Friday and Cyber Monday. For Catholics, generosity and giving have a profound meaning. As children of God, giving is the ultimate expression of mercy as we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless, and preserve our Catholic heritage for future generations. Compelled to action by our shared faith, #iGiveCatholic is our gift to the community.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans began this #iGiveCatholic initiative three years ago. This year a total of 15 dioceses and archdioceses across the nation are participating toward a combined goal of \$3.5 million dollars. The Diocese of Owensboro set a goal of \$100,000.

The campaign runs Tuesday, Nov. 28, from midnight to 11:59 p.m. Donors may visit iGiveCatholic.org, search for a participating diocesan school and/or parish, and then make an online donation of \$25 or more. All donations are secure and tax-deductible.

#iGiveCatholic also provides an advanced giving option for those unavailable to make a donation on Giving Tuesday. From Nov. 10-26, participants can make an online donation to a school and/or parish and it will count toward the total amount raised

on Giving Tuesday. All donations will be processed through iGiveCatholic.org, who then will write a check to the diocese for the total amount that was raised for the participating schools and parishes. The diocese will then write individual checks to each parish and school for their total donations both during the advanced giving period and the 24-hour period. Visit <https://igivecatholic.org> to see the participating schools and parishes profile pages and to make an online donation. ■



### Participating schools and parishes

Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro;  
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Madisonville; Holy Name of Jesus  
Catholic School, Henderson; Holy Spirit  
Parish, Bowling Green; John Paul II  
Catholic School, Morganfield; Mary  
Carrico Memorial Catholic School,  
Knottsville; Owensboro Catholic  
School System; Immaculate Parish,  
Owensboro; St. Mary School System,  
Paducah; St. Henry Parish, Aurora;  
St. Joseph Catholic School, Bowling  
Green; St. Mary of the Woods Catholic  
School, Whitesville; St. Paul Catholic  
School, Leitchfield; St. Pius X Parish,  
Calvert City; St. Romuald Catholic  
School, Hardinsburg; St. Stephen  
Parish, Cadiz; SS. Peter and Paul  
Catholic School, Hopkinsville; SS. Peter  
and Paul Parish; Hopkinsville; Trinity  
High School, Whitesville.

# Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Mi querido pueblo de Dios,

“Creo en el Espíritu Santo, la santa iglesia católica, la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección de la carne y la vida eterna. Amen.”

Las últimas líneas del Credo de los Apóstoles resumen varios conceptos teológicos que han sido definidos para los creyentes. De hecho, es lo que hace un Credo – definir aquello que es esencial para nosotros que somos creyentes. Entonces, es en estas pocas líneas, que vemos mucho de lo que con razón se le llama el depósito de la fe, lo cual ha sido revelado por Jesucristo, preservado de la Sagrada Escritura y la Sagrada Tradición.

Estas últimas 27 palabras son sencillas y breves. Pero santos sabios, y varios herejes, han debatido el significado de estos conceptos desde el tiempo de los Apóstoles.

El hecho de que comenzamos el mes de noviembre con las dos fiestas de Todos los Santos el 1 de noviembre y la Conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos, comúnmente conocido como Día de Muertos, el 2 de noviembre, me gustaría reflexionar sobre nuestra profesión de fe compartida en la “comunión de los santos.”

Mientras esperamos el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios cuando el Señor venga en su Gloria, algunos de los discípulos de Cristo están aún peregrinando en la tierra, otros han muerto y se están purificando y otros están en la gloria. Los Padres del Concilio del Vaticano II escribieron en la Constitución sobre la Iglesia, Lumen Gentium: “mas todos, en forma y grado diverso, vivimos unidos en una misma caridad para con Dios y para con el prójimo y cantamos idénticos himnos de gloria a nuestro Dios. Pues todos los que son de Cristo por poseer su Espíritu, constituyen una misma Iglesia y mutuamente se unen en El.” (49)

Quizá una forma muy básica para hablar de la comunión de los santos entonces es recordarnos que “estamos todos juntos en eso.” Imaginar una unión, una comunión entre nosotros que todavía somos peregrinos con todos los que “nos han precedido con el signo de la fe” no es tan difícil. Por el Bautismo en Jesucristo, podemos imaginar esta unión. Aquellos que nos han precedido, cuyas vidas dieron evidencia de Cristo, ya están contados entre los santos del cielo y comparten la gloria de Dios. Al mismo tiempo, quizá hemos conocido y amado a personas quienes creemos que no cumplieron completamente sus deberes en la tierra. A lo mejor dejaron relaciones rotas y heridas; o no se arrepintieron plenamente de sus errores cometidos en sus vidas. En otras palabras, muchas personas parten de este mundo con asuntos serios

## EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA NOVIEMBRE DEL 2017:

<b>OCT 25-NOV 5</b>	Peregrinación a Grecia
<b>NOVIEMBRE 8</b>	8:30 a.m. ● Misa Escolar – Escuela en Memoria de Mary Carrico, Knottsville 6:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – San Antonio, Axtel & Santa María, McQuady
<b>NOVIEMBRE 9</b>	Día Presbiteral, Centro Católico McRaith (MCC)
<b>NOVIEMBRE 10-16</b>	Reunión del USCCB en Baltimore
<b>NOVIEMBRE 16-18</b>	NCYC, Indianápolis
<b>NOVIEMBRE 19</b>	2:00 p.m. ● Bendición del Centro Parroquial, Parroquia San Pablo, Leitchfield
<b>NOVIEMBRE 20</b>	10:00 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – Centro Católico McRaith 1:30 p.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – Centro Católico McRaith
<b>NOVIEMBRE 21</b>	10:30 a.m. ● Misa Escolar– Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro
<b>NOVIEMBRE 27-28</b>	Reunión de Obispos de la Provincia, Louisville
<b>NOVIEMBRE 28-29</b>	Reunión de los Consejos Sacerdotales de la Provincia, Louisville
<b>NOVIEMBRE 30</b>	11:00 a.m. ● Unción de los Enfermos – Monte San José



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e incompletos. Pienso que la mayoría de nosotros, si nos enfrentáramos con nuestra muerte inesperada y repentina, tendríamos que admitir que hay errores que todavía hay que corregir y buenas obras sin hacer.

Tenemos una tradición profunda sobre todas aquellas personas, y nosotros mismos, de entregarlos a la infinita misericordia de Dios. Confiamos que la gracia ganada por Jesús en la cruz es suficiente para ganarles la vida eterna. Pero es totalmente debido y bueno que los que aún estamos en nuestra peregrinación, rezamos por ellos, y que podamos completar con nuestras oraciones purgar sus pecados cometidos en la vida. Con esta oración, también rezamos por las vidas dañadas por los pecados y los asuntos no terminados. Lo podemos pensar así: cuando rezamos por los muertos también rezamos por la paz y sanación de los que aún se han quedado atrás.

Aunque puede ser difícil imaginarnos en “comunidad” con los que nos han precedido, puede ser más difícil todavía contarnos todos “santos.” Pero los santos son los que hemos sido llamados por Dios y han respondido al llamado, aunque sea imperfectamente. Casi todos hemos tenido la ocasión de hablar de alguien santo y, casi siempre, ellos mismos lo niegan. Eso está bien. Pienso

que fue la Madre Teresa, quien ahora ha sido canonizada Santa Teresa de Calcuta, que siempre se oponía a los que le llamaban santa. Ella tenía miedo que al llamarle una santa sugerían que lo que ella hacía de servir a los pobres, a los moribundos, y a los hambrientos se viera como extraordinario. Para los que han sido llamados por Jesucristo, servir a los demás siempre tiene que ser ordinario.

Oración por Todos los Fieles Difuntos: Dale, Señor a los que han muerto, el descanso eterno, y brille para ellos la luz perpetua. Que descansen en paz. Así sea. Que sus almas y las almas de todos los fieles difuntos por la misericordia de Dios descansen en paz. Amen.

Oración por Todos los Santos: Todos los santos y santas de Dios, ruegan por nosotros. ■



Obispo William F. Medley  
Diócesis de Owensboro

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# Un párroco recuerda el terremoto que destrozó a Chiapas



El daño al techo de la Capilla del Señor del Calvario en Chiapa de Corzo en Chiapas. Foto por cortesía del Padre Carmelo Jiménez Salinas.

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

El Padre Carmelo Jiménez Salinas recuerda la noche del terremoto de magnitud 8.1 que tembló a Chiapas, México, al principio de septiembre del 2017.

El P. Jiménez es un sacerdote de la Arquidiócesis de Tuxtla Gutiérrez en el estado de Chiapas, y es el párroco de la Parroquia de San Miguel en Sebree, KY. Ha hecho su ministerio en la Diócesis de Owensboro desde 2006 para ayudar en el ministerio hispano.

El P. Jiménez estaba en México cuando llegó el terremoto porque estaba al punto de empezar un retiro para el clero de la arquidiócesis.

“Yo recuerdo esa noche...fue en medio de la noche,” dijo el P. Jiménez, quien estaba quedando con su familia en Chiapas cuando pasó el terremoto en la noche del 7 de septiembre del 2017.

Él y su familia sobrevivieron el terremoto, pero hubo mucha destrucción. El P. Jiménez rápidamente salió a la calle para ver quien necesitaría ayuda.

El P. Jiménez recordó que vio una señora que vivía a unas cuerdas cuya casa fue “totalmente destruida.”

La mujer sobrevivió, pero en un estado de desorientación y pánico no quería soltar un poste de la casa. Su familia le estaba rogando que lo soltara,

y por fin se concedió cuando el P. Jiménez llegó y habló con ella.

Los noticieros han puesto más atención al terremoto de magnitud 7.1 que pasó el 19 de septiembre del 2017 que afectó a la Ciudad de México y los alrededores, dijo el P. Jiménez.

Pero lugares más pequeños, como Chiapas y los alrededores, permanecen desesperados por ayuda.

“Los noticieros se olvidan de los pueblos pequeños,” dijo.

Él explicó que técnicamente se le fue mejor a Chiapas que a la Ciudad de México. En Chiapas las casas son más pequeñas y los ciudadanos pudieron salir más rápido, en cambio a los edificios grandes de la Ciudad de México que colapsaron de forma más desastrosa.

Afortunadamente, “No perdieron sus vidas, pero perdieron sus casas,” contó el P. Jiménez, “Vi a muchas casas que se cayeron, algunas con daños y otras que van a tener que tumbar.”

Casi 70 por ciento del pueblo Pijijiapan, Chiapas - donde fue el centro del terremoto - fue destruido.

Además de muchas casas destruidas, en la Arquidiócesis de Tuxtla Gutiérrez 45 iglesias y el centro de retiros han sido dañadas. El hospital local también fue muy afectado.

Tristemente, incluso la Catedral Metropolitana de San Marcos de la Arquidiócesis también fue devastada por el terremoto, creando la necesidad de celebrar la Misa afuera bajo una carpa grande.

El P. Jiménez dijo que el gobierno de México distribuyó comida y provisiones después del terremoto, pero todavía hay mucha necesidad, especialmente en

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Esta imagen de la Capilla Santa Rosa de Lima en Ángel Albino Corzo, Chiapas, muestra el daño grave al edificio de la iglesia. Foto por cortesía del Padre Carmelo Jiménez Salinas.



La Catedral Metropolitana de San Marcos en Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, fue severamente dañada por el terremoto. Foto por cortesía del Padre Carmelo Jiménez Salinas.

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reconstrucción de las casas.

“Entonces las parroquias han estado ayudando a la gente,” dijo - aunque muchas parroquias en sí tienen necesidades grandes.

En su entrevista con el WKC el 16 de octubre, el P. Jiménez dijo que se ha colectado un millón de pesos para la recuperación, lo cual es aproximadamente \$54,000.

Fue muy agradecido escuchar el anuncio del Obispo William F. Medley de la Diócesis de Owensboro, quien invitó a las 78 parroquias de la diócesis llevar a cabo una colecta especial en el fin de semana del 4 y 5 de noviembre.

Según la carta emitida por el obispo el 26 de septiembre, 75 por ciento de lo que se junta en la colecta será mandado a la Arquidiócesis de Tuxtla Gutiérrez, “debido a nuestra relación especial con Chiapas.”

A la luz de los muchos desastres naturales que han ocurrido al mismo tiempo, el obispo escribió que el otro 25 por ciento será dividido entre Catholic Relief Services por la ayuda internacional y Caridades Católicas USA por las diócesis de los EEUU que fueron afectadas.

“Confiado en la siempre generosa respuesta de nuestra gente, estoy mandando \$25,000 adelantado

al Arzobispo Fabio Castilla (de Chiapas) inmediatamente para ayudar con la asistencia humanitaria,” escribió el obispo.

El P. Jiménez dijo al WKC que “cada centavo que pueden dar a la gente es una ayuda para ellos.”

Él regresó a Kentucky una semana después del terremoto, pero su corazón sigue doliendo por la gente que sigue sufriendo en México.

“Un amigo me mandó un mensaje, ‘no lo creerías, la gente está viviendo en las calles. No tienen nada,” dijo. ■

## ‘La respuesta corta es que Dios me estaba llamando’



El Obispo William F. Medley se sonría al seminarista Chris Kight, quien fue monaguillo en la misa de clausura del evento Youth 2000 en marzo del 2017. Foto archivada.



Chris Kight acompañó al Padre Jamie Dennis, vicario parroquial de la Catedral de San Esteban, y fue monaguillo en la misa cuando el P. Dennis celebró la Misa de la Fiesta de Santa Lucía en diciembre del 2016 en la Catedral de San Patricio en la Ciudad de Nueva York. Foto por cortesía de Chris Kight.

POR CHRIS KIGHT, ESPECIAL AL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

¡Hola! Yo soy Chris Kight y soy seminarista de la Diócesis de Owensboro. Mi parroquia es Santo Tomás Moro en Paducah y mi párroco es el Padre Brad Whistle.

Yo soy el hijo mayor de Vicki y el difunto Jerry Kight. Tengo un hermano, Ion, quien estudia en la universidad en Savannah, Ga. Actualmente estoy en mi tercer año de estudios en el Seminario y Escuela de Teología de San Meinrad en el sur de Indiana. El mayo pasado terminé una maestría en

Estudios Filosóficos Católicos. Me gradué de la Escuela Preparatoria de Tilghman en Paducah en 2011 y estudié una carrera de Música en la Universidad de Kentucky Occidental. Me gradué con la licenciatura en 2015.

He completado asignaciones del verano en dos parroquias como seminarista, una en San Pío X en Owensboro con el Padre Tom Buckman y más recientemente en Santa María del Bosque en Whitesville con el Padre Brian Roby. Las dos misiones

fueron fructíferas y me dieron más confianza en mi llamado al sacerdocio.

Con frecuencia me preguntan qué me atrajo al seminario. La respuesta corta es que Dios me estaba llamando y simplemente ya no podía ignorarle a Dios. He adoptado a San Miguel el Arcángel como mi santo patrono. Miguel es mi segundo nombre y también lo fue de mi papá. San Miguel es nuestra protección en la lucha contra el mal.

Mis pasatiempos incluyen pasar tiempo afuera,

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mirar juegos de baloncesto de Kentucky, viajar, y pasar tiempo con amigos y familiares. Mi comida favorita es casi todo lo que cocina mi mamá. Tengo que admitir que desde que empecé mis estudios en el seminario, he desarrollado un gusto por la barbacoa del Condado de Daviess. Siempre pensé que mi lugar de origen Paducah tenía la mejor barbacoa, pero el Condado de Daviess lo ha ganado.

Una de las cosas mejores de estar en el seminario es estar constantemente rodeado de hombres buenos. San Meinrad representa a 30 países del mundo. Hombres que vienen a San Meinrad tienen desde 22 a 55 años. Estos hombres vienen de muchas culturas, razas y orígenes diferentes. Cada día nos juntamos con un sentido de unidad para buscar la forma de crecer e virtudes y en la santidad. Es un testimonio hermoso de la Iglesia y del mundo, especialmente en una cultura tan secularizada en la cual vivimos.

El aspecto más difícil del seminario es buscar un balance entre las cuatro bases de formación. El seminario identifica cuatro áreas en las cuales cada seminarista debe crecer. Las bases incluyen la formación humana, espiritual, intelectual y pastoral. El candidato ideal para el sacerdocio posee un balance sano entre estas cuatro bases. Mantener el equilibrio es un reto, pero la gracia de Dios me ayuda a hacer lo que tengo que hacer.

Me siento bendecido ser un seminarista estudiando para la Diócesis de Owensboro. Espero con ganas el día cuando puedo servir a la Diócesis como sacerdote. Quiero agradecerles a todos ustedes por su apoyo a mí y a mi vocación. Les pido que continúen sus oraciones y apoyo. Y les dejo saber que estoy rezando por todos ustedes. ¡Que Dios los bendiga! ■

## Conozca a los seminaristas

En los próximos meses el WKC va a presentar cada uno de los seminaristas de la Diócesis de Owensboro en la sección de vocaciones del periódico. Aquí es un resumen:

### Corey Bruns

Su parroquia: Santa Ana, Morganfield

### Chris Kight

Su parroquia: Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

### Stephen Van Lal Than

Su parroquia: Espíritu Santo, Bowling Green

### Christopher Grief

Su parroquia: San Juan Evangelista, Paducah

### Martin Ma Na Ling

Su parroquia: Espíritu Santo, Bowling Green

### Martin Mikulcik

Su parroquia: San Enrique, Aurora

### Doug Payne

Su parroquia: Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

### Flynn Mudd

Su parroquia: Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah



**¿Le interesa el sacerdocio o la vida religiosa?**

Póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Vocaciones de la Diócesis de Owensboro a [jason.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:jason.mcclure@pastoral.org) o llamando (270) 683-1545 (oficina) o (270) 875-2868 (celular del P. Jason).

Aprenda más en [owensborodiocese.org/vocations](http://owensborodiocese.org/vocations)



## V ENCUENTRO

DISCÍPULOS MISIONEROS: TESTIGOS DEL AMOR DE DIOS  
MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: WITNESSES OF GOD'S LOVE

### ¡El proceso del V Encuentro ha empezado en la Diócesis de Owensboro!

El quinto proceso de Encuentro en los Estados Unidos invita a los líderes diocesanos y parroquiales a tener un encuentro con los católicos hispanos, especialmente con los que viven en las periferias. La meta del V Encuentro es discernir maneras en que la Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos pueda responder, servir e involucrar mejor a los hispanos como discípulos misioneros. Póngase en contacto con su parroquia para aprender cómo el proceso del V Encuentro se está implementando al nivel local y visita [vencuentro.org](http://vencuentro.org) para aprender más sobre el proceso al nivel nacional.



El Obispo Medley se para a un lado de la estatua de Nuestra Señora de Fátima durante el Congreso Mariano el 13 de octubre. Foto por Laura Clarke/WKC.

## La Diócesis celebra el 100 aniversario de Fátima

En la noche del sábado, 13 de octubre, el Santuario Diocesano Mariano fue anfitrión de un Congreso Mariano en la Parroquia de San José en Bowling Green en honor al 100 aniversario de las apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Fátima a los tres niños pastores en 1917.

El Obispo William F. Medley dio una presentación, “El Significado de Fátima para el Siglo 21,” lo cual fue seguido por una coronación de la estatua de Nuestra Señora de Fátima.

La noche también incluyó una procesión de velas con la estatua de Fátima, la oportunidad de confesarse, adoración y bendición con el Santísimo Sacramento.

## La Misa de Arcoíris 2017 trae sonrisas al Sportscenter de Owensboro



Estudiantes llevando estandartes con los nombres de sus escuelas se forman para la procesión antes de la Misa el 28 de septiembre. Foto por Laura Clarke/WKC.

El jueves, 28 de septiembre, la Diócesis de Owensboro celebró las 17 escuelas católica de la diócesis en la Misa Arcoíris 2017. La Misa Arcoíris fue nombrado por los uniformes de diferentes colores que parecen un arcoíris cuando se juntan, recordando a los estudiantes, maestros y personal de la alianza eterna de Dios.

Esto es inspirado por Génesis 9:12-13: “Y Dios dijo: ‘Esta es la señal de la alianza que establezco entre ustedes y yo, y con todo animal viviente que esté con ustedes, por todas las generaciones que han de venir: Pongo mi arco en las nubes para que sea una señal de mi alianza con toda la tierra.’”

## Parroquias con Misas en Español

**Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam**  
Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

13th & Madison Streets, Beaver Dam, KY 42320  
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (270) 903-8070

**Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green**

Jueves – 6:30 p.m.  
Sábados – 7:00 p.m.  
Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101  
Contacto: Sra. Gina Holmes (270) 777-5925

**Parroquia de San José, Central City**  
Cada Primer Domingo del Mes - 8:00 a.m.

113 South 3rd Street, Central City, KY 42330  
Contacto: Padre Josh McCarty (270) 754-1164

**Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Elkton**  
Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220  
Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335

**Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin**  
Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134  
Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

**Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson**  
Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420  
Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172

**Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville**

Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.  
Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240  
Contacto: Padre Basilio Az Cuc (270) 885-8522 o Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

**Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville**  
Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431  
Contacto: Padre Juan Vaughan (270) 821-5494

**Parroquia de San José, Mayfield**  
Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066  
Contacto: Hermana Eloisa Torralba (270) 356-0339

**Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown**  
Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261  
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (270) 526-3723

**Parroquia de San Leo, Murray**  
Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071  
Contacto: Hermana Esperanza Rivera (270) 753-3876

**Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro**  
Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 8:00 p.m.

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303  
Contacto: Padre Julio Barrera (270) 683-5641

**Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah**  
Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001  
Contacto: Hermana Celia Sanchez (423) 883-5757

**Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville**  
Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

296 West 6th Street, Russellville, KY 42276  
Contacto: Padre Ken Mikulcik (270) 726-6963

**Parroquia Cristo Rey, Scottsville**  
Cada Primer Martes de Mes – 7:00 p.m.

298 Bluegrass Drive, Scottsville, KY 42164  
Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

**Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree**  
Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.

Jueves – 12:00 p.m.  
Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455  
Contacto: Patti Gutiérrez (270) 302-2782 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez (270) 881-7737

**Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual**

Cualquier persona que sepa de un abuso de un menor de dieciocho años es obligado por ley informarles a las autoridades estatales apropiadas: policía local o la línea

dedicada para el Abuso Infantil de Kentucky (gratis: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

Además, para informar a la Diócesis sobre el abuso por parte de algún personal (pagado o voluntario) de la Iglesia, en el pasado o presente, favor de llamar a la Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral a esta línea

confidencial: 270-852-8380. La Diócesis de Owensboro acaba de revisar su reglamento sobre el abuso sexual, efectivo el 1 de Julio del 2014 y está disponible en todas las parroquias y también en el sitio web diocesano (owensborodiocese.org/safe). La seguridad de nuestros niños es la responsabilidad de cada Cristiano.

# Building bridges: A deacon's visit to Mexico

BY DEACON KEN BENNETT, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

My wife Helen and I recently traveled to Yahualica, Mexico, with Deacon Chris Gutiérrez, his family, and Deacon Roberto Cruz. The experience was deeply enriching for us and I hope will transfer to my ministry and personal life.

We spent 10 days in the central part of Mexico participating in fiestas and major religious processions. The processions occurred in five successive days and in honor of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St. Michael the Archangel.

It is safe to say the Mexican people know how to celebrate a feast. Each procession included hundreds of people with the pinnacle being the procession for Senor del Encino. In English, Senor del Encino translates as Lord of the Oak and is a crucifix that is more than 250 years old. The crucifix itself is the result of a miracle and comes from an oak tree. The devotion is as old as the crucifix and there are many miracles attributed this crucifix.

During the procession for Senor del Encino thousands of people participated and included bands, horses, confetti, fireworks and Mass celebrated by the Cardinal. This was definitely one of the most spectacular events we experienced.

Deacon Chris grew up in Yahualica and we were privileged to witness him baptize a brother and serve Mass at the parish he grew up in. St. Michael's is the parish and is the most beautiful church I have ever seen. Helen has traveled throughout Europe and said St. Michael's rivals any of the great churches there.

Yahualica is not a typical tourist destination and



Deacon Ken Bennett and his wife, Helen, stand in St. Michael's, the parish where Deacon Chris Gutiérrez grew up. Photo courtesy of Deacon Ken Bennett.

we did not stay in a Marriott. We were able to stay with family members of Deacon Chris and this was a tremendous blessing. Because of this we experienced real people, real food and real culture.

Like here there are many faith-filled and devout people but there is something different about the culture. The culture is not antagonistic toward reli-

gion. Religion is ingrained in the culture and seems to be encouraged among the people. It isn't something reserved for Sunday.

Our experience was also eye opening. According to some estimates up to 40 percent of the people in Mexico live in poverty and poverty was on display. The poor sat on the steps of the church and market

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place and small children begging for money was not uncommon. We quickly learned to keep extra pesos in our pockets.

The people were friendly, warm and welcoming but it was obvious we were the outsiders. We experienced how it feels to be the minority in an alien land. Simple things we take for granted such as ordering a meal or understanding a homily were no longer simple.

We are inspired to learn Spanish and more about other cultures. More importantly we hope our experience causes us to be more sensitive to those in our community from other parts of the world who struggle with our language and our culture. We desire to return the warmth and love we received. ■

*Deacon Ken Bennett and his wife, Helen Bennett, serve at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro.*



Deacon Chris Gutiérrez, Deacon Ken Bennett, and Deacon Roberto Cruz take a picture with Jose Javier, a local child. Photo courtesy of Deacon Ken Bennett.

## St. Pius X Parish mission asks, 'Do you believe in miracles?'

BY SUSAN ZOGLMANN, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

This is a tough question asked by Mr. Tim Francis of You Shall Believe Ministry, during the annual mission at St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro. Armed with scientific-based information, Mr. Francis proved that a true miracle happens every day at Mass throughout the world. He supplied the full parish hall on Oct. 2-4, 2017 with videos of scientifically-confirmed recordings of the Holy Eucharist turn-

ing into living heart tissue and blood. He presented a Bolivian woman experiencing the stigmata in 1999 as an example of miracles happening in the world today. His message contributes to the "New Evangelization" and specifically focuses on young adults and middle-aged people who have left the Church. They neither believe nor understand the meaning of the Catholic faith they have learned intellectually.

Mr. Francis then led us to his website, [www.youshallbelieve.com](http://www.youshallbelieve.com), to assist in bringing new members and "lapsed" Catholics, both young and old, back to our amazing Catholic faith. ■

*Susan Zoglmann is a parishioner of St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro.*

# 'Overwhelming image' of Old City of Jerusalem is 'stone'



The entrance to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the location where Jesus was crucified, died, was buried and rose from the dead. Photo courtesy of Fr. Ray Clark.

BY FR. RAY CLARK, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

“For your servants love her very stones.” - Psalm 102:14

The psalm is speaking of Mount Zion, on which is built the Old City of Jerusalem, the innermost, walled section of Jerusalem. As I live here on sabbatical, the overwhelming image of the Old City is

that of stone.

It seems as if the Old City itself is one continuous stone structure that covers 220 acres and has been partitioned into homes and shops. The stone is, appropriately, Jerusalem limestone, a cream-colored stone. The streets of the Old City, which are really walkways, are stone as well.

At the heart of the Old City are three stone structures sacred to the followers of their respective faiths: the Western Wall of the Jewish Temple; the Dome of the Rock, a Muslim sanctuary; and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where Jesus was crucified, died and was buried and rose. I would like to look at each of these.

As one approaches the Western Wall, a plaque welcomes one to this “...remnant of the Temple... Here the Divine Presence always rests.” Pious Jews and others from across the world pray at the stones of this wall. Some leave scribbled notes of prayer in the crevices of the stones.

On the other side of the Western Wall at the peak of Mount Moriah (as Mount Zion was also known) sits the Foundation Stone, also known simply as the Rock. According to tradition the world was created from this stone, the Binding (or near-sacrifice) of Isaac took place on it and King Solomon built the First Temple around it.

This “Foundation Stone” is actually located in the Muslim sanctuary known as the Dome of the Rock. Its golden dome is the visual focal point of the Old City. It is the jewel of Jerusalem architecture. Muslims venerate this place where Mohammed, the

founder of Islam, is said to have been taken into heaven.

A few hundred yards away stands the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Christian tradition identifies this as the place where Jesus was crucified, died and was buried and rose from the dead. Its exterior is plain, having been destroyed and rebuilt throughout the centuries. Like the Old City itself, the church is divided into sections shared by Christian churches.

The heart of the church is the tomb, or sepulchre of Jesus. There is an outer chamber, into which 20 people may squeeze, and the tomb itself, a small, cave-like space which contains the stone slab on which the body of Jesus was laid.

Because I live minutes away, this has become my parish church. As I attend Mass in a small chapel I look out on massive stones that may date back to the second century. I marvel to attend Sunday Mass in the place where Jesus rose.

The Gospel of Luke recounts that as Jesus entered Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, the Pharisees took offense as his disciples shouted: “Hosanna to the King!” Jesus replied: “If my disciples were silent, even the stones would cry out.” These stones of the Old City may be silent but they continue to draw men, women and children from across the world, pilgrims like me, who seek to draw faith from the events which these stones remember. ■

*Fr. Ray Clark, a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro, writes from Jerusalem, where he is on sabbatical.*

## Kight: ‘The short answer is that God was calling me’



Bishop William F. Medley smiles at seminarian Chris Kight, who is serving the closing Mass for the Youth 2000 event in March 2017. File photo.



Chris Kight accompanied and served with Fr. Jamie Dennis, parochial vicar of St. Stephen Cathedral, when Fr. Dennis celebrated a St. Lucy feast day Mass in December 2016 at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City. Photo courtesy of Chris Kight.

BY CHRIS KIGHT, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Hello! I am Chris Kight and I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Owensboro. My home parish is St. Thomas More in Paducah and my pastor is Fr. Brad Whistle.

I am the oldest son of Vicki and the late Jerry Kight. I have one brother, Ion, who is a college student in Savannah, Ga. I am currently in my third year of

studies at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in southern Indiana. This past May I completed a master’s degree in Catholic Philosophical Studies. I am a 2011 graduate of Paducah Tilghman High School and I studied Music for my undergraduate degree at Western Kentucky University. I graduated from WKU in 2015.

I have completed two parish summer assignments as a seminarian, one at St. Pius X in Owensboro with Fr. Tom Buckman and most recently at St. Mary of

the Woods in Whitesville with Fr. Brian Roby. Both assignments were fruitful and gave me confidence in my call to the priesthood.

I am often asked what drew me to the seminary. The short answer is that God was calling me and I simply couldn’t ignore God anymore. I have adopted St. Michael the Archangel as my patron saint. Michael is my middle name as well as my father’s. St. Michael is our protection in the fight against evil.

My hobbies include spending time outdoors,

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Chris Kight with his mother, Vicki Kight, at his May 2017 graduation when he received his graduate degree in Catholic Philosophical Studies. Photo courtesy of Chris Kight.

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watching Kentucky basketball, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. My favorite food is just about anything my mother cooks. I must also admit, since being in seminary, I have developed a love for Daviess County bar-b-que. I always thought

my hometown of Paducah had the best bar-b-que, but Daviess County has them beat by a long shot.

One of the best things about seminary is constantly being around good men. St. Meinrad represents over 30 countries worldwide. Men that come to St. Meinrad range from ages 22-55. These men come from many different cultures, races, and backgrounds. Each day we come together in unity and seek to grow in holiness and virtue. It gives a beautiful witness to the Church and to the world especially in secular culture we live in.

The most challenging aspect of seminary is finding a balance between the four formation pillars. The seminary identifies four areas of formation in

which every seminarian must grow. These pillars include human formation, spiritual formation, intellectual formation, and pastoral formation. The ideal candidate for the priesthood will possess a healthy balance among these four pillars. Keeping this balance is challenging, but the Grace of God helps me do what I need to do.

I am blessed to be a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Owensboro. I look forward to one day serving for the diocese as a priest. I want to thank you all for your support of me and my vocation. I kindly ask for your continued prayers and support. Please know of my prayers for all of you.

God Bless! ■

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## New diocesan vocations website is live

The Diocese of Owensboro recently launched a new vocations website, [owensborovocations.com](http://owensborovocations.com). The mobile-friendly and user-friendly site includes a “Discernment Self-Test” for evaluating whether one may be called to the priesthood, and also offers many resources for parents, parishes, priests and schools. The new website also features a list of upcoming vocations events, such as discernment retreats, Vocations Awareness Week and Made for More Camp. Additionally, visitors can “get to know” the diocese’s current seminarians via the “Our Seminarians” section, which shows each seminarian’s photo and seminary year alongside a prayer for vocations.

**OWENSBOROVOCATIONS.COM**



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## An Advent Evening

Presented by  
Bishop William Medley

**Thursday,  
December 14**

**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

\$20 (Dinner is included.)



*Spend an evening with our bishop to prepare for the coming of Christ.*

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Presented by  
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## St. Mary School System students help hurricane victims

When St. Mary School System students learned of the devastation from recent hurricanes, they knew they had to take action. St. Mary High School Catholic Youth Leaders (CYL) coordinated a fundraising challenge to see which grade could raise the most money to help schools in the Archdiocese of Houston who were struggling to replace basic needs in their classrooms. Collectively, the “Hope for Houston” challenge raised nearly \$1,500 for schools and families affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston.

Hurricane Irma brought further destruction to islands like the Dominican Republic, which had already been heavily impacted by Harvey. With the help of Fr. Stan Puryear, pastor of Rosary Chapel, St. Mary students simultaneously began a toiletry and basic supply drive across the school system to send to the Dominican Republic. Students from kindergarten to twelfth grade brought in toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, hand sanitizer and much more to be distributed in areas most impacted by the hurricane. Fr. Puryear served as a pastor for several years in the Dominican Republic and is coordinating the delivery of the collected supplies.



St. Mary Catholic Youth Leader representatives pictured are (L to R back row) Ethan Barnett, Hale Sims, Zachary Jenkins; (L to R front row) Chiara Doran, Madelyn Waltmon, Abigail Hatton. Photo courtesy of St. Mary School System.



Pictured are students James Smith, Alie Skaggs, Zoey Skaggs, Chloe Taylor, Emmary Burnett, John Smith and Alex Skaggs. Photo courtesy of St. Paul School.

## St. Paul students collect supplies for Grayson County inmates

Giving to those in need is something we must always try to learn. The St. Paul School students have been collecting writing supplies for the inmates of Grayson County Detention Center in Leitchfield. The supplies and prayers were offered to those in need.

### Office of Youth Ministry launches Instagram page



Be sure to follow [instagram.com/owensboro\\_diocese\\_ym](https://www.instagram.com/owensboro_diocese_ym) to catch recent happenings around the diocese with our youth!

# November Wedding Anniversaries

## 5, 10, 25, 40, 50 and More Than 50 Years of Marriage

### **Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

Keith & Julie Murphy, 10  
Kenneth & Alice Cole, 58  
Randall & Ruthie Payne, 50  
Don & Bernice Christian, 56  
Richard & Nancy Blandford, 56  
Kenny & Tricia Buckman, 25  
Harry & Charlene Baumgarten, 61  
Gene & Linda Howard, 53

### **Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro**

Philip & Joyce Moorman, 60

### **Christ the King, Madisonville**

Richard & Ruth Dale, 52

### **Holy Guardian Angel, Irvington**

James H. & Betty Hardesty, 58  
Joseph M. & Catherine Crews, 67  
Alvin & Loretta Heck, 66

### **Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson**

Steve & Pamela Austin, 11  
Thomas & Valerie Beckert, 25  
John & Tonya Blanchette, 25  
William & Pam Crawford, 51  
Larry & Jane Denton, 58  
Donald & Sharon Dossett, 62  
Joseph & Anne Hagan, 50  
William & Sandra Haynes, 56  
Tony & Leslye Krampe, 5  
Leland & Donna Leslie, 53  
Bobby & Della May Marlin, 60  
Charles & Kathleen Mills, 51  
Phillip & Stephanie Overfield, 10  
Charles & Faye Pippin, 60  
Ernest & Mary Schreiner, 56  
Leo & Deborah Speaks, 40  
Greg & Wendy Thomas, 25  
Ronald & Judy Wilkerson, 56  
Jimmy & Dianne Willett, 50  
Dwight & Jeanne Williams, 25  
Steve & Joella Wilson, 25

### **Holy Spirit, Bowling Green**

Wyatt & Erin Warfel, 10  
Po Reh & Me Meh, 10  
Don & Judy Dobernic, 52  
Bernard & Lois Schwitzgebel, 58  
Randy & Jean Thompson, 56  
John & Linda Meyer, 53

### **Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

Anthony & Joyce Hare, 40  
J. Rodney & Loretta Wheatley, 52  
William & Phyllis Emmick, 54  
Mike & Sheila Ogle, 52

### **Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro**

E. L. & Dianne Woodward, 54  
Gene & Shirley Zoglmann, 57  
Roger & Kathy Martin, 10  
Bobby & Gail McBride, 25  
David & Cathy Lindow, 40  
Donald R. & Janice Crask, 50  
Stephen & Patty Johnson, 53

### **Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro**

Brad & Lindsey Brown, 10  
Terry & Patty Johnson, 40  
Dan & Pamela Shepherd, 40  
Joseph & JoAnne Mason, 50  
Donald & Mary Blanford, Sr., 64  
Joseph & Theresa Clark, 51  
Stewart & Barbara Coomes, 63  
Paul J. & Sarah Hayden, 51  
James & Joan Johnson, 56  
William M. & Martha Mills, 56  
John & Pat Mountain, 61  
Haymen & Marie Ward, 56  
Tom & Rosella C. Whitsett, 67

### **Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Larry & Linda Jollay, 50  
Charles & Shirley Merimee, 61  
Sherman & Dolores Roberts, 54

### **Sacred Heart, Hickman**

David & Sandra Lattus, 50

### **St. Agnes, Uniontown**

Ross & Jane Thomas, 58  
Gerald & Marilyn Greenwell, 56  
Fred & Mary Evelyn Eckmans, 58

### **St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph**

Bill & Daisy Gibson, 60  
Robert & Mary Ann Mattingly, 60  
Doug & Janie Hayden, 53

### **St. Ann, Morganfield**

Kevin & Bailey Greenwell, 10  
Gary & Kathy Hancock, 40  
Eddie & Mary Jo Steward, 52  
Harold & Kathy Thomas, 58

### **St. Anthony, Browns Valley**

Robert & Dorothy Marie Mattingly, 52

### **St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel**

Ken & Nori Baurle, 52

### **St. Augustine, Grayson Springs**

John & Sue Mudd, 54

### **St. Augustine, Reed**

Billy Joe & Philomena Bollinger, 56

### **St. Charles, Bardwell**

Walter & Ethel O'Neill, 53  
Dan & Jane Thomas, 51  
Darryl & Amy Hayden, 25

### **St. Charles, Livermore**

James & Margie Logsdon, 54  
St. Edward, Fulton  
Bill & Jean Fenwick, 65

### **St. Francis de Sales, Paducah**

Charles W. & Bonnie Kortz, 55

### **St. Henry, Aurora**

Tom & Joyce Lyons, 50

### **St. Jerome, Fancy Farm**

Sean & Amy Vaughn, 10  
Jerry & Lyndia Elder, 54  
Bernard & Wilma Hobbs, 68  
Richard & Elaine Hayden, 51  
Charles & Mary Ann Thomas, 59

### **St. John the Evangelist, Paducah**

Glenn & Judy Smith, 54  
Francis & Dorothy Scheer, 63  
Bennie & Doris Durbin, 67  
Tony & Karen Kent, 55

### **St. Joseph, Bowling Green**

Jonathan & Kara Dearing, 5  
Alberto & Berta Rodas, 10  
Charles & Jane Browning, 40  
Stan & Cody Young, 55

### **St. Joseph, Mayfield**

Howard & Rita Darnell, 54  
Douglas & Hilda Webb, 69  
Alvaro & Micaela Hernandez, 5  
John & Helen Riley, 61

### **St. Lawrence, Philpot**

Alan & Aggie Fitzgerald, 40  
Zachary & Jessica Brazier, 5

### **St. Leo, Murray**

Kenneth & Carolyn Ramsey, 61  
David & Margaret Perez, 51

### **St. Martin, Rome**

Wayne & Betty Hamilton, 52  
Larry & Sharon Gillim, 58

### **St. Mary, Franklin**

Mae & Harry King, 53

### **St. Mary, LaCenter**

Pat & Joan Hutchins, 50

### **St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho**

Jim & Martha Kamuf, 54  
Sam & Sheila Hodskins, 40

### **St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville**

Mark & Mary Messer, 10  
Lou & Martine Boarman, 69  
Gordon & Evelyn Millay, 63  
J. W. & Mary Morris, 65

### **St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley**

George & Rose Mary Clary III, 56  
Hugh & Betty Cecil, 65

### **St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly**

George & Regina Vogel, 69  
Darrell & Bernice Russelburg, 56

### **St. Pius X, Owensboro**

George C. & Geraldine Keller, 53  
Dennis & Charlotte Gatton, 58

### **St. Romuald, Hardinsburg**

Sammy & Donna Aubrey, 40  
George & Nancy Walz, 52  
Wayne & Judy Hardesty, 55  
Stefan & Michele Cesarz, 25

### **St. Stephen, Cadiz**

Joe & Janie Anderson, 52  
Lonnie & Pam Wimsatt, 53

### **St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**

Scott & Haley Riches, 10  
William E. & Jean Danhauer, Jr., 67  
Gilbert & Theresa Joann Moore, 60

### **St. William, Knottsville**

Lee & Sarah Mills, 5  
Huck & Barbara Huskisson, 50  
Thomas & Stella Boehman, 53

### **SS. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro**

Andrew & Amanda Dill, 5  
James & Ashtin Warren, 5  
Zachary & Sarah Barnes, 10  
Bradley & Laura Leonard, 10  
Hubert & Jan Baldwin, 40  
James & Joyce Logsdon, 51  
Paul & Anna Marie Haynes, 53  
Charles & Florence Howard, 62  
Richard & Rita Stiff, 62  
Donald & Martha Hare, 62

### **SS. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville**

Thomas & Lisa Payne, 5  
John & Margie Cook, 51  
Ronny & Darlene Fuller, 53  
Charles & Judy Folz, 56  
Arnold & Julia Borders, 62  
Thomas & Winnie Wilson, 65



# Rainbow Mass 2017 brings smiles to Owensboro Sportscenter



Students carrying banners with the names of their respective schools line up for the procession before Mass on Sept. 28. Left photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC; right photo by Laura Clarke/WKC.

On Thursday, Sept. 28, the Diocese of Owensboro celebrated the 17 Catholic schools of the diocese at Rainbow Mass 2017. Rainbow Mass was named for all of the different colored uniforms that together resemble a rainbow, reminding the students, faculty and staff of God's everlasting covenant. This is inspired by Genesis 9:12-13: "God said: This is the sign of the covenant that I am making between me and you and every living creature with you for all ages to come: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." ■



(Left) A young altar server/Catholic school student processes out at the end of Mass. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC. (Right) Several students of Trinity High School in Whitesville greet Bishop Medley. Photo by Laura Clarke/WKC.