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A Word from Bishop Medley

“You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.”

Children often ask me, “Who is your favorite saint?” Well, I have many favorites. It seems Mary the Mother of God must be just about everyone’s favorite, for without her “yes” to the angel Gabriel the coming of God in human flesh would not have happened.

St. Peter the Apostle is one of my favorites. He failed Jesus so many times. He failed Jesus in his hour of greatest need when he emphatically declared, “I don’t even know the man.” When he accepted Jesus’ invitation to walk on water, he sank when he took his eyes off of Jesus. Jesus was even compelled to rebuke him once, “Get behind me, Satan.” Yet Peter’s imperfect love for Jesus was immense and the grace of Jesus’ love for him made him a great saint.

But one has to wonder exactly what Jesus had in mind to choose the poor, weak and bumbling Peter to be the rock upon which he would build the Church. Surely another one of the other twelve Apostles could have better been that rock.

Maybe Jesus knew that Peter could be a great role model to a Church that throughout history would be poor, weak and stumbling. A Church that too many times would not seem to know Jesus. A Church in need of a rebuke from time to time. A Church always in need of grace and salvation. How many times since Peter’s denial has the Church herself stood standing in the need of mercy and prayer?

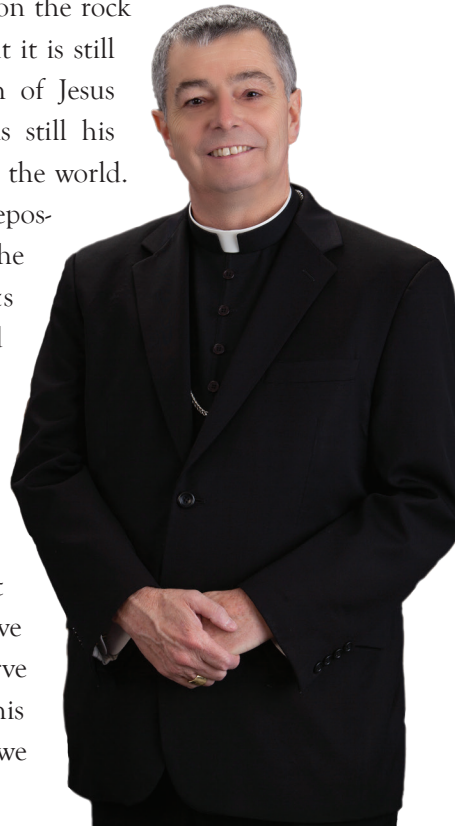
To be a Catholic is to be a part of the Church built upon the rock of Peter, a rock that all too often looks and feels like loose sand. It is to be part of a

Church that has failed Jesus Christ. Our Catholic Church of the United States is in a time of trial, struck by triple scandals of a grand jury report in Pennsylvania, a retired American archbishop disgraced by revelations of his immoral behavior, and even another archbishop accusing Pope Francis of dishonesty.

I always come back in these challenging times to first focus on our Church’s effort and desire to bring healing to those who have been harmed. At the same time, we constantly review our pledge to protect the vulnerable so that these sins are not repeated.

Well, Jesus built the Church upon the rock of Peter, but it is still the Church of Jesus Christ. It is still his presence in the world.

It is still a repository of the sacraments instituted by Christ. It is still a community of people who want to know, love and serve God in this world that we



BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR OCTOBER 2018

OCT 3	6:30 p.m. Listening Session – Holy Spirit Parish Hall, Bowling Green
OCT 4	6:30 p.m. Confirmation – St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Todd County
OCT 13	11 a.m. Mass & Reception for Jubilarians at Carmel Home – Owensboro
OCT 14	Scripture Sunday
OCT 15	10 a.m. Priest Personnel Meeting 1:30 p.m. Priests’ Council Meeting
OCT 15-17	Catholic Extension 2018 Mission Bishops Conference – Chicago
OCT 17	6 p.m. Review Board Meeting
OCT 20	9 a.m. Mass for Women’s Retreat – Kentucky Dam Village Conference Center 4 p.m. Mass for Central Deanery Faith Formation Gathering – BIAC, Robards
OCT 21	2 p.m. Mass for Health Care Workers (White Mass) – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
OCT 23	Paducah Office
OCT 24	6:30 p.m. Listening Session – Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Owensboro
OCT 25-26	Brescia University Board Meeting
OCT 27	11 a.m. Jubilee of Religious – St. Martin Parish, Rome
OCT 28	11 a.m. Confirmation – St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro
OCT 29	6:30 p.m. Listening Session – SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
OCT 30	9:30 a.m. Mass – St. Mary Elementary School, Paducah

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might be happy with him in the next world. Peter failed Jesus, and at times the Catholic Church has failed Jesus.

But we recall the words of an old hymn, "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died."

The work we do is the work of Jesus, and the work and witness of the Church will, as it has before, prevail. God will not abandon us.

In this issue of *The Western Kentucky Catholic*, we are striving to account again for our local leadership of the Church, particularly in the realm of

protecting children and young people. You can read of our ongoing efforts to assure that our churches, schools and institutions are safe and wholesome places, and that all who work or volunteer are trained to honor the dignity of every child as a gift from God. You will learn again of where and how to report any instances of harm or exploitation to children. The work of the Diocesan Review Board, a body that advises me as bishop on how respond to problems of this nature in the Church, is profiled.

There is a constant challenge to the Church to be transparent in its accounting for those who have caused harm. In the Diocese of Owensboro, we are exhaustively reviewing all of our files again to assure that even past problems have been addressed. There

is an article in this issue of the paper with some statistics dating from the beginning of the diocese in 1937 about priests who have ever abused a child and how those matters have been addressed.

Together let us pray that we may heal those harmed and in our day make the Catholic Church the holy witness of God's goodness and our salvation. ■



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

A Note From the Editor

Some dioceses in the U.S. have decided to publically release the names of their priests who have substantiated accusations against them.

Bishop Medley is consulting with the Diocesan Review Board about whether or not to publish the names of credibly accused priests in the Diocese of Owensboro.

A Prayer from Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions:

Heavenly Father,
In every age, you have been our refuge.
Yet again and still, we stand before you
asking for your protection on your holy Church.

For the victims of abuse and their families,
pour out your healing and your peace.

For the Bishops of this country,
continue to inspire their decisions,
and guide them with your Spirit.

For the thousands of good and faithful priests,
who have followed your call to serve you and your
people in holiness,
sustain them by your grace.

For the faithful who are angry, confused, and
searching for answers,
embrace them with your love,

restore their trust,
console them with your clear Gospel message,
and renew them with your sacraments.

We place our Church in your hands,
for without you we can do nothing.

May Jesus, our High Priest and true compass,
continue to lead her in every thought and action –
to be an instrument of justice,
a source of consolation,
a sacrament of unity,
and a manifestation of your faithful covenant.

Grant this through that same Jesus Christ, our
Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A timeline of the Catholic Church's 2018 sex abuse crisis in the United States

BY WKC STAFF

Editor's note: In spring 2018, an announcement was made that Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick had been removed from ministry after a claim was found credible that he had committed sexual abuse. In the months following, additional information about the Church's handling of sexual abuse has been released, leading to many questions of what lies in store for the Catholic Church in the 21st century. In this timeline, the WKC hopes to provide some clarity to readers in terms of the recent developments, as of Sept. 28, 2018; the day this issue went to press.

- June 20, 2018: Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York announces the removal from ministry of Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick at the direction of the Vatican after the archdiocese investigated and found credible a claim that Cardinal McCarrick had sexually abused a teenager 47 years ago.
- July 16, 2018: A front-page New York Times article details the alleged abuse of two seminarians in the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey, by then-Bishop Theodore E. McCarrick in the 1980s. The article further stated that the abuse continued for one of the seminarians after he was ordained a priest, and that both of the men received settlements.
- July 19, 2018: The New York Times prints an article detailing the alleged case of a man whose abuse by Cardinal McCarrick began when the cardinal was 39 and the boy was 11. The man said the relationship lasted nearly 20 years.
- July 28, 2018: Pope Francis accepts the resignation of Cardinal McCarrick from the College of Cardinals and suspends him from public ministry, ordering him to a life of prayer and penance until the accusations are examined in a canonical trial. His proper title is now "Archbishop McCarrick."
- Aug. 14, 2018: A redacted grand jury report on clerical sexual abuse in Pennsylvania's dioceses of Allentown, Erie, Greensburg, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Scranton is released. The 884-page report followed an 18-month investigation by 23 grand jurors examining allegations of systematic abuse and cover-ups within these dioceses. The report included the identification of more than 1,000 victims of 300 credibly-accused clergy and church employees.
- Aug. 16, 2018: Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, releases a statement detailing a plan to address the sex abuse scandal affecting the U.S. Catholic Church. The USCCB's plan will be presented in full at the November general assembly of the USCCB in Baltimore. The statement also says the bishops are requesting an apostolic visitation - an official Vatican probe carrying out an inquiry in the name of the pope - on the topic of Archbishop McCarrick.
- Aug. 25, 2018: An 11-page letter is published by the National Catholic Register and on the website LifeSiteNews, written by former apostolic nuncio to the United States Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, stating that Pope Francis and other Church officials failed to act on accusations of abuse by Archbishop McCarrick.
- Sept. 12, 2018: Following an international Council of Cardinals, Pope Francis calls on the president of every national Catholic bishops' conference in the world to gather in Rome on Feb. 21-24 to discuss the prevention of the abuse of minors and vulnerable adults.

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- Sept. 13, 2018: Pope Francis meets with USC-CB leaders Cardinal DiNardo; Archbishop José Gómez of Los Angeles and vice president of the USCCB; Msgr. Brian Bransfield, conference secretary; and Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap., of Boston and president of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors. In a statement released that day after the meeting, the four leaders wrote that they told the pope the U.S. Church has been “lacerated by the evil of sexual abuse.”
- Sept. 19, 2018: Following their semiannual meeting on Sept. 11-12, the U.S. bishops' Administrative Committee releases a statement outlining actions to address the abuse crisis, including supporting a full investigation into Archbishop McCarrick; approving the estab-

lishment of a third-party confidential reporting system for claims of abuse by bishops; and the instruction for the U.S. bishops' canonical affairs committee to develop proposals for policies on restrictions for bishops who were removed or resigned due to allegations of abuse of minors or adults. Additionally, this began the process of developing a code of conduct for bishops in terms of sexual misconduct with a minor or adult, or negligence in handling these cases.

Catholic News Service and Catholic News Agency contributed to this timeline.

To report suspected abuse call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597-2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, please call: 270-852-8380 to speak with the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information.

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Crisis in the Church: Diocese of Owensboro numbers

Editor's note: This information provided by the Diocese of Owensboro's Archives, the Office of the Chancellor, and the Office of the Bishop.

Since 1937

(The year in which the Diocese of Owensboro was founded)

- 366** The total number of priests who have served in the Diocese of Owensboro, whether diocesan priests or non-incardinated (religious order, international or otherwise not belonging to the Diocese of Owensboro).
- 27** The total number of priests serving or incardinated in the Diocese of Owensboro about whom the diocese has received allegations of child sexual abuse. Of these 27, 11 were accused after their death and two are deceased priests who have never been previously accused, but about whom the diocese has received allegations in recent weeks.
- 62** The total number of individuals who have identified themselves as victims of sexual child abuse by a priest in the Diocese of Owensboro.
- 66** The total number of allegations by the 62 individuals against the 27 priests. Six allegations could not be substantiated by the Diocesan Review Board. There have been 26 allegations made against 11 priests who were deceased at the time of the accusation.

Since 1968

(The year in which the diocese began its partnership with Catholic Mutual Insurance)

- \$621,796** Total amount of assistance/settlements to victims of sexual child abuse in the Diocese of Owensboro paid through Catholic Mutual Insurance.
- \$285,089** Total amount spent on counseling to victims of sexual child abuse in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Since 2002

(The year of the establishment of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People)

- \$1,013,299** Total amount spent on Safe Environment training and background checks in the Diocese of Owensboro.
- 84,600** Total number of children/youth in the Diocese of Owensboro who have received abuse prevention training.
- 27,000** Approximate number of background checks conducted by the Office of Safe Environment in the Diocese of Owensboro.

‘We want the truth to come out’

Diocesan Review Board aims for transparency in addressing allegations

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD,
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (see page 10) receives an allegation of sexual abuse, this begins a series of events that largely involve the work of the Diocese of Owensboro’s Diocesan Review Board – an entity which assists the bishop in reviewing and handling cases of alleged sexual abuse by persons acting in the name of the Church.

A review board was formed for the diocese in 1995. After the 2002 creation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the charter required all dioceses to have a review board to provide counsel and recommendations to the bishop when reviewing sexual abuse cases.

According to the review board’s webpage on owensborodiocese.org, the board has its own “detailed guidelines to govern its formation, its duties, and the procedures to be followed in carrying out its role as a consultative body to the bishop.”

The bishop, who is not a member of the review board, seeks counsel from the board “on all issues and situations concerning sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable persons,” states the webpage.

But being on the Diocese of Owensboro’s Diocesan Review Board is more than handling a report of alleged sexual abuse – it is also “how do you help that person heal?” said Dr. Michael Farina, a member and former chair of the board.

Dr. Farina’s day job is as a psychologist in Hen-



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Mary Beth Hurley began her term as chair of the Diocesan Review Board in July 2018.

person. He has been on the review board since 2012.

“It’s very pastoral,” said Dr. Farina, adding that he has seen how Bishop William F. Medley “is serious about wanting people to experience that healing.”

Mary Beth Hurley, a registered nurse in Owensboro and current review board chair, said the board members “work hard to be very transparent and to do the best we can to serve all those involved.”

She said that within the first 48 hours of receiv-

ing a report, she as the chairperson must contact the civil authorities.

Hurley explained that the review board works at the “discretion and liberty” of the bishop: “We represent the diocese; we investigate if needed.”

“We take this extremely seriously,” she said, commenting on the “diverse” backgrounds of the review board members.

“We have someone in law enforcement; two lawyers; I’m an RN; we have a nurse practitioner; some-

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one in the education field; a psychologist; a priest; a canon lawyer and people who work in the business field,” said Hurley.

Furthermore, “we respect the victim’s rights, and the rights of the accused,” she said. “We want the truth to come out.”

Kelly Roe, an Ohio County-area business owner and retired nurse, has been a member of the Diocesan Review Board since 2013.

She echoed Dr. Farina’s thoughts about the bishop’s relationship with the review board.

“My experience is that the bishop puts quite a lot of stock in the board’s investigation,” said Roe. “I don’t think we’re a figurehead board by any means. I know the bishop takes the board very seriously.”

Roe that that considering the subject matter, “this is a hard board to be on,” and that while all cases are hard, “some are much more difficult.”

“You have to be careful, conscientious, and prayerful,” she said.

The board members regularly attend in-services, training and have recommended reading to keep them well-equipped to serve on the board.

“We are also tasked with keeping the policies and procedures current,” said Roe, in reference to the diocese’s application of the Charter.

This also “establishes how we handle accusations,” and what are the responsibilities of the board members, Roe added.

Dr. Farina acknowledged it is hard for people when a priest is accused of abuse; this is “(someone) who we’re taught all our lives to look up to, and now we’re being told to look at them in a different light.”

Reflecting on the current crisis in the Church and all allegations of sexual abuse by clergy, he said that “this is enough to make a lot of people leave the Church - even if they were not the ones who were abused.”

“It breaks my heart that this is the world we’re living in right now,” he said. But, “you can’t just throw

it out there that it’s a Catholic problem.”

Dr. Farina said he believes “it will get better,” especially since the Church’s policies and vetting process “have improved a whole lot.”

Dr. Farina commented on an observation that has made him particularly sad.

When a report is made public, it is required that a letter from the bishop announcing the allegations is read at the parish or parishes involved. After this, Dr. Farina said it is not uncommon that “another couple of cases spring up.”

“It worries me why people wait,” he said. “I hate that we have to get so many reports in clusters, with people going around with pain buried deep inside, or leaving the Church, instead of finding healing sooner.”

“The Church is not the enemy,” he said. “And I’ve always taken that to heart.” ■

For a flowchart of reporting requirements and diocesan response to reports, visit <https://bit.ly/2xChqqD>.

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). The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Ken Bennett, Rev. Mike Clark, Dr. Michael Farina, Rhonda Gillham, Ed Hodskins, Mary Beth Hurley (Chair), Mike Marsili, Leslie Phelps, Kelly Roe, Lanny Thomas, and Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board. The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

Pastoral Assistance Coordinator listens, offers support



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Louanne Payne serves as the Diocese of Owensboro's Pastoral Assistance Coordinator.

BY LOUANNE PAYNE, SPECIAL TO THE
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The ministry of the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator is a very important part of the Diocese of Owensboro's outreach to people affected by sexual abuse by anyone ministering on behalf of the Catholic Church. It is the commitment of the diocese to help people find peace within, with God and

the Church following abuse. I serve as the diocese's representative in this healing process. The following information is presented to help you better understand my role.

The primary goal for me is to provide a safe environment of listening, caring and offering support on behalf of the Church. I will assist in finding counseling and spiritual direction as approved by the bishop and/or the Diocesan Review Board. If a person re-

sides outside of the diocese, the same standards will be established in the area in which they live. I will assist in making contact with the appropriate persons in that diocese.

I am not a licensed counselor but an employee ministering in the Diocese of Owensboro. Therefore, I will not offer counseling but will offer compassionate, pastoral care to those impacted in order to aid in the healing process.

Any information shared with me will only be communicated to the bishop and/or the Review Board to ensure that all important information is relayed to the proper person. This allows me to assist the bishop and Review Board in their understanding of the situation so that every effort is made to support and aid in the healing process. If requested, I will assist in scheduling a meeting with the bishop, Review Board or a subset of its members. Confidentiality is always maintained by anyone with whom information is shared.

It is always the diocese's top priority to help anyone who has been harmed by persons ministering on behalf of the Church. To report suspected abuse to the diocese, current or past, please call me at 270-852-8380 or for more information, visit the Office of Safe Environment at owensborodiocese.org/safe. You may also report suspected abuse to the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line at 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597-2331 (toll free) or call your local Commonwealth's Attorney.. ■

Louanne Payne is the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Owensboro, and also serves as the director of the diocese's tribunal.

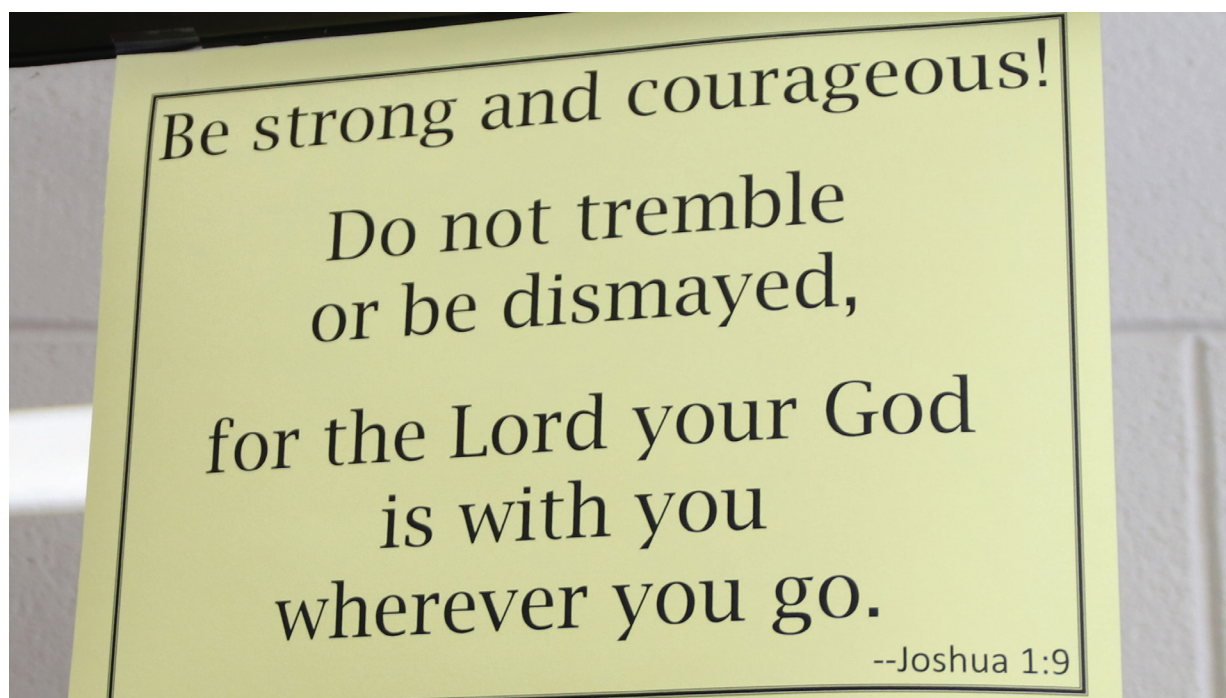
Safe Environment office relies on ‘committed adults’ to make Church ‘safe and holy’ for children

BY MOLLY THOMPSON, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

It was the fall of 2003. I was just a parent wanting to work lunch duty, go on field trips, help with youth group and after-school practices. The Diocese of Owensboro, like dioceses across the country, was scrambling to implement the U.S. bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. So now, instead of just showing up to volunteer, I needed to first get a background check, sign several extra forms, and even go to a training class.

Some people griped about the “class punishment,” channeling their anger about the scandal into resentment about the new requirements; but most people just wanted to get back to their volunteering. The paperwork wasn’t a big deal, but the training was scary and troubling: about sexual abuse and adults taking advantage of children and of other adults not stopping it. That initial training was eye-opening, extremely informative. As a Church we were beginning to speak openly about how harmful abuse can be for survivors and how important our response is in beginning the healing process.

The Diocese of Owensboro already had a youth policy to govern its parish programs and a sexual abuse policy to address its response to allegations of abuse, but everything was reviewed in 2003; and the Office of Safe Environment was created. I joined the office in 2005. Since 2003 the Office of Safe Environment has worked to ensure that all programs for minors provide safe settings: through policy develop-



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This sign with Joshua 1:9 hangs on the door of Molly Thompson's office.

ment and implementation, background checks, and training.

POLICIES: The youth policy, last modified in 2010, is currently being re-evaluated by a team including faith formation, youth ministry, Catholic school, and Hispanic ministry personnel. When the review process is complete and the updated policy goes into effect, the diocese will work to fully educate and update everyone about how the rules operate so we can continue to improve our youth programs. The current policy remains in force until then.

The latest sexual abuse policy revision went into

effect in July of 2014. Its focus is the diocese's response to allegations of sexual abuse, including the requirement to report abuse of a minor to civil authorities. It also addresses the diocese's preventative actions to keep abuse from occurring.

Some of those preventative steps form the requirements for Safe Environment compliance: Adult employees and all other adults working with minors in this diocese must have background checks completed every five years, training at least every five years, plus formal acceptance of the sexual abuse policy and Code of Conduct. The Diocese of Ow-

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ensboro has close to 5,000 people at any given time (a combination of priests, deacons, employees, and volunteers) who are required to be Safe Environment-compliant.

BACKGROUND CHECKS: For new employees background checks are just one piece of the hiring process, but the Office of Safe Environment helps manage that requirement for all diocesan locations. It also coordinates the background checks for returning employees and for all volunteers working with minors. Almost 27,000 background checks have gone through the Office of Safe Environment since that process was centralized to the diocese in 2003.

ADULT TRAININGS: The training requirement has changed over the years. From 2003 until mid-2008 the adult Safe Environment trainings involved group presentations, but more recently the diocese has used online training resources to improve training availability and guarantee a consistent curriculum. The current VIRTUS training teaches people how to recognize abuse, reinforces the expectation of reporting abuse, and discusses healthy boundaries when working with minors. Trained adults can create a safety net for youth programs; they bring their knowledge and policy understanding to recognize and address inappropriate behaviors while they are easily corrected.

Since 2003 more than 21,500 adult trainings have occurred, with long-time employees and volunteers having received multiple trainings.

YOUTH TRAININGS: Parish and Catholic school programs are also expected to provide their young participants with age-appropriate annual abuse prevention training, and the Office of Safe Environment assists locations with resources. The training material for the young people is available for parents to review. It focuses on safe personal

Audit finds diocese in compliance with charter standards

BY WKC STAFF

On Sept. 12, 2018, StoneBridge Business Partners, an auditing firm from Rochester, New York, wrote a letter to Bishop William F. Medley stating that based on the firm's onsite audit, the Diocese of Owensboro "has been found compliant with all audited Articles within the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People for the 2017/2018 audit period."

The letter explained that the conclusions were based on inquiry, observation and the review of specifically requested documentation given to the firm during the course of the audit.

boundaries, protection from physical/sexual boundary violations, and appropriate trusting relationships with adults. This past year 6,048 students received training, and since 2003 more than 84,600 student trainings have been logged.

HEALING: Individuals coping with past abuse are part of our parish and school communities; and Office of Safe Environment personnel, and the general public, have the opportunity to pray a monthly rosary together (through a live web stream) for their continued healing. In addition each April since 2011 Bishop Medley has led an evening prayer service at varying locations in the diocese for the needs of all those impacted by abuse.

The diocese has a separate confidential phone line for anyone wanting to report abuse, either past or present, to the diocese. It is intended to be the first point of contact at the diocese. Louanne Payne, the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator, responds to those calls and assists the affected individuals.

Overall the Office of Safe Environment continues to coordinate child protection efforts, but it relies on so many committed adults at parishes and

schools. These adults are taking steps to improve our Church culture: following policies that create a safe setting for our young people to encounter Jesus, mentoring with respect and appropriate boundaries (and holding others accountable as well), trusting in God but also recognizing their part in keeping our Church safe and holy. ■

Molly Thompson is the coordinator of the Office of Safe Environment in the Diocese of Owensboro. To learn more, visit owensborodiocese.org/safe.

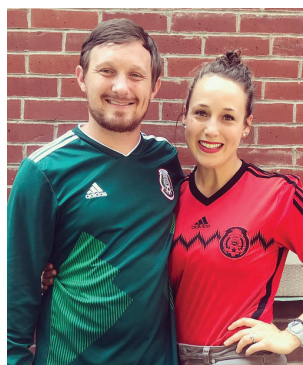
Diocesan Sexual Abuse Policy

To access the Diocese of Owensboro's Sexual Abuse Policy, visit owensborodiocese.org/safe-environment-documents and click on the link "Diocesan Sexual Abuse Policy."

Why stay Catholic?

Editor's note: With the current crisis in the Catholic Church, The Western Kentucky Catholic reached out and asked people from around the Diocese of Owensboro why they are still Catholic despite everything going on. Here is what they said.

Why am I still Catholic?



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Estefania Solorza-Wirey
with her husband, Josh.

Even in a Catholic high school, the evils of this world were explicitly present. The first place in which being Catholic was essential was my sophomore year after a close friend committed suicide. I remember thinking, how could God let this happen?

I knew how corrupted the world was and was angry with God, I foolishly convinced myself that this happened elsewhere. As I silently cried out to God, He answered me, when I frantically stumbled upon His Words, “you shall never be forgotten by me” (Isaiah 44:21). I realized even the thousands of years of Catholic traditions do not, in themselves, explain the idea of faith, believing without seeing. I have faith in Catholicism because it brings me infinite “esperanza,” (hope). Through a similarly difficult time, when I had thought about taking my own life, the Holy Spirit opened my eyes to see my family more clearly, to see the love they have for me gave me an insight into God’s love for all of us. It’s foolish to doubt that Satan does not influence even those in the Church. But how will we respond? Romans 12:21, “do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.” - **Estefania Solorza-Wirey**

Why I am still Catholic

As a Catholic, I feel blessed to be part of a Church so rich in history and faith and with such beauty and meaning in the way that we worship- especially in the Mass. We have liturgical seasons, feast days, special prayers, sacramentals - so many ways to keep our faith alive in our day-to-day lives! Being Catholic, I have the awesome opportunity to encounter Jesus in a most special and intimate way, through the precious gifts of the sacraments- including the Eucharist, where Jesus is fully present.

I could never walk away from these incredible blessings given to us by Christ, through the Church. Indescribable sin and evil has been committed by many of our Church leaders. This, however, remains the Church that Jesus Christ himself founded. It is under His protection and He has promised that the gates of hell will not prevail against it. For as many priests as have betrayed the Church, there are countless others who truly are devoted servants of God and shepherds of His Church. I have received great strength, love, encouragement and hope from the Catholic Church throughout my life. It has been and always will be a rock for me. - **Adrianna Zellmer**

Why I am Catholic

I am a Catholic because at my baptism, I became a Child of God. At my First Communion, I consumed Jesus' body and blood for the first time. In confession, I acknowledge my sins and accept God's

mercy and forgiveness. At my confirmation, I chose to follow Christ. At the Holy Eucharist of the Mass, I experience the passion and resurrection of Jesus' sacrifice for all humanity. In marriage I strive to sacrifice for my wife and family and renew the communion between and God and the faithful people.

To me, the Catholic Church is not a political ideology, a philosophy, or historic stories. It is a real, natural, personal relationship with God, the communion of Saints, and the faithful people all over the world. It is a universal Church that teaches us to love one another, by feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, caring for the sick, fighting for justice, and honoring the dead. My Catholic Church values knowledge and teaches that faith and reason are both gifts from God. It is courageous, charitable, complex, and constant. It is the way to happiness and heaven. Do not be afraid. - **Sean Borland**



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Erin and Sean Borland with their twin sons.

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Emily Gipson is a junior at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

Why I'm still Catholic despite the crisis in our Church

As a young woman in my collegiate years at Western Kentucky University, I'm often faced with difficult questions regarding my "controversial" faith. "Why are you still part of a Church whose priests take advantage of children?" My entire response to those who are asked this question, and to those who ask themselves if they should remain Catholic, can be summarized in a quote from Christopher West. "... It's important that we not confuse the mind of the Church with the mind of the people in the Church." Although this quote is from one of West's books on Theology of the Body, it still rings true to the crisis our Church faces today. Yes, our priests are supposed to represent Christ and live a life worthy of the call they've received, but they're human too. There's not a switch that you can flip once a man is ordained a priest that makes all of their lustful desires disappear. Priests and bishops are not without sin or mistake, just like the rest of us. I do not place my faith in my priests; I place my faith in Christ, my savior, who is indeed perfect. I place my faith in the Eucharist—the true presence of His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. My question, in return to those who question

me, is: why would I leave the Church that allows me to be in communion with Christ? - Emily Gipson

Why am I still Catholic?

Looking back over the years of my life and reflecting on my faith journey at times I believe that I had faith in the Church. I went to Church on Sunday and I took my children after I married and I enrolled them in Catholic schools all because that's what you did. I then had what I call an intellectual conversion to the Church and to Faith, but I believe that it was to the "institutional" church.



FILE PHOTO

Joe Bland is the director of the Office of Evangelization in the Diocese of Owensboro.

It was in 2005 faced with a crisis in my family that I came to have an encounter with the risen Jesus in the Eucharist in a very real way. (That's a story for another time.) It was from that encounter I knew my life was changed forever and I knew that I could not have that experience anywhere else because only in the Catholic Church do we have this ability.

Over my 50+ years on this earth I have attended many other religious services but each and every one left me hollow and empty, something was missing. Give me the Mass; the short 30 minute daily Mass, the beautiful Sunday liturgy in my home parish, Mass with high school students, Mass on a moving bus, Mass in a foreign country where I don't understand the language, Mass in the grandest basilicas to Mass in a sports arena with thousands of others. The Mass and most especially the Eucharist is why

I am Catholic and will always be. - Joe Bland

'To whom shall we go?'

I keep this Gospel message in mind when I think of my Catholic faith and staying Catholic, especially in the midst of the crisis in the Church. I know about other faiths and was married for almost 36 years to a Southern Baptist, but I have never thought of leaving my faith, the faith that I grew up learning and growing in. It is a great gift to me that God and my parents gave me and I never want to take it for granted. Being Catholic is who I am. It's my identity. Our Catholic faith can be traced back to Jesus. He started the Church with Peter as our first pope and said that the powers of hell will not prevail against it. I hope to always keep the faith in Jesus' Word and teaching, and never give up hope in His promises. Jesus gives us Himself in the Eucharist at every Mass. He gave us the Sacraments and Beatitudes to guide our way. Catholicism is so rich in faith and tradition. It is such a great blessing in my life! It's home. - Larena Lawson



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Larena Lawson is a parishioner of St. Lawrence in Philpot.

Why Are You Still Catholic?

The WKC wants to hear from you! Email your thoughts, no more than 100 words, to wkc.editor@pastoral.org by Oct. 15 and we might print your response!

Heroic virtue for a critical time

Passionist nuns host a holy hour of reparation



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Four Passionist nuns and an aspirant (a woman currently discerning their community) lead the faithful in prayer during the Sept. 15 holy hour.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On the morning of Sept. 15, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Fr. Louis Caporiccio, CPM, asked if the faithful should be upset at the recent sex abuse scandals affecting the Catholic Church.

“Yes, we should,” said Fr. Caporiccio. “The shepherds failed. We who are shepherds have failed God’s people. And the Holy Spirit as prosecutor is here to rebuke us.”

Fr. Caporiccio was speaking to a small crowd gathered in the chapel of St. Joseph Monastery in Whitesville, home to a community of cloistered Passionist nuns. Fr. Caporiccio is a member of the Fathers of Mercy religious order, and serves as the chaplain to the nuns.

The occasion was a Holy Hour of Reparation and Healing, which was open to the public. The holy hour included adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, midmorning prayer, a homily, the Rosary of the Sev-



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Fr. Basilio Az Cuc, associate pastor of SS. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro, sings and prays during the Sept. 15 holy hour at the Passionist monastery.

en Sorrows of Mary and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Continuing in his homily, Fr. Caporiccio said that the Church today is being “pillaged” by its own people – though this is not the first time it has happened. Even before the 2002 abuse scandals, he said the Church has faced similar trials in its earlier history.

Fr. Caporiccio mentioned Judas’ betrayal and Peter’s denial, as well as the notorious 15th-century

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Pope Alexander VI, who fathered children and had a married woman as a mistress. Fr. Caporiccio also referenced 11th-century St. Peter Damian, who wrote about and condemned sex abuse in the Church at that time.

“The Church is certainly in need of reform,” said Fr. Caporiccio. “Not in terms of her teaching, but how the clergy live out that teaching.”

Furthermore, “all of us are in need of reform,” he said of the laity, clergy and religious alike.

“We have to become holy,” said Fr. Caporiccio. “We have to become saints. We have to live lives of heroic virtue.”

He said that every time the Church experiences tribulations, the Holy Spirit always raises up saints who fight for truth and virtue – such as St. Teresa of Avila, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Philip Neri, St. Francis de Sales, and St. Catherine of Siena.

“Do we not believe and trust that God will do this again?” asked Fr. Caporiccio, and then asked: “Who are they? You and me.”

Citing Ephesians 6:12, Fr. Caporiccio reminded the faithful that the struggle is not really against “flesh and blood,” but with the “devil and his minions” – and that prayer and devotion to God and Our Lady is key to the battle.

Diane Willis, the director of faith formation at Immaculate Parish in Owensboro, was one of the approximately 15 visitors who attended the holy hour. Willis said she was impressed by the holy hour and the emphasis on the “importance of prayer.”

“This is a critical time in our Church’s history and we must keep this in front of us at all times,” said Willis. ■



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Adoration was the focal point of the Sept. 15 holy hour at the Passionist monastery.



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Diane Willis (foreground) and others pray during the Sept. 15 holy hour.

‘A grace and a gift’

More than 500 attend Vocare 2018



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

The sun sets in the evening of Sept. 14, 2018, which saw more than 500 attendees to the annual Vocare event.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When Bishop William F. Medley learned that Vocare was sold out this year, “I almost cried,” he said to the 500+ people gathered at the Owensboro Convention Center the evening of Sept. 14 for the annual vocations gala and fundraiser.

“It told me you know that the priesthood is still critical and still essential,” said the bishop.

Vocare – Latin for “to call” – is held every year as a way to celebrate vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. \$18,067 was raised that evening,

meaning that \$600,000 has been raised since Vocare started in 2014. The monies raised at Vocare contribute to the education of diocesan seminarians, and also to people from the Diocese of Owensboro who enter consecrated life.

This fifth year of Vocare was the first time the event had sold out, despite being in the shadow of the Catholic Church’s current sex abuse scandal.

“The Church we love seems under siege, even if much of that is the Church’s doing,” said Bishop Medley, telling the people representing 37 parishes across western Kentucky that priests feel “chal-



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Sr. Amelia Stenger, OSU, offers the thanksgiving prayer at the conclusion of Vocare on Sept. 14, 2018.

lenged” and that “their morale has been impacted.”

Significantly, this year’s keynote address was given by three diocesan priests: Fr. John Thomas, Fr. Basilio Az Cuc and Fr. Richard Powers.

Fr. Thomas shared about experiencing a stroke several years ago, and wondering whether he would be able to recover enough to celebrate Mass.

“I couldn’t imagine my life without saying Mass,” said Fr. Thomas. Now that he has returned to full health, he calls the Mass and his priesthood “a grace and a gift for which I am undeserving, but for which I give eternal thanks.”

Fr. Az Cuc, a native of Guatemala, spoke of the “many selfless people” in western Kentucky who welcomed him as a young seminarian. In return, he hopes to share the joy of his priesthood with all of

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Fr. Richard Powers speaks to the crowd at Vocare on Sept. 14, 2018.



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Bishop William F. Medley leads everyone in grace before dinner at Vocare on Sept. 14, 2018.

those he encounters.

“For me, being a priest is exercising the mercy of God in my heart,” he said. “I know that nobody can take this joy and peace from me, not even the scandals in the Church.”

Fr. Powers credited his parents for nurturing the seed of faith in him and his 11 siblings – two of whom, like him, answered the call to the priesthood.

He reflected on his ordination nearly 60 years ago, and “that awesome time when I could bless my mother and father.”

Quoting the old Army slogan – Fr. Powers had spent time as a military chaplain – he said of the priesthood: “It’s not a job, it’s an adventure.”

Before the end of Vocare, Bishop Medley shared about something surprisingly poignant he had experienced.

The bishop said he keeps a rosary in his car as a way to pray during long car rides. He said that recently, he noticed that “the little figure of Jesus had fallen off.”

When the bishop returned home, he looked for glue to return Jesus to the cross.

Then he stopped, and realized, “maybe it is time for Jesus to come off the cross so that I can be on the cross, and our priests can be on the cross, and our Church can be on the cross.”

He said he would not be putting Jesus back on that cross, as a reminder.

Bishop Medley ended his remarks with “We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,” to which the crowd responded, “Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.” ■



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Fr. John M. Thomas speaks to the crowd at Vocare on Sept. 14, 2018.

Encuentro Catholics heartbroken by scandals, but unshaken in faith



MARY REZAC | CNA

Encuentro delegates at prayer.

Dallas, Texas (CNA/EWTN News) - While the so-called summer of scandals has hit the Church hard both in the United States and throughout the world, the faith of Catholics at the National V Encuentro in Grapevine, Texas, remains largely unshaken.

“We’re heartbroken from what we found out, because it doesn’t move my faith,” Rocio Portillo, an Encuentro participant from Las Vegas, told CNA.

“It doesn’t move my belief in my Church, and I’m really proud to be Catholic and to be brought up in that faith and to bring that to my children.”

The National V Encuentro, held Sept. 20-23, is the culmination of a years-long process at the parish, diocesan and regional levels of listening to and empowering Hispanic and Latino Catholics.

The public disclosure of allegations of sexual misconduct against former cardinal Theodore Mc-

Carrick in June 2018 triggered a succession of public accusations that McCarrick had sexually assaulted or abused seminarians and priests over a period of decades, as well as a further accusation that he had sexually abused a minor.

Since then, numerous bishops in the United States and Rome have faced questions about when accusations against McCarrick had first been made known to Church authorities, and how he had been allowed to continue in ministry despite widespread rumors of his misconduct.

In the midst of this, a grand jury report detailing hundreds of cases of clerical sexual abuse in six diocese in Pennsylvania was published. While the scandals have not been the focus of the V Encuentro meeting, they have been mentioned numerous times in talks and among participants.

“My friends, we know that this is also a time of pain in our mother Church...as bishops, we have fallen short of what God expects of His shepherds,” Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of the U.S. Bishop’s Conference and head of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, said in his opening remarks at Encuentro on Sept. 20.

“For this, we again ask forgiveness from both the Lord and those who have been harmed, and from you, the People of God. May God grant us the wisdom and resolve to reform and renew His Church. We will continue to support survivors of abuse in their healing. We also commit to stronger protections to ensure the evil of sexual assault and abuse of

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all kinds is rooted from the Church,” he said.

“Amidst this darkness, the Encuentro is a light that shines and illuminates the way forward. The enthusiasm, the passion, the love, and the joy of the Encuentro process is a means of grace, a gift to us as we rebuild the Church,” he added.

Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller of San Antonio also addressed the scandals in his opening remarks on Thursday, telling participants that they “are right to be heartbroken by the faults of your shepherds,” he said.

“In the reading of God’s word that we have just heard, Saint Peter tells us that we ‘share Christ’s sufferings,’” he added. “Let us pray to God for the victims of the crimes that led to this crisis. Do everything you can for the healing of all the victims of these abuses. And pray also for the perpetrators and

for us, your shepherds.”

Fr. José Carlos, a priest from Hobbes, New Mexico, reiterated to CNA that Encuentro delegates have to be “a light in the darkness.”

Carlos Mendez, and Encuentro delegate from Los Angeles, told CNA that the scandals “would not reduce my faith at all, because I follow the Church, I don’t follow the deeds of other people.”

Alfredo Portillo, Encuentro delegate from Las Vegas, told CNA that while he is saddened by the news of scandals that seems to come “every day,” he was encouraged by what he saw at the Encuentro meeting.

“I think this came at a perfect moment,” he told CNA. “And from this something new is going to grow, and it’s much needed. This is just a great moment for the Church in the whole world.” ■

**Priesthood Sunday is
October 28, 2018!**

Priesthood Sunday, held annually on the last Sunday of October, is a special day to honor the priesthood in the United States and thank priests for their service in the life of the Church. In honor of this occasion, the WKC wants to hear your stories, favorite memories and reflections about why you love your priest. Please email your submission of no more than 100 words to wkc.editor@pastoral.org or write to The Western Kentucky Catholic, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY, 42301, before Oct. 15 (the deadline for our November issue).

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Students 'Stuff the Bus' to help neighbors in need

On Aug. 27-31, Owensboro Catholic High School students brought canned goods and other non-perishable items to "Stuff the Bus," with the goal of bringing as many cans as possible to fill an entire OCHS minibus and deliver those items to the Owensboro Help Office. Students brought numerous items throughout the week and were able to stuff the bus and help those in need. Left photo: Grace Millay hands items to Jade Flaherty to be placed in the minibus. Right photo: the interior of the OCHS minibus is filled with non-perishable items for the Owensboro Help Office.



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St. Agnes, Uniontown K of C cook 6,000 lbs. meat at picnic



PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. AGNES PARISH

Despite 3.5 inches of rain, St. Agnes Parish and the Uniontown Knights of Columbus had their annual picnic on Sept. 8.

Roughly 6,000 pounds of meat were cooked in the pouring down rain. Tents were put up to accommodate all of the stands. The rain stopped at around 3 p.m. and serving started at 5 p.m. They had a nice crowd.

The parish and Knights of Columbus express thanks to the men who cooked in the rain and all that helped in any way with the picnic. Also, they wish to thank those who came out to support the picnic.

Sophia Awards Mass celebrates 20 years; 64 parishes represented



BY WKC STAFF

TINA KASEY | WKC

Every year, the Diocese of Owensboro hosts a special Mass honoring the recipients of the annual Sophia Awards – individuals at least 65 years old, who received the highest number of nominations in their parish for this recognition, and who embrace and lead lives of stewardship by giving of their time, talent and treasure. This year, on Sept. 9, 2018 at St. Stephen Cathedral, the Sophia Awards Mass celebrated 20 years as a beloved tradition in the diocese. The awards were presented by Bishop William F. Medley to recipients from 64 parishes across western Kentucky. For more photos from the day, visit owensborodiocese.org/sophia.

Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro

Mary Pearl Miller

Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro

Carol J. Hatchett

Christ the King Parish, Madisonville

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Mike Fallin

Saint Denis Parish, Fancy Farm

Oneita Ellegood

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Clarkson

Norma F. Clemons

Saint Francis Borgia Parish, Sturgis

Leroy and Kathy Willett

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Saturday,
October 20

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\$25 (includes lunch)

Presented by Monsignor
Bernard Powers



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St. Jerome Museum plans expansion to second floor



LAURA CLARKE | WKC

The refurbished main floor of St. Jerome School and Museum. The museum now plans to add a second floor of exhibits.

BY SHELLEY BYRNE

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FANCY FARM ~ The St. Jerome School and Museum has doubled in size since opening five years ago and is about to add a second floor of exhibits.

Although they will not be ready in time for this year's Fancy Farm Picnic, painting in the upstairs hallway and one room finished last week, said John Carrico, one of the nonprofit organization's board members.

The stairs, stairwell and landing were unveiled in December. The wood stair treads show wear on the side nearest the handrail from the many feet that walked up and down them, but they are sanded and refinished to look as good as new. The risers have a

shiny new coat of white paint.

"It was just the hallway and two rooms, and as the years have gone by, we've added two more rooms," Carrico said of the main floor.

The main floor includes a room set up as a 1950s classroom, complete with a mannequin of a teaching nun, as well as an exhibit space, a reference library with books and articles about Fancy Farm, its families, the church and the school, and a kitchen that can be rented for bridal showers, birthday parties, family reunions and similar celebrations.

In the basement, the Fancy Farm Draft Mule Wagon extends to within an inch or two of the ceiling, surrounded by the tack for all eight mules that pulled it and antique farm equipment.

It is called the mule room. Board members plan on installing a handrail and having a little cleaning done before this year's picnic.

"When it first started, we were just trying to save the building," said Denis Wilson, another board member. "We didn't have any dream of doing what it has become."

Some of the renovations were by accident. Plaster falling off a wall in the social kitchen provided the opportunity to display some of the original brick, most of which was made by hand on the St. Jerome grounds.

Preservation of the building began with a fundraising drive in 2012, in which 111 donors provided more than \$200,000, enough to replace the roof and begin renovations. It joined the National Register of Historic Places in January 2014.

The museum is open by appointment only, although it will be open Aug. 4, the day of the annual picnic, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcomed and help to expand the museum and preserve community history.

Exhibits are varied, from the entrance to the Bank of Fancy Farm's vault to the early 1800s organ, retrieved from a hayloft, that was original to St. Jerome Catholic Church before a pipe organ was added.

The school was built in 1908 and opened in September 1909. Its first graduating class was in 1912, and pictures of early graduating classes line the lower hallway. When Fancy Farm High School was built and opened in 1948, the school became a primary school serving first through eighth grades. Students moved out of the building in 1985 when Fancy Farm

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Elementary was built, but it continued to house Sunday school classrooms for years afterward and also had the community's first preschool program.

Board members think visitors will enjoy seeing the upstairs once the work is complete. The area includes the former auditorium, where graduations, school plays and other assemblies were held. Plaster work has been completed in one room, and the suspended ceiling has been torn down in another to

reveal the original high ceilings.

Board members hope visitors will enjoy reliving their own days as students as they walk down the building's hallways, and that is reason enough to put in the work to keep growing.

Carrico said, "We've had a lot of help, and we've put in a lot of blood, sweat and tears." ■

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St. Jerome Committee honored with Pioneer Award



COURTESY OF TOM BERRY, THE MAYFIELD MESSENGER

First District U.S. Rep. James Comer (center) holds a 2018 Pioneer Award honoring members of the St. Jerome School 1909 Renovation Committee gathered around him Saturday during the Fancy Farm Picnic. Members of the committee include (not in order) John Carrico, Andy Elliott, Gayla Elliott, Billy Higdon, Pam Nanny, Denis Wilson and the late Father David Willett, former pastor of St. Jerome. *Photo used with permission.*



VETERANS: Please join us for a tribute day of prayer

**Wednesday, Nov. 14
10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

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

Veterans, Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center would love to invite you to a "Welcome Home" program and lunch.

The program director will be **Rev. Pat Dolan**, chaplain and veteran of Louisville.

To register, contact Lisa Sills
270-229-0206

lisa.sills@maplemount.org

Want to register online?

ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/retreats-and-programs



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Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro

Eastbridge Arts Festival at the Mount survives heavy rain



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

The first Eastbridge Arts Festival @ The Mount, held at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center in Maple Mount, survived heavy rain and even the threat of a tornado on Sept. 8, but artists, food vendors and patrons came back for a better day on Sept. 9.

The above photo shows one of many crews of Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph who braved some chilly, damp weather to sell the popular Mount Raffle tickets. From left are Sisters Elaine Burke, Helena Fischer, Barbara Jean Head and Cecelia Joseph Olinger, OSU.

For more photos from the day, visit <https://ursulinesmsj.org/news/eastbridge-arts-festival-at-the-mount>.

McRaith Catholic Center Staff Updates

Fr. Brandon Williams and Lauren Johnson have accepted the positions of co-coordinators of the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Worship, effective Oct. 1, 2018. Fr. Williams is pastor of St. Leo Parish in Murray, where he will continue to serve. Johnson previously served as assistant to the Catholic Schools Office for the diocese.

Elaine Robertson has accepted a position in the Office of Stewardship as stewardship educator for parishes and schools, effective Sept. 24, 2018. Robertson previously served as Director of Faith Formation for the diocese.



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A woman reads at the closing Mass for the Aug. 25-26 VIII Charismatic Congress held at St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green.

VIII Charismatic Congress held in Bowling Green

During the weekend of Aug. 25-26, St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green hosted the VIII Charismatic Congress. It was attended by more than 600 people, and families came from various parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro, as well as from parishes in Tennessee and Indiana. Two visiting priests from Mexico and the Dominican Republic - Fr. José Guadalupe Tapia Barajas and Fr. Emilio Acevedo - helped lead the congress. Fr. Basilio Az Cuc of SS. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro and Fr. Gary Clark from St. Joseph Parish assisted in hearing confessions. Gina Holmes, director of Hispanic Ministry at St. Joseph Parish, said: "This was a time of praying, and bringing closer to God, and also time for sharing the gifts of the Holy Spirit through healing."

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Owensboro
 Diocese Youth
 Conference**

Nov. 9-10, 2018

**Owensboro
 Convention
 Center**

owensborodiocese.org/ODYC

Join our Spinning
 Retreat Weekends!

November 2-4


Future Date: Jan. 4-6, 2019


Whether you are an experienced yarn spinner, weaver, rug hooker, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the spinning retreats at Mount Saint Joseph. For information on room rates, meal costs, etc., contact Lisa Sills:
 270-229-0206
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You are invited to a
 free piano concert
 performed by
Diane Earle DMA

**Saturday, Nov. 3
 6 p.m.**

Madonna Room

Dr. Diane Earle has performed many concerts in the U.S. and abroad, including at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. Join us for an enjoyable evening at Mount Saint Joseph. To reserve a seat, contact Lisa:
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**Mount Saint Joseph Academy
 and Junior College**


**Alumnae Memorial
 MASS**

**Sunday, Nov. 4
 11 a.m.**

**Motherhouse
 Chapel**



This Mass is celebrated in remembrance of all deceased alumnae and faculty. Please RSVP for lunch by Oct. 30.
 Contact Marian Bennett
 270-229-2006
alumnae.msjs@maplemount.org

 **Ursuline Sisters**
 of Mount Saint Joseph

8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356-9999

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

October 12-14

*Discover the Joy of being
 an Ursuline Sister!*

Come and spend time with other young Catholic women, ages 18-40, interested in living their faith and discerning their call to be an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph.

The retreat begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday and ends at 1:00 p.m. Sunday. There is no fee.
 To reserve your spot, contact Sister Monica Seaton
monica.seaton@maplemount.org

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OCTOBER 2018 BULLETIN BOARD

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

Send us your favorite Psalms!

Sunday, Oct. 14 is Scripture Sunday and this year the focus will be the Psalms. We are asking parishioners to send in their favorite verse(s) from the Book of Psalms and share WHY it is their favorite. Responses will be posted on the diocesan website, owensborodiocese.org. Be sure to include your name and parish and send to Elaine Robertson, elaine.robertson@pastoral.org.

National Black Catholic Men's Conference

"Know Yourself to Share Yourself." The 15th Annual National Black Catholic Men's Conference provides a forum for African American males and youth to discern the critical issues and challenges facing them in the community. It also provides an environment of mentorship and support for those seeking a vocation in priesthood, brotherhood and the diaconate.

When: Oct. 18, 2018 @ 5 p.m. – Oct. 21, 2018 @ 10 a.m.

Where: The Westin Richmond, 6631 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA, 23230

Cost: \$150; College students \$75; Youth ages 10-17 \$65 (waiver form must be completed by parent or guardian)

Contact: Fr. Chester Smith, S.V.D. 317-688-7111

Website: richmonddiocese.org/event/national-black-catholic-mens-conference.

Make your reservations at The Westin Richmond, 6631 W. Broad St., 888-627-7786 (ask for National Black Catholic Men's Conference Rate) \$139 (single/double). Cut-off date 9/27/18.

A Scout is Reverent

The beginning of a new school year is a good time to begin working on Religious Emblems for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and oth-

ers. These include for Cub Scouts: Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei and for Boy Scouts: Ad altare Dei and Pope Pius XII and Light is Life (Eastern Catholic) and for Girl Scouts and others: God is Love, Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary the First Disciple, The Spirit Alive, and Missio. After earning these emblems, Bishop Medley will award them at a Scout Mass on March 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral For an introduction to these and a presentation by the Catholic Committee on Scouting at your next meeting, please visit owensborodiocese.org/scouting. The deadline for submitting emblem applications and for requesting a board of review is January 7, 2019. The Boards of review are coordinated by Ken Keller at ken.keller@ohio.kyschools.us.

The Holy Land: 10 Days

Jan. 29-Feb. 7, 2019. Hosted by Fr. Tony Stevenson. Featuring: Round-trip airfare from Nashville; first class/selective hotels; breakfast and dinner daily; comprehensive sightseeing with a professional English speaking tour guide to: Haifa, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jericho, ride on the Sea of Galilee, and more. For a brochure with complete details contact: Fr. Tony Stevenson - St. Anthony Church - 1654 South Highway 79 - Hardinsburg, Ky. 40143. Phone: 270-257-2132. Leave a message and phone number.

Praying the rosary for our nation

Join St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah and Catholics from around the diocese and the United States for a Rosary Coast to Coast on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018 at 3 p.m. Central Time. Everyone is encouraged to gather and pray the rosary at this time in order that the rosary may be prayed across the United States in unison.

Scotland, Ireland golf tour with Fr. Hostetter

June 14-25, 2019. You are invited to join Brescia University president, Fr. Larry Hostetter, for a tour of Scotland and Ireland. The 11-day trip features a flexible schedule for golfers and non-golfers

alike. The itinerary includes play on some of the world's most storied courses OR the opportunity to visit historic sites as well as tour metropolitan cities. You decide. Regardless of which package you choose, your trip will be memorable. The trip includes 10 nights with five-star accommodations, breakfast each morning, four-course dinners, and luxury on-ground transportation. For more information, please contact Lauren McCrary at lauren.mccrary@brescia.edu or 270-686-4236.

St. Benedict School reunion Oct. 21

St. Benedict School reunion at St. Benedict Church, Wax, Ky. Sunday Oct. 21, 2018 after 10:15 a.m. Mass. Potluck lunch in basement of church. All former students, family and friends are invited. For more information, call LaMont Miller, 270-259-3303.

Pro-Life Music Festival on Lake Beshear Oct. 7

The Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council invites you to attend "Bluegrass on Beshear – Pickin' Life," a one-day music festival on the shore of Lake Beshear, between Dawson Springs and Princeton. The event, in its 5th year, is on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 1 to 6 PM - rain or shine. Admission is free to see 6 great bluegrass, country and rock bands. It's family friendly. Bring lawn chairs and coolers. You can purchase food, drinks, t-shirts, hats, and rent canoes. We'll raffle more than \$1000 in prizes. Grand Prize is a 2-night stay in a luxury condo at Green Turtle Bay Resort in Grand Rivers. All proceeds and donations go to pro-life pregnancy care centers in Madisonville, Hopkinsville, Benton and Eddyville. Check us out at bluegrassonbeshear.com or on [Facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear](https://www.facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear). Call Jeff or Laura Smith at 270-797-0072 for more info. Come, join us. Together, we're Pickin' Life!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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The Sister Audrey Mary Gold Award for Welcoming the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities in Church Life

The Disabilities Awareness Committee is happy to announce the start of NOMINATIONS FOR The Sister Audrey Mary Gold Award. This award recognizes achievement for a person who works to ensure that ALL are included in parish life regardless of disability. The committee is looking for nominees and will be awarding the Sister Audrey Mary Gold Award on Dec. 1, 2018. If you know of someone who fits the criteria, please send an e-mail to nominate the person, or group, on or before 10-17-18 to Deacon Richard Murphy, Director for the Office of Social Concerns for the Diocese of Owensboro at richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation

Oct. 2: Sr. Jacinta Powers and Sister Monica Seaton – “Entertaining Angels: Living Works of Mercy in our Everyday Lives.”

Nov. 6: Sr. Ruth Gehres will talk about how and where we experience beauty with her presentation, “The Touch of Beauty, The Touch of God.”

Dec. 4: Sr. Ann McGrew – “Advent and the O Antiphons.”

First Tuesday of each month from 5-6:30 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The \$20 fee includes dinner in the Center dining room, followed by the presentation in a conference room. Please join us for these enlightening events. To register, contact Lisa Sills: 270-229-0206 or lisa.sills@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org.

“Focus on Faith” Revelation Book Study Oct. 11

“Coming Soon: Unlocking the Book of Revelation and Applying its Lessons Today,” is the focus of a monthly book study at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The class continues Thursday, Oct. 11 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The study of Michael Barber's book will be led by Sr. Ann McGrew. The \$20 fee per class includes lunch. Feel free to attend even if you missed earlier classes. Contact Lisa Sills: 270-229-0206 or

lisa.sills@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org. Remaining dates: Nov. 8, Dec. 13.

Eucharistic Adoration Oct. 14

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph invite the public to join them for Eucharistic Adoration on the second Sunday of each month from 4-5 p.m., at the Motherhouse Chapel (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Adoration concludes with evening prayer. Upcoming dates are Oct. 14, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9. The Ursuline Sisters also have Adoration that is open to the public on Fridays from 3-5 p.m.

Advent Day of Prayer Dec. 1

The Advent Day of Prayer will prepare us for this holy time of waiting. It will take place on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (located 12 miles west of Owensboro, Ky., on Hwy. 56). The event will be led by Monsignor Bernard Powers. The \$25 fee includes lunch. To register, contact Lisa Sills at 270-229-0206 or lisa.sills@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org.

SCN/OCHS Memorial Project

Alumni of Owensboro Catholic High School have begun an effort to establish a permanent memorial honoring the service of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth at OC. The Sisters were the first educators and administrators when OC opened in 1951. The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, founded in 1812 in Bardstown, KY, were among the first orders of American Sisters. They came to the Owensboro area in 1820, and to Owensboro in 1849. Our proximate goal of \$9K is moving along with donations of \$1500 at present. Steering Committee: Elizabeth Field (Corr), Chair, Sisters Marie Becker, Mary Margaret Cooper, and Mary Eula Johnson, Mrs. Nola Mullen Courtney, Mrs. Mary Lee Pruden Fitzsimmons, and Joan Perry, OSU Associate. If questions, contact Elizabeth Field (1963) Steering Committee chair, jimliz@oh.rr.com /440-510-8690. Please send your tax deductible donation to Owensboro Catholic, Attn: Tracy Miller, 1524 W. Parrish Ave., Owensboro, KY, 42301.

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

OCTOBER

- 1-5 Owensboro Diocese Priests Retreat Week
- 2 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Entertaining Angels**
- 6-7 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 11 Focus on Faith Revelation Book Study**
- 13 Perm. Deacon Candidates' Formation
- 15-19 New Spiritual Direction Training Class**
- 19-20 Daviess County Boys Basketball
- 19-21 Spiritual Directors Reunion & Retreat**
- 20 Marian Retreat Day**
- 22-26 MSJ Quilt Guild
- 23-25 Chix with Stix
- 26-28 Retreat Weekend for Married Couples**

NOVEMBER

- 2-4 Yarn Spinners Weekend**
- 3 Making Music with Mike Bogdan
- 3 Diane Earle Piano Concert (Free)**
- 6 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Touch of Beauty & God**
- 8 Focus on Faith Revelation Book Study**
- 9-11 Perm. Deacon Candidates' Formation
- 14 Veterans Day Program**
- 16-18 Pope Francis and Prayer Retreat**
- 29 Preaching for God's People workshop**

DECEMBER

- 1 Advent Day of Prayer w/Msgr. Powers**
- 4 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: The O Antiphons**
- 7-8 Knights of Columbus Retreat**
- 13 Advent with Bishop William Medley**
- 14-15 Shame and the Addictive Trap**
- 15-16 Living, Leading with Love

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

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Mount Saint Joseph
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Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

“Tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia.”

Niños con frecuencia me preguntan, “¿Quién es tu santo favorito?” Pues bien, tengo muchos favoritos. Parece que María la Madre de Dios debe ser la favorita de casi todos, ya que sin su “Si” al ángel Gabriel, la venida de Dios hecho carne nunca hubiera sucedido.

San Pedro apóstol es uno de mis favoritos. Le falló a Jesús tantas veces. Falló a Jesús en su hora de más necesidad cuando enfáticamente declaró, “Yo ni conozco a este hombre”. Cuando aceptó la invitación de Jesús de caminar sobre el agua, al quitar su mirada de Jesús se hundió. Jesús incluso se vio obligado a reprenderlo en un momento diciendo, “Aléjate de mí satanás.” Aun así, el amor imperfecto de Pedro por Jesús era inmenso y la gracia del amor de Jesús lo convirtió en un gran santo.

Sin embargo, uno no puede sino preguntarse qué es lo que tenía en mente Jesús al escoger al pobre, al débil y torpe Pedro para ser la piedra en la cual el edificaría la Iglesia. De seguro que otro de los doce apóstoles pudo haber sido una mejor piedra.

Quizás Jesús se daba cuenta de que Pedro podía ser un gran modelo a una Iglesia que a través de la historia sería pobre, débil y torpe. Una Iglesia que tantas veces pareciera no conocer a Jesús. Una Iglesia necesitada de vez en cuando de ser reprendida. Una Iglesia siempre necesitada de gracia y salvación. ¿Cuántas veces desde la negación de Pedro la Iglesia misma se ha erguido en necesidad de misericordia y oración?

El ser católico es ser parte de la Iglesia Católica edificada sobre la piedra de Pedro, una piedra que con tanta frecuencia parece y se siente como arena movediza. Es ser parte de una Iglesia que le ha fallado a Jesucristo. Nuestra Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos está en un momento de prueba, golpeada por tres escándalos: el reporte del gran jurado de Pennsylvania, la revelación de conducta inmoral por parte de un deshonrado arzobispo norteamericano jubilado e incluso otro arzobispo acusando al Papa Francisco de deshonestidad.

En tiempos difíciles como estos, siempre regreso a primero enfocarme en el esfuerzo y el deseo de la Iglesia por traer sanación para aquellos que han sido lastimados. Al mismo tiempo, constantemente repasamos nuestro compromiso por proteger a los vulnerables para que estos pecados no se repitan.



EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY | OCTUBRE 2018:

OCT 3	6:30 p.m. Sesión de Escucha – Salón Parroquial Espíritu Santo, Bowling Green
OCT 4	6:30 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Francisco de Asís, Todd County
OCT 13	11 a.m. Misa & Recepción para los Jubileos en el Hogar Carmelito, Owensboro
OCT 14	Domingo de la Escritura
OCT 15	10 a.m. Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal 1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal
OCT 15-17	Conferencia de Obispos de las Misiones de Extensión Católica 2018 – Chicago
OCT 17	6 p.m. Reunión de la Junta de Revisión
OCT 20	9 a.m. Misa de Retiro de Mujeres – Centro de Conferencias en Kentucky Dam Village 4 p.m. Misa para el Decanato Central evento de Formación en la Fe – Campamento BIAC, Robards
OCT 21	2 p.m. Misa para Trabajadores del Área de Salud (Misa Blanca) – Catedral San Esteban, Owensboro
OCT 23	Horas de Oficina en Paducah
OCT 24	6:30 p.m. Sesión de Escucha – Salón Parroquial Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, Owensboro
OCT 25-26	Reunión de la Junta Directiva de la Universidad de Brescia
OCT 27	11 a.m. Jubileo de Religiosos – Parroquia San Martín, Rome
OCT 28	11 a.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Pío, Owensboro
OCT 29	6:30 p.m. Sesión de Escucha – Parroquia San Pedro & San Pablo, Hopkinsville
OCT 30	9:30 a.m. Misa – Escuela Primaria de Santa María, Paducah

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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 Michael Charles Abiero (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 Carl McCarthy (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 Basilio Az Cuc o Padre Jean Rene Kalombo (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: Alyssa Maty (815) 207- 3208 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez (270) 881-7737

Taller de Musica para coros Hispanos y Concierto de Alabanza

Sábado 27 de Octubre | Taller: 10-2 PM | Concierto: 2:30 PM
Parroquia de Cristo Rey | 1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431

Con SANTIAGO FERNANDEZ reconocido músico y compositor de música católica religiosa y litúrgica en los Estados Unidos. Más Información con Dcn. Cristóbal Gutierrez (270) 880-8018.



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Bueno, Jesús edificó la Iglesia sobre la piedra de Pedro, pero sigue siendo la Iglesia de Jesucristo. Sigue siendo su presencia en el mundo. Sigue siendo depositaria de los sacramentos instituidos por Cristo. Sigue siendo una comunidad de personas que quieren conocer, amar y servir a Dios en este mundo para que seamos felices con El en el siguiente mundo. Pedro le falló a Jesús, y en algunas veces la Iglesia le ha fallado a Jesús.

Pero recordamos las palabras de un viejo himno en inglés: "La fundación de la Iglesia es Jesucristo, su Señor. Ella es por el agua y la palabra su nueva creación. Del cielo El vino y la buscó para que fuera su santa esposa. Con su propia sangre la compró y por ella El murió."

El trabajo que realizamos es el trabajo de Jesús, y el trabajo y el testimonio de la Iglesia así como en el pasado, prevalecerán. Dios no nos abandonará.


En esta edición del Católico de Kentucky Occi-

dental, estamos esforzándonos en tener en cuenta de nuevo a nuestro liderazgo local de la Iglesia, particularmente en relación a la protección de niños y jóvenes. Ustedes pueden leer sobre nuestros continuos esfuerzos por asegurar de que nuestras iglesias, escuelas e instituciones sean lugares seguros y sanas. Y de que todos los que trabajan allí o son voluntarios estén entrenados en honrar la dignidad de cada niño como regalo de Dios. Ustedes aprenderán de nuevo adonde y cómo reportar cualquier instancia de explotación u daño a los niños. También verán una descripción de la Junta de Revisión Diocesana, un grupo que me aconseja a mi como obispo del cómo responder a problemas de esta naturaleza en la Iglesia.

Existe un constante reto para la Iglesia de ser transparente en su respuesta a aquellos que han cometido daño. En la Diócesis de Owensboro estamos repasando exhaustivamente todos nuestros archivos

de nuevo, para asegurar que incluso problemas del pasado han sido abordados. Hay un artículo en esta edición del periódico con algunas estadísticas que datan desde el inicio de la diócesis en 1937, sobre cualquier sacerdote que haya abusado a un niño y del cómo se ha respondido.

Juntos oremos para que podamos sanar a aquellos que en cualquier momento fueron lastimados y que en nuestros días podamos hacer de la Iglesia Católica un testimonio Santo de la bondad de Dios y nuestra salvación. . ■



Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro



LAURA CLARKE | WKC

El Obispo William F. Medley dirige la oración de bendición antes de la cena en Vocare el 14 de septiembre de 2018.

Más de 500 personas asisten a Vocare 2018

El Obispo William F. Medley compartió una historia conmovedora al hablar ante más de 500 personas en el evento Vocare el 14 de septiembre.

El obispo dijo que guarda un rosario en su carro como una forma de orar durante los largos viajes. Dijo que recientemente, notó que "la figura pequeña de Jesús se había caído".

Cuando el obispo regresó a casa, buscó pegamento para devolver a Jesús a la cruz.

Luego se detuvo, y al pensar en el escándalo de abuso afectando a la Iglesia en este momento, se dio cuenta: "Tal vez es hora de que Jesús salga de la cruz para que yo pueda estar en la cruz, y nuestros sacerdotes puedan estar en la cruz, y nuestra iglesia puede estar en la cruz".

Dijo que no pondría a Jesús de nuevo en esa cruz, como un recordatorio.

El Obispo Medley finalizó sus comentarios con "Te adoramos, oh Cristo, y te bendecimos", a lo que todos respondieron: "Porque por tu santa cruz redimiste al mundo".

El evento de Vocare de este año, celebrado en el Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro, fue la quinta cena anual de recaudación de fondos para las vocaciones y la vida religiosa.

Una cronología de la crisis de abuso sexual 2018 de la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos

Nota de la editora: Debido al anuncio de que el Cardenal Theodore E. McCarrick había sido removido del ministerio y la publicación de información adicional sobre el manejo de abusos sexuales por parte de la Iglesia, surgen muchas preguntas sobre el futuro de la Iglesia Católica en el siglo XXI. En esta cronología, el periódico diocesano WKC espera proporcionar cierta claridad en términos de los desarrollos recientes, hasta el 28 de septiembre de 2018; el día en que se publicó esta edición.

- 20 de junio de 2018: El Cardenal Dolan anuncia la suspensión del ministerio del Cardenal McCarrick después de que la Arquidiócesis investigara y encontrando una afirmación creíble de que el Cardenal McCarrick había abusado sexualmente de un adolescente hace 47 años.
- 16 y 18 de julio de 2018: Artículos del New York Times detallan el presunto abuso por parte de McCarrick de dos seminaristas y otro hombre que dijo que el abuso comenzó cuando tenía 11 años.
- 28 de julio de 2018: El Papa Francisco acepta la renuncia del Cardenal McCarrick y lo suspende del ministerio público, ordenándolo a una vida de oración y penitencia hasta que las acusaciones sean examinadas.
- 14 de agosto de 2018: Se divulga un informe del gran jurado sobre el abuso sexual clerical en las 6 diócesis de Pennsylvania. El informe de 884 páginas siguió de una investigación de 18 meses que examinó las denuncias de abusos y encubrimientos sistemáticos dentro de estas diócesis. Incluyó la identificación de más de 1,000 víctimas de 300 clérigos y empleados de la iglesia con acusaciones creíbles.
- 16 de agosto de 2018: El Cardenal DiNardo, presidente de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB), publica un plan para abordar el escándalo de abuso sexual que afecta a la Iglesia Católica de los EE. UU. Los obispos solicitan una visita apostólica, una investigación oficial del Vaticano que lleve a cabo una investigación en nombre del Papa, sobre el tema del Arzobispo McCarrick.
- 25 de agosto de 2018: Se publica una carta, escrita por el ex nuncio apostólico de los EEUU, Arzobispo Carlo Maria Vigano, afirmando que el Papa Francisco y otros funcionarios de la Iglesia no actuaron cuando supieron de acusaciones de abuso por parte del ahora Arzobispo McCarrick.
- 12 de septiembre de 2018: Tras un Consejo de Cardenales internacional, el Papa Francisco convoca a todos los presidentes de todas las conferencias episcopales católicas del mundo para que se reúnan en Roma los días 21 y 24 de febrero del próximo año, esto para hablar sobre la prevención del abuso de menores y adultos vulnerables.
- 13 de septiembre de 2018: El Papa Francisco se reúne con los líderes de la USCCB, el Cardenal DiNardo; el Arzobispo Gómez, Mons. Brian Bransfield y el Cardenal O'Malley. Los cuatro líderes escribieron haberle comunicado en persona al Papa de que la Iglesia de los EEUU ha sido "lacerada por el mal del abuso sexual".
- 19 de septiembre de 2018: El Comité Administrativo del USCCB publica una declaración que incluye un plan de acción para: una investigación completa del Arzobispo McCarrick, un sistema de informes confidenciales, el desarrollo de propuestas de políticas sobre restricciones para obispos que fueron suspendidos o renunciaron debido a acusaciones de abuso y el desarrollo de un código de conducta para obispos.

Catholic News Service y Catholic News Agency contribuyeron a esta cronología.

¿Qué es la Junta de Revisión Diocesana?

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL
CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Cuando la Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral de la Diócesis de Owensboro recibe una alegación de abuso sexual, comienza una serie de eventos que involucran en gran medida el trabajo de la Junta de Revisión Diocesana, una entidad que asiste al obispo en revisar y manejar casos de presunto abuso sexual por parte de personas que actúan en nombre de la Iglesia.

Se formó una junta de revisión para la diócesis en 1995, y después de la creación en el 2002 del Estatuto para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, ellos ofrecen consejos y recomendaciones al obispo cuando revisan casos de abuso sexual. El Estatuto requiere que todas las diócesis tengan una junta de revisión.

Pero estar en la Junta de Revisión Diocesana es más que manejar un informe de presunto abuso sexual: también es "¿cómo ayudar a esa persona a sanar?" dijo el Dr. Michael Farina, miembro y ex presidente de la junta.

"Es muy pastoral", dijo el Dr. Farina, agregando que ha visto cómo el Obispo William F. Medley "tiene el deseo en serio de que las personas experimenten esa sanación".

Mary Beth Hurley, enfermera titulada en Owensboro y actual presidente de la junta de revisión, dijo que los miembros de la junta "trabajan duro para ser muy transparentes y hacer lo mejor que podamos para servir a todos los involucrados."

Ella mencionó que dentro de las primeras 48



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Mary Beth Hurley.

horas de haber recibido un informe, ella como presidente debe ponerse en contacto con las autoridades civiles.

El Dr. Farina reconoció que es difícil para las personas cuando un sacerdote es acusado de abuso; este es "(alguien) a quien se nos ha enseñado toda la vida a admirar, y ahora se nos dice que los miremos desde otra perspectiva".

El Dr. Farina mencionó una observación que lo puso particularmente triste.

Cuando un informe se hace público, se requiere

que se lea una carta del obispo anunciando el alegato en la parroquia o parroquias involucradas. El Dr. Farina comentó que después de esto, no es raro que "surjan otro par de casos."

"Me preocupa por qué la gente espera", dijo. "Dejé de tener que obtener tantos informes en grupos, con personas que andan con dolor profundamente reprimido, o que abandonan la Iglesia, en lugar de encontrar la sanación más pronto."

"La Iglesia no es el enemigo", dijo. "Y siempre me lo tomé a pecho." ■

La Oficina de Ambiente Seguro depende de ‘adultos comprometidos’ para hacer la Iglesia ‘segura y santa’ para los niños

POR MOLLY THOMPSON, ESPECIAL AL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Fue en el otoño de 2003. Como Iglesia, comenzábamos a hablar abiertamente sobre qué tan perjudicial puede ser el abuso para los sobrevivientes y qué tan importante es nuestra respuesta para comenzar el proceso de sanación.

La Diócesis de Owensboro ya contaba con reglamentos, pero todo fue revisado en 2003; y se creó la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro. Yo me vine a la oficina en 2005. A partir de 2003, la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro ha trabajado para asegurar que todos los programas para menores proporcionen ambientes seguros: a través del desarrollo e implementación de reglamentos, revisión de antecedentes y entrenamiento.

REGLAMENTOS: Las pólizas de menores, modificada por última vez en 2010, están siendo revisadas en este momento. La última revisión del reglamento de abuso sexual entró en vigencia en julio de 2014. Su enfoque es la respuesta de la diócesis a las acusaciones de abuso sexual. También aborda las

acciones preventivas de la diócesis para evitar que ocurran abusos. momento

La Diócesis de Owensboro tiene cerca de 5,000 personas en un determinado (una combinación de sacerdotes, diáconos, empleados y voluntarios) a quienes se les exige que cumplan con el Ambiente Seguro. Consiste en:

1. **VERIFICACION DE ANTECEDENTES:** se han ejecutado casi 27,000 verificaciones de antecedentes desde 2003.
2. **ENTRENAMIENTOS PARA ADULTOS:** El entrenamiento actual de VIRTUS enseña a las personas cómo reconocer el abuso, cómo reportar el abuso y discute los límites apropiados cuando se trabaja con menores. Se requiere cada cinco años. Desde 2003, han ocurrido más de 21,500 entrenamientos para adultos.
3. **REGLAMENTOS:** Se deben aceptar formalmente las políticas sobre abuso sexual y el

trabajo con menores.

ENTRENAMIENTOS DE MENORES: También se espera que los programas de las escuelas y las parroquias católicas entrenan a sus participantes menores. El año pasado, 6,048 estudiantes fueron entrenados, y desde 2003 se han registrado más de 84.600 entrenamientos estudiantiles.

La Oficina de Ambiente Seguro depende de tantos adultos comprometidos en las parroquias y las escuelas. Estos adultos están tomando medidas para mejorar nuestra cultura eclesial: siguiendo políticas que crean un ambiente seguro, sirviendo de mentores con respeto y límites apropiados, confiando en Dios, pero también reconociendo su parte en mantener nuestra Iglesia segura y santa. ■

Molly Thompson es la coordinadora de la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro en la Diócesis de Owensboro. Para obtener más información, visita owensborodiocese.org/ambiente-seguro.

Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

Para reportar una sospecha de abuso, llame a la Línea Directa de Protección Infantil de Kentucky: 1-877-KYSAFE1 o 1-877-597-2331 (llamada gratuita) o comuníquese con su fiscal del Estado local. Para reportar abuso a la diócesis, actual o pasado, por cualquiera persona actuando en nombre de la Iglesia, por favor llame al: 270-852-8380 para hablar con el Coordinador de Asistencia Pastoral. También puede visitar la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro (owensborodiocese.org/safe) para obtener más información.

¿Por qué seguir siendo católico?

Estefanía Solorza-Wirey:



Estefanía Solorza-Wirey con su esposo, Josh.

Incluso en la escuela preparatoria católica, los males de este mundo se habían hecho explícitamente presentes. El primer lugar en el cual ser católica era esencial, fue durante mi 2do año de preparatoria cuando un amigo cercano se suicidó. Recuerdo haber pensado, ¿Cómo puede Dios dejar que esto suceda? Sabía de lo corrupto que era el mundo, estaba enojada con Dios y tontamente me convencí a mí misma de que esto había sucedido en otro lugar. Al tiempo en que silenciosamente exclamé entre lágrimas a Dios, Él me respondió, cuando de manera frenética tropecé con sus Palabras, “nunca te olvidaré” (Isaías 44, 21). Me di cuenta de que incluso los miles de años de tradiciones católicas, en sí mismos, no explican la idea de fe, de creer sin haber visto. Yo tengo fe en el catolicismo porque me brinda infinita esperanza. A través de otro momento difícil similar, cuando contemplé sobre el quitarme mi propia vida, el Espíritu Santo abrió mis ojos para

ver a mi familia con más claridad. De poder ver que en el amor que ellos tienen por mí se da una visión hacia el amor que Dios tiene por todos nosotros. Es tonto el dudar de que satanás no tenga influencia incluso en aquellos en la Iglesia. Pero ¿cómo responderemos? Romanos 12, 21 “No te dejes vencer por el mal; al contrario, vence el mal con el bien”.

Adrianna Zellmer:

Como católica me siento bendecida de ser parte de una Iglesia tan rica en historia y fe, con tal belleza y significado en la forma en que damos culto- especialmente en la Misa. Tenemos tiempos litúrgicos, días festivos, oraciones especiales, sacramentales- y tantas maneras de cómo mantener nuestra fe viva en nuestro diario vivir. Al ser católica, tengo la increíble oportunidad de encontrar a Jesús de la forma más especial e íntima a través de los preciosos regalos de los sacramentos- incluyendo la Eucaristía, donde Jesús está completamente presente. Nunca podría alejarme de estas increíbles bendiciones dados a nosotros por Cristo, a través de la Iglesia. Indescribible pecado y maldad ha sido cometido por muchos de nuestros líderes en la Iglesia. Esto, sin embargo, sigue siendo la Iglesia que Cristo mismo fundó. Está bajo su protección y Él ha prometido de que los poderes del infierno no podrán con Ella. Por los tantos sacerdotes que han traicionado a la Iglesia, existen números incontables de otros que quienes en verdad son fieles servidores de Dios y pastores de su Iglesia. He recibido gran fortaleza, amor, ánimo y esperanza de la Iglesia Católica a través de mi vida. Siempre ha sido y seguirá siendo para mí una Roca.

Joe Bland:

Mirando hacia atrás, a través de los años de mi vida y reflexionando sobre mi camino de fe, en ciertos momentos creo que tenía fe en la Iglesia. Iba a la iglesia los domingos y después de casado llevaba a mis hijos, también los matriculé en la escuela católica porque todo eso es lo que se hace.

Luego tuve, lo que llamo yo una ‘conversión intelectual’ hacia la Iglesia y fe, pero creo eso fue hacia la Iglesia “Institucional”.

Fue hasta en el 2005 cuando enfrenté una crisis en mi familia cuando tuve un encuentro con el Cristo resucitado en la Eucaristía de una forma muy real. (Esa es historia para otro momento) Pero fue de ese encuentro que supe que mi vida había cambiado para siempre y sabía que no podía tener esa experiencia en ningún otro lugar ya que solo en la Iglesia Católica es que tenemos esta posibilidad.

En mis más de 50 años sobre esta tierra he participado en muchos servicios religiosos, pero todos y cada uno me dejaban vacío y algo faltaba. Dame la Misa; la Misa corta diaria de 30 minutos, la hermosa liturgia del domingo en mi parroquia, la Misa con estudiantes de la preparatoria, Misa en un autobús moviéndose, Misa en un país extranjero donde no entiendo la lengua, Misa en la más grande de las basílicas y hasta Misa en un centro deportivo con miles presentes. La Misa y muy en especial la Eucaristía es la razón por la que soy católico y siempre lo seré.



Joe Bland es el director de la Oficina de Evangelización de la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Católicos latinos en Estados Unidos: Dolidos por escándalos pero firmes en la fe



MARY REZAC | CNA

Delegados en oración en el V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana.

DALLAS (ACI Prensa) - Aunque el así llamado “verano de escándalos” ha golpeado duramente a la Iglesia tanto en Estados Unidos como en otras partes del mundo, la fe de los católicos reunidos en el V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana en Grapevine, estado de Texas, permanece muy firme.

“Estamos desconsolados por lo que nos hemos enterado”, dijo Rocio Portillo a CNA –agencia en inglés del Grupo ACI-. Sin embargo, aseguró, “eso no cambia mi fe en mi Iglesia, y estoy realmente orgullosa de ser católica y de haber sido criada en esa fe y llevársela a mis hijos”.

El V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana,

que se realiza del 20 al 23 de septiembre, es la culminación de un proceso de años a nivel parroquial, diocesano y regional de escucha y empoderamiento de los católicos hispanos y latinos.

La publicación de las acusaciones de inconductas sexuales contra el ex Cardenal Theodore McCarrick, en junio de este año, dispararon una serie de acusaciones públicas de que el Arzobispo Emérito de Washington había acosado o abusado sexualmente de seminaristas y sacerdotes durante décadas, así como una acusación de que había abusado sexualmente de un menor.

Desde entonces, varios obispos en Estados Uni-

dos y Roma han enfrentado cuestionamientos sobre desde cuándo estaban enterados de las acusaciones contra McCarrick, y cómo le habían permitido continuar ejerciendo el ministerio a pesar de rumores generalizados de sus inconductas.

En medio de esto, se publicó un informe de un gran jurado detallando cientos de casos de abusos sexuales en seis diócesis de Pensilvania. Aunque los escándalos no han sido el centro del V Encuentro, han sido mencionados varias veces en los conversatorios y entre los participantes.

“Mis amigos, sabemos que este es también un tiempo de dolor en nuestra madre Iglesia. Como obispos, no hemos cumplido con lo que Dios espera de Sus pastores”, dijo el Cardenal Daniel DiNardo, Presidente de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos (USCCB) y Arzobispo de Galveston-Houston, en sus palabras iniciales del Encuentro, el 20 de septiembre.

“Por esto, pedimos otra vez perdón tanto del Señor y de aquellos que han sido heridos, y de ustedes, el Pueblo de Dios. Que Dios nos conceda la sabiduría y la resolución para reformar y renovar Su Iglesia. Continuaremos apoyando a los sobrevivientes de abuso en su curación. También nos comprometemos a protecciones más fuertes para asegurar que el mal del acoso y el abuso sexual, de todo tipo, sea arrancado de la Iglesia”, añadió.

El purpurado señaló que “en medio de esta oscuridad, el Encuentro es una luz que brilla e ilumina el camino hacia adelante. El entusiasmo, la pasión,

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el amor y la alegría del proceso del Encuentro es un medio de gracia, un don para nosotros mientras reconstruimos la Iglesia”.

Por su parte, el Arzobispo de San Antonio, Mons. Gustavo García-Siller, se refirió también a los escándalos en su discurso del 20 de septiembre, diciéndole a los participantes que ellos “tienen razón al estar desconsolados por las culpas de sus pastores”.

“Recemos a Dios por las víctimas que llevaron a esta crisis. Hagan todo lo que puedan por sanar a todas las víctimas de estos abusos. Y recen también

por los perpetradores y por nosotros, sus pastores”, pidió.

En diálogo con CNA, el P. José Carlos, un sacerdote de Hobbes, Nuevo México, coincidió en que los delegados del Encuentro tienen que ser “una luz en la oscuridad”.

Carlos Mendez, un delegado de Los Ángeles en el Encuentro, dijo a CNA que los escándalos “no reducirían mi fe en lo absoluto, porque yo sigo a la Iglesia, no sigo las obras de otras personas”.

Alfredo Portillo, delegado de Las Vegas, dijo a

CNA que aunque está entristecido por las noticias de escándalos que parecen surgir “cada día”, él fue animado por lo que vio en el Encuentro.

“Pienso que esto llegó en un momento perfecto”, aseguró. “Y de esto algo nuevo va a crecer, y es muy necesario. Este es un gran momento para la Iglesia en todo el mundo”. ■

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Alegatos diocesanos de abuso sexual - por los números

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Desde 1937 *(El año en que la Diócesis de Owensboro fue fundada)*

366 el número total de sacerdotes que han servido en la Diócesis de Owensboro, sean sacerdotes diocesanos o sacerdotes no incardinados (órdenes religiosas, internacionales o de otra manera, sacerdotes no perteneciendo a la Diócesis de Owensboro.)

27 El número total de sacerdotes sirviendo o incardinados en la Diócesis de Owensboro y de los cuales la diócesis ha recibido alegatos de abuso sexual infantil. De estos 27, 11 fueron acusados después de muertos y dos son sacerdotes ya difuntos y quienes nunca antes habían sido acusados, pero de quienes la diócesis ha recibido acusaciones en semanas recientes.

62 El número total de individuos quienes se han identificado ellos mismos

como víctimas de abuso sexual infantil por un sacerdote en la Diócesis de Owensboro.

66 El número total de alegatos por los 62 individuos en contra de los 27 sacerdotes. Seis alegatos no pudieron ser corroborados por la Junta de Revisión Diocesana. Ha habido 26 alegatos hechos en contra de 11 sacerdotes quienes habían muerto al momento de la acusación.

Desde 1968 *(El año en que la diócesis comenzó su asociación con la aseguradora Catholic Mutual)*

\$621,796 La suma total de asistencia/pagos a víctimas de abuso sexual infantil en la Diócesis de Owensboro y pagado a través de la aseguradora de Catholic Mutual.

\$285,089 La suma total cubriendo con-

sejería para las víctimas/sobrevivientes de abuso sexual infantil en la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Desde 2002 *(El año del establecimiento del Estatuto para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes)*

\$1,013,299 La suma total gastado en instrucción en ambiente seguro y revisiones de antecedentes en la Diócesis de Owensboro.

84,600 El número total de niños/jóvenes en la Diócesis de Owensboro quienes han recibido entrenamiento de prevención contra el abuso.

27,000 El número aproximado de revisiones de antecedentes hechas por la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro en la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Cumpliendo la Promesa, Renovando el Compromiso | Sesiones de Escucha con el Obispo William F. Medley

Están invitados juntarse con el Obispo Medley y algunos miembros de la Junta de Revisión Diocesana para una oportunidad de compartir sus preocupaciones y pensamientos sobre el reciente escándalo del abuso por clérigos. El Obispo Medley quiere escucharlos en una de sus cuatro sesiones:

- Miércoles, 3 de octubre en la Parroquia Santo Espíritu en Bowling Green de 6:30-8p.m.
- Miércoles, 24 de octubre en la Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Lourdes en Owensboro de 6:30-8p.m.
- Lunes, 29 de octubre en la Parroquia San Pedro & San Pablo en Hopkinsville de 6:30-8p.m.
- Jueves, 8 de noviembre en la Parroquia Santo Tomás Moro en Paducah de 6:30-8p.m.

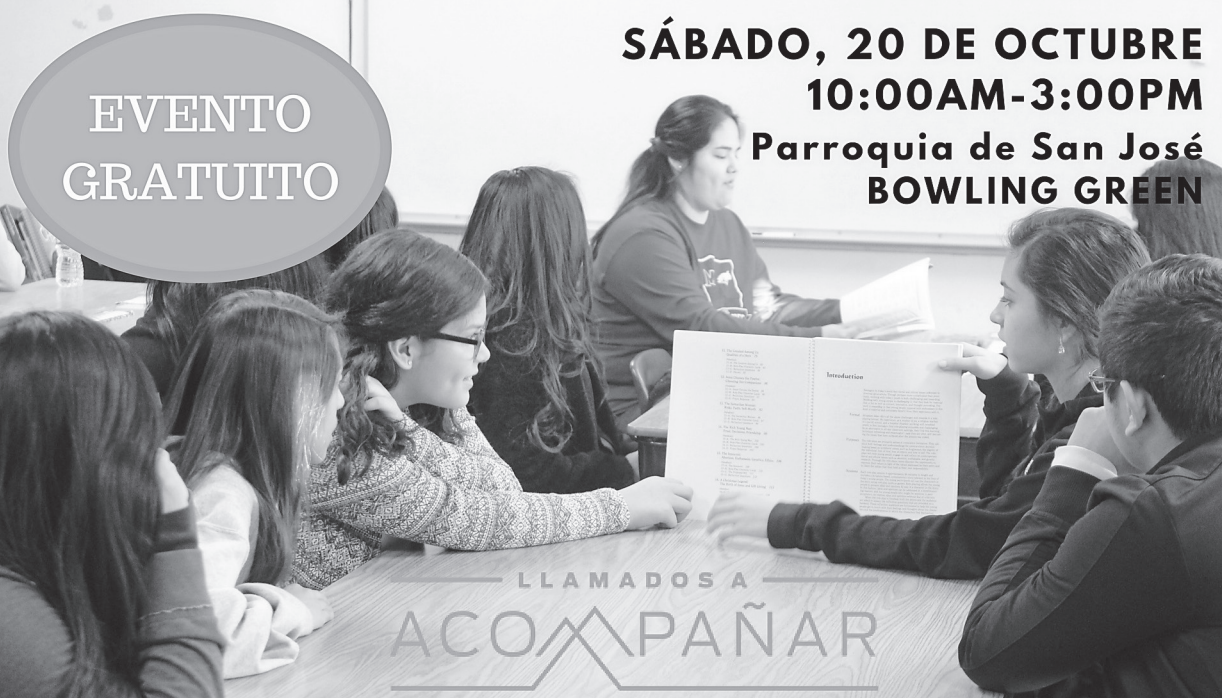
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Una mujer proclama las lecturas en la Misa de clausura del VIII Congreso Carismático.



El altar para el Congreso Carismático instalado en el gimnasio de la Escuela San José.



Más de 600 personas se reunieron para el VIII Congreso Carismático.

Durante el fin de semana del 25 al 26 de agosto, la Parroquia San José en Bowling Green fue sede del VIII Congreso Carismático. Asistieron más de 600 personas, y las familias vinieron de varias parroquias en la Diócesis de Owensboro, así como también de parroquias en Tennessee e Indiana. Dos sacerdotes visitantes de México y la República Dominicana - P. José Guadalupe Tapia Barajas y el P. Emilio Acevedo: ayudaron a dirigir el congreso. P. Basilio Az Cuc de la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro y el P. Gary Clark de la Parroquia San José ayudaron a escuchar confesiones. Gina Holmes, directora del ministerio hispano en la Parroquia San José, dijo: " Este fue un tiempo de oración y acercamiento a Dios, y también tiempo para compartir los dones del Espíritu Santo a través de la sanación". Fotos por cortesía de Gina Holmes.

Seminarista espera poder convertirse en 'puente' para otros hacia Jesús

Matt Millay, miembro de la Parroquia Santos Ángeles Custodios en Irvington ingresó al Seminario y Escuela de Teología de San Meinrad este otoño para estudiar para el sacerdocio. Él escribe: “Estoy discerniendo el sacerdocio debido a una convicción y amor hacia la vida eucarística, un amor a María, la Madre de Dios y un amor a la paternidad. A través de los sacramentos, que requieren del sacerdocio de Jesucristo y servicio, me ha sido dado el testimonio de la realidad de que Dios me está llamando hacer de mi vida un regalo. El sacerdocio es un llamado a ser ‘Alter Christus’, (otro Cristo) y a obrar como El obró. Esto significa ser un puente para otros de regreso a la Santísima Trinidad al partirme y darme a mí mismo a otros como Jesús hace con tanta fre-

cuencia en la Eucaristía. Otra razón que tengo para discernir es el ejemplo de María. Su “sí” constante a Dios a través del nacimiento, muerte y resurrección de Jesús me motiva decir “sí” a Dios y a su voluntad para mi vida cada día. Mi tercera razón por discernir es que tengo un fuerte deseo por la paternidad. Estoy convencido de que el deseo del corazón humano constante y con frecuencia ignorado es de ese amor de Dios Padre. El sacerdocio para mí es un sagrado llamado a la paternidad. Es un llamado para estar disponible en tiempos de júbilo, tiempos de aventura, tiempos difíciles, en tiempos tensos y exigentes y en tiempos de tristeza. Estoy convencido que es esto lo que necesita el mundo y a lo que yo he sido llamado a realizar.”



Una familia de Murray agradece a un sacerdote por las oraciones, apoyo en un embarazo difícil

Kimberly Rydecki tenía tres meses de embarazo con su segundo hijo cuando tuvo un ataque repentino de dolor insoportable. Ella fue al consultorio del médico y descubrió que necesitaba una operación de emergencia o que ella y el bebé que llevaba podrían morir. Kimberly fue a la Parroquia de San Leo y se encontró con el P. Eugene Batungbacal. El P. Eugenio oró y ungió a ella y al bebé y las dos sobrevivieron la cirugía. El 18 de agosto, el P. Eugene bautizó al bebé, Bryson. Foto por cortesía de Marie Rose.

Amamos porque él nos amó primero

La Conferencia de Adolescentes de la Diócesis de Owensboro (ODYC) se realizará del 9 al 10 de noviembre de 2018 en el Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro. Para obtener más información, visita owensborodiocese.org/ODYC.

Seis hombres reciben el Ministerio de Acólito en el programa de diaconado permanente



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El Obispo William F. Medley con los seis candidatos del programa de diaconado permanente de habla hispana, después de su institución en el Ministerio de Acólito de la Parroquia San Pedro y San Pablo en Hopkinsville.

POR EL PERSONAL DE WKC

El domingo, 16 de septiembre, en la Parroquia San Pedro y San Pablo en Hopkinsville, el Obispo William F. Medley instituyó seis candidatos diaconales en el Ministerio de Acólito, el siguiente paso para convertirse en diáconos permanentes. Estos hombres son la primera clase en el programa de diaconado permanente en español de la Diócesis de Owensboro. Los seis hombres son: René Amaya, Parroquia de San José en Bowling Green; José Blanco, Parroquia de San José en Mayfield; Edwin Pacheco, Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís, Guthrie; Baltazar Rafael, Parroquia de San Miguel, Sebree; Mario Reséndiz, Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís, Guthrie; y Trinidad Soriano, la Parroquia San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville. ■

Las monjas pasionistas organizan una hora santa de reparación

El 15 de septiembre, la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores, las monjas Pasionistas en el Monasterio de San José en Whitesville fueron anfitriones de la Hora Santa de Reparación y Sanación del escándalo de abuso sexual afectando a la Iglesia Católica. Presidió el P. Louis Caporiccio, sacerdote de la orden religiosa de los Padres de la Misericordia y capellán de las monjas Pasionistas. En respuesta a la crisis, el P. Caporiccio dijo: "Tenemos que ser santos. Tenemos que llegar a la santidad. Tenemos que vivir vidas de virtud heroica".



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Cuatro monjas pasionistas y una aspirante (una mujer que actualmente está en discernimiento con la comunidad) dirigen la oración con los fieles durante la hora santa del 15 de septiembre.

Seminarian hopes to become a ‘bridge’ for others to Jesus



COURTESY OF MATT MILLAY

Matt Millay stands with parishioners of Holy Guardian Angels Parish in Irvington as he receives a blessing from Fr. Dan Kreutzer, pastor.

BY MATT MILLAY, SPECIAL TO THE
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Editor’s note: This year, the Diocese of Owensboro has nine seminarians studying for the diocesan priesthood. Matt Millay, in first-year philosophy at St. Meinrad Seminary, entered seminary this fall.

A brief autobiography

I grew up on a cattle farm on the edge of Meade County, Kentucky. I am the second of four sons to Harold, Jr. and Kimberly Millay. This past May I graduated from Western Kentucky University with

a Bachelor of Science in Biology with minors in business administration and finance. Also, I spent the past three summers working as a staff member at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

Why are you discerning the priesthood?

This is a big question, so I have a somewhat big answer. I am discerning priesthood due to a conviction and love of the Eucharistic life, a love of Mary, Mother of God, and a love of fatherhood. I have not seen explosive signs that clearly illustrate that God is calling me to priesthood, but I cannot ignore the

miracle that is the Eucharist which I can participate in daily. Through the sacraments, which need the priesthood of Jesus Christ, and service, I have been given witness to the reality that God is calling me to make my life a gift. Priesthood is a call to be an ‘Alter Christus,’ (another Christ), and to do as He did. This means being a bridge for others back to the Blessed Trinity through breaking myself open and pouring myself out as Jesus does so often in the Eucharist. Another reason I have for discerning is the example of Mary. Her consistent “yes” throughout the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus motivates me to say “yes” to God and His will for my life, every day. My third reason for discerning is that I have a strong desire for fatherhood. I am convinced that the one consistent and often ignored desire of the human heart is the love that comes from God the Father. It is easy to look to anywhere and to anyone other than the Church and God to answer that desire. Priesthood to me is a sacred call to fatherhood. It is a call to be available for joyful times, for adventurous times, for difficult times, for demanding and tense times, and for sorrowful times. I am convinced it is what the world needs and that it is what I have been called to do.

Who’s your patron saint/favorite saint, and why?

My patron saint is Pope St. John Paul II. I chose him because of his love of the Eucharist and of Mary, Mother of God. A close second for me is St. Charles Borromeo. His feast day is the same day as my birthday, and he is a patron of seminarians.

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COURTESY OF MATT MILLAY

Left to right: Matt Millay, Michaela Guice, Hannah Bland, and Jack Padgett were the third-year summer staff at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in August 2018.

What's your favorite food?

Without a doubt, my favorite food is my mama's corn pudding.

What's your favorite Bible verse?

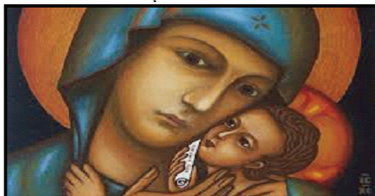
My favorite Bible verse is Luke 24:35.

What do you enjoy the most about seminary?

What I enjoy most about seminary is the informal and formal meetings. Each day it seems that I meet someone new, and each day I meet with God through prayer and Eucharist.

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Murray family thanks priest for prayerful support in difficult pregnancy



COURTESY OF MARIE ROSE

(Left to right) Al and Deanna Wathen of Whitesville, Bryson's godparents; parents Kimberly and Brock Rydecki, holding Bryson; Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, CSsR; and Deacon Victor Fromm during Bryson's Aug. 18 baptism.



COURTESY OF MARIE ROSE

Fr. Eugene holding Bryson on the day of the baby's baptism.

BY MARIE ROSE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Kimberly Rydecki was three months pregnant with her second child when she had a sudden attack of excruciating pain. She went to the doctor's office and found out she needed an emergency operation or she and the baby she was carrying might both die. Extremely distraught and in need of comfort and healing grace, she went to St. Leo Parish in Murray in search of a priest. Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, CSsR, was in the office that day. He comforted her and prayed over her and the baby and anointed them. Her heart was filled with peace as she went to the

hospital for surgery. All went well and baby and mother survived the surgery.

When Theodore Bryson was born Fr. Eugene came to the hospital to visit this new baby boy and his mom and dad. He was surprised when given the newly born infant to hold; he had never held a newborn on the day of the baby's birth. He recalled then the difference in those two days – the day Kimberly was in the office in troubled tears and now this day, tears of joy. This was a very poignant moment for all.

On Saturday, Aug. 18, Fr. Eugene baptized Bryson, the baby for whom he had prayed. In his homily he talked about that day Kimberly came to

the office and through prayer the darkness in her life was lifted. He reminded us that Jesus, the Bread of Life, can lift us out of darkness. He also spoke about the circle of life, as that week St. Leo Parish in Murray had experienced the death and funeral of a beloved parishioner and as the life of this special person had left them, God had blessed them with a new life joining the church.

We hope our story blesses your day! The sacraments of the Church and Fr. Eugene were a blessing to us! ■

Marie Rose writes from Whitesville.

Six men receive Ministry of Acolyte in permanent diaconate program



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Bishop William F. Medley with the six Spanish-speaking permanent diaconate program candidates, after their institution into the Ministry of Acolyte at SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville.

BY WKC STAFF

On Sunday, Sept. 16, at SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville, Bishop William F. Medley instituted six diaconate candidates into the Ministry of Acolyte – the next step to becoming permanent deacons. These men are the first class in the Diocese of Owensboro’s Spanish-speaking permanent diaconate program.

The six men are: Rene Amaya, St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green; José Blanco, St. Joseph Parish in Mayfield; Edwin Pacheco, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Guthrie; Baltazar Rafael, St. Michael Parish, Sebree; Mario Reséndiz, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Guthrie; and Trinidad Soriano, SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville. ■