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## A Word from Bishop Medley

My dear friends,

Americans develop great allegiances to their sports teams – be they professional teams, college teams, or high school teams. There is a lot of good-natured ribbing among sports fans. A few will sometimes take it far too seriously, and fights and estrangements can ensue, and feuds can develop that take something fun and turn it ugly.

As we listen to sports commentators you will sometimes hear someone who cheers for a team referring to anyone who doesn't cheer for their team as a "hater," such as someone being called a "Louisville hater" or "Kentucky hater."

I always cringe at such a harsh word applied to something that should be enjoyable. People who know me well know that I am a partisan when it comes to sports, especially the University of Kentucky. When in good fun someone might tell me that they are a University of Louisville fan, I might jestingly reply that I will pray for them and assure them that I believe God even allows Louisville fans into heaven.

Team loyalties are mostly good things. But on a matter of such inconsequence in the great scheme of life, we dumb down our rhetoric if we speak of "hating" the St. Louis Cardinals or the Cincinnati Reds.

Maybe such exaggerations deaden our senses that we do not recognize genuine hatred when we see it.

I remember from my earliest catechism days when I learned it is a sin to hate. To this day I have a hard time using the word. I do not like olives, cannot swallow one. But still I choke if I try to say that I "hate" olives.

My lighthearted comparisons here between liking or disliking foods or sports teams should not permit us to deal casually with real and venomous hatred directed toward people.

On August 12, 2017 there was a vicious and violent demonstration in Charlottesville, Virginia that turned deadly. People openly identifying themselves as racists, as white supremacists, as neo-Nazis had traveled from across the country to boldly assert the superiority of the white race. It seems clear that many of the participants in these demonstrations are not reluctant to speak of their hatred for people who are different than them.

There may have been other participants in these shameful demonstrations

### BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR ● SEPTEMBER 2017

- SEPT 1-4** Saint Meinrad
- SEPT 7** 11:00 a.m. ● Opening School Day Mass – Brescia University
- SEPT 8** 11:30 a.m. ● Ribbon Cutting, Moore Center – Brescia University
- SEPT 9** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ● Review Board Training
- SEPT 10** 2:00 p.m. ● Sophia Awards – St. Stephen Cathedral
- SEPT 11-13** 8:45 a.m. ● USCCB Administrative Committee Meeting, Washington D.C.
- SEPT 13** 6:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
- SEPT 16** 10:00 a.m. ● Permanent Diaconate Ordination – Holy Spirit, Bowling Green  
5:00 p.m. ● Founder's Day Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral
- SEPT 17** 8:30 a.m. ● Mass – Passionist Nuns Monastery, Whitesville
- SEPT 18** 9:00 a.m. ● Priests' Council Workshop – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC)
- SEPT 20** 8:30 a.m. ● Diocesan Finance Council Meeting – MCC
- SEPT 21** 10-2:00 p.m. ● Presbyteral Day – MCC
- SEPT 22** 5:00 p.m. ● VOCARE – Owensboro Convention Center
- SEPT 24** 2:00 p.m. ● Diocesan Marriage Celebration Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral
- SEPT 26** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ● Paducah Office
- SEPT 27** 5:30 p.m. ● Mass & Dinner with Owensboro West Deanery Faith Formation – St. Alphonsus
- SEPT 28** 10:30 a.m. ● Rainbow Mass – Owensboro Sportscenter

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who did not realize that they were associating themselves with such bigotry and hatred. Those that might still defend such attitudes and actions however must pause and reconsider the terrible sin of hatred and violence.

Cardinal Blase Cupich, the Archbishop of Chicago, was one of many voices among U.S. bishops ready to define the matter: "When it comes to racism, there is only one side: to stand against it." Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia spoke very

strongly: "Racism is a poison of the soul. It's the ugly, original sin of our country, an illness that has never been fully healed."

If we are honest, most of us must acknowledge we have biases and prejudices. Most civil people will keep these in check and recognize the obligation to rise above ingrained prejudices. But as the aftermath of the tragedy at Charlottesville shows, there are still people resolute in their contempt and hatred.

Our nation finds itself needing to examine the sins of racism and bigotry in our day. These failures are manifest in the broad disdain of people of color, of immigrants and refugees. While there may

be very legitimate voices raising questions about our borders and about national security, let us never be fooled that these concerns ever make hatred acceptable.

It is a sin to hate. This is incompatible with Christianity. ■



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

## A sense that 'speaks to your soul'

### Vatican Observatory director shares why he does astronomy

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On the evening of Aug. 20, 2017, visitors and parishioners crowded into SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville to listen to Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, speak on faith, science and the total solar eclipse that would take place the following day.

Br. Consolmagno, director of the Vatican Observatory, earned his undergraduate and masters' degrees from MIT, as well as a Ph. D. in Planetary Science from the University of Arizona.

He told the audience on Aug. 20, however, that as a post-doctoral student he wondered, "Of what possible use is (astronomy) to anybody?"

Not knowing the answer, he joined the Peace Corps and began teaching astronomy to Kenyan graduate students in Nairobi.

He noticed that when showing the craters of the moon to students via telescope, "they would go, 'wow!'"

"Then they'd see the moons of Jupiter, and they'd go, 'wow!'" he said. "And then I showed them the rings of Saturn. Is there anybody in this room who has seen the rings of Saturn and not gone, 'oh wow?'"

Br. Consolmagno said he realized these students reacted "just the way that my family back in Michigan would go when I'd show them; just the way I'd go when I looked at that myself."

"It suddenly occurred to me (that) saying 'oh wow' when you look at the rings of Saturn is something that my dog or my cat doesn't do," he said.



Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, and SS. Peter and Paul pastor, Fr. Richard Meredith, on Aug. 20, 2017, prior to Br. Consolmagno's presentation on faith and science. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.

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On Aug. 20, 2017, Br. Guy Consolmagno, and many others in the audience, raise their hands when asked who is not from Hopkinsville. Standing at the podium with Br. Consolmagno is the mayor of Hopkinsville, Carter Hendricks, who gave him the key to the city. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.

“It’s something only human beings do.”

This awe and capability of “amazement and wonder and joy” gave him a new perspective on the inherent dignity of all people. He recognized his calling to share the beauty of God’s creation through astronomy.

He joined the Jesuits in 1989, and has continued his love of astronomy ever since.

Regarding the following day’s eclipse, he mentioned a prediction that there would be a \$400 billion hit to productivity in the United States during the phenomenon.

Some things matter more than money, he said,

explaining that humanity’s massive draw to the eclipse, “is more than an emotional sense. It’s the sense that speaks to your soul.”

“It’s the sense similar to what I get when I’m doing science, and I make a discovery, and maybe only a few people in the world will care about it, but I care about that,” he said. “And I feel the finger of God saying, ‘Yeah! Wasn’t that great?’”

“It is an expression of the Creator who made us all,” he said, reflecting that the God who is known as “Abba” and “Father” is the same God who made the cosmos.

“What a remarkable God we have as our daddy,”

he said.

Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul, was responsible for inviting Br. Consolmagno to Hopkinsville. He told the WKC after the presentation that he was very pleased by the turnout.

“We were amazed, challenged and wonderfully rewarded to hear his insights, and to prepare to enjoy this eclipse,” he said, adding that the presentation was also a good evangelization opportunity, since many in the audience were not members of the parish.

Emma Steltenpohl, a twelfth-grader who with her mother, Cyndi, and sister, Jenna, were visiting Hopkinsville from Jasper, Ind., also enjoyed the presentation.

Steltenpohl, who attends St. Joseph Parish in Jasper, had studied astronomy last year and jumped at the opportunity to see Br. Consolmagno.

She told the WKC she liked what Br. Consolmagno had said about appreciating creation in watching the eclipse, “and being in awe.” ■

## Books & blog

Br. Guy Consolmagno has written a number of books, including “*Brother Astronomer: Adventures of a Vatican Scientist*,” and “*Would You Baptize an Extraterrestrial?... and Other Questions from the Astronomers’ In-box at the Vatican Observatory*,” which he co-wrote with Paul Mueller. To learn more about what Br. Consolmagno and his colleagues do, visit [vofoundation.org/blog](http://vofoundation.org/blog).

## Fostering ‘a culture of vocations’

Upcoming VOCARE speaker says parishioners are key to fostering vocations



Participants chat during one of Gruenewald's "Hundredfold" vocation ministry workshops. By the end of 2017, Gruenewald will have led her workshops in 30 dioceses. Photo courtesy of Rhonda Gruenewald.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Rhonda Gruenewald has found that parishioners with a heart for vocations “are the salt of the earth.” “They realize the importance of our priests and consecrated sisters and brothers in our world,” said Gruenewald, a vocations promoter and author from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Gruenewald, who wrote “Hundredfold: A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry,” and has led numerous vocation workshops for priests and parishioners across the United States, will speak at the Diocese of Owensboro’s VOCARE event on Sept. 22.

VOCARE is the diocese’s annual celebration of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and will be held once again at the Owensboro Convention Center in downtown Owensboro.

Gruenewald’s website, [VocationMinistry.com](http://VocationMinistry.com),


describes her as a “full-time wife and mother of two teenagers and a convert to the faith thanks to David, her husband of 19 years.”

She told the WKC that “Hundredfold” is currently being used as a vocation ministry manual by more than 55 dioceses. And by the end of 2017, Gruenewald will have given her workshops to priests and/or parishioners in 30 dioceses.

Gruenewald never planned to write a book or launch such a significant vocations-promoting ministry, and called her ministry a “crazy ride that the Holy Spirit has had me on – but I am loving this so-called ‘work!’”

### An invitation

It all began in 2011 when Gruenewald and her



## Attend VOCARE 2017

VOCARE will be held at the Owensboro Convention Center on Sept. 22, 2017, beginning with cocktails at 5 p.m. Tickets and tables are now on sale; to register or learn more, visit [owensborodiocese.org/vocare](http://owensborodiocese.org/vocare) or call (270) 683-1545 and ask for Tina Kasey.

husband received a phone call from their Texas parish’s new associate pastor, asking them to come to a meeting “about priests and such.”

“Though he was vague in his invitation, how could we say no?” said Gruenewald.

The associate pastor, Fr. Victor Perez, asked the couple to revive the parish’s vocation committee.

“I did not know much, if anything, about how priests and religious were formed or what the definition of consecrated was,” said Gruenewald, “but after hearing Fr. Victor’s enthusiasm for the success of the committee, that he felt was one of the most important at any parish, I was hooked!”

Since there were few resources available on reviving a parish-based vocation committee, Gruenewald said “we tread our own path.”

### Grassroots activity

In the years following that 2011 meeting, Gruenewald branched out from hosting monthly voca-

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tion activities at her home parish, to being invited to the Serra Governor's Council in Houston for a consultation about bringing her parish's model to every Houston parish.

Serra is an international vocations-promoting organization, and is named for St. Junipero Serra, a Franciscan missionary priest.

Gruenewald began writing a pamphlet guide, but 17 months later it had become a book complete with imprimatur, the official permission from the Church to print a book that touches on Catholicism or moral teaching.

The book aims to inspire laypeople starting – or reviving – a vocation ministry to foster a “culture of vocations in their parish.”

“(Parishioners) only see that their priest is exhausted and needs help; very few, if any, consecrated sisters are serving in the schools or at church; and the idea of marriage is in decline for our youth,” said Gruenewald. “I want parishioners to know that they can do something to bring about more vocations.”

## Working together

Gruenewald said the goal of a parish's vocation ministry should be “to create a vocation-friendly environment where the Holy Spirit can easily plant seeds of holiness that are watered by the prayers of faithful parishioners.”

Her website provides vocation resources for parishes, including videos and posters, as well as a list of important dates for vocations promotion, such as Priesthood Sunday, World Day for Consecrated Life and World Marriage Day.

Gruenewald said that during last year's National Vocation Awareness Week, the Archdiocese of Gal-

veston-Houston's vocation director gave a homily about vocations at Gruenewald's parish school Mass.

“He asked all the kids to think about the other kids in their classes, and if they thought one of them would make a great sister or a priest, he advised (them) to tell that person and pray for them,” said Gruenewald.

Afterwards, Gruenewald overheard one teacher tell another teacher “I have a boy in my class who says he wants to be a priest,” to which the other teacher replied, “I have two boys in my class who feel the same!”

“This warmed my heart, knowing that our efforts are making a difference,” said Gruenewald. ■



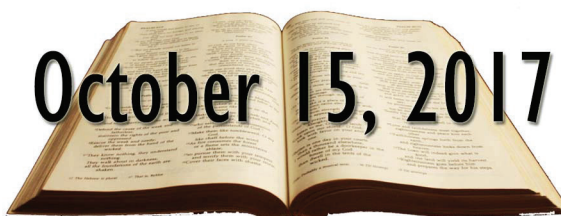
Rhonda Gruenewald takes a selfie with young people at a vocations event in New York. Photo courtesy of Rhonda Gruenewald.



## Vocation Ministry Workshop

The Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Vocations will host a Vocation Ministry Workshop on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. – noon at the McRaith Catholic Center, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY, 42301. Rhonda Gruenewald, vocations promoter, author and keynote speaker at VOCARE 2017, will share her passion and tips on how to “Create a Culture of YES!” for vocations in your parish. This workshop is open to anyone who has an interest in promoting vocations. There is no cost to attend, but we ask that you RSVP by calling the Office of Vocations at (270) 683-1545 or visiting [owensborodiocese.org/vocation-ministry-workshop](http://owensborodiocese.org/vocation-ministry-workshop).

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# FOCUS breaks ground at Western Kentucky University

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

This fall 2017 semester, Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green welcomes FOCUS missionaries for the first time.

FOCUS, which is an acronym for Fellowship Of Catholic University Students, exists on numerous college and university campuses to spread the joy of the Gospel with students by helping them grow in a personal relationship with Jesus, and share Jesus with their peers.

WKU is one of 15 new campuses this semester, which means FOCUS is now present on 137 campuses worldwide.

The FOCUS team at WKU has five members; Natalie Larkins, Quinn and Emily Cowan (who are married), Max Martin and Kara Bekebrede, the team director.

The team spoke with The Western Kentucky Catholic via a conference call on Aug. 14, which was the beginning of their first week on campus.

Bekebrede said they are grateful for Fr. Mike Williams, who is the chaplain of WKU's Catholic Campus Center. FOCUS will work directly out of the center, and under the guidance of Fr. Williams.

"We're excited to be working with Fr. Mike, and we're excited for what's already in place (on campus)," said Bekebrede.

She added that they looked forward to meeting the students who were already involved with the Catholic Campus Center, as well as those they had yet to connect with.



Western Kentucky University's new FOCUS missionaries: from left to right, Natalie Larkins; Quinn Cowan with baby son, Samuel; Emily Cowan; Max Martin; and Kara Bekebrede holding the Cowans' dog, Nellie. The team says Nellie is "a great tool for evangelization on campus since most college students love petting dogs for stress relief." Photo courtesy of Kara Bekebrede.

Quinn Cowan said he and his FOCUS teammates had each had their lives touched by FOCUS missionaries while they were college students.

"The missionaries had a profound impact on our spiritual lives," he said.

Martin said he had attended University of Mississippi, and eventually got tired of the party culture he had joined.

"I started trying to live out my faith," he said. FOCUS came to Ole Miss during his senior year, and he got involved with the Catholic campus ministry.

He was thankful for one of the FOCUS missionar-

ies who befriended him and "helped me learn more and grow in my faith."

Emily Cowan was not Catholic when she started school at University of Tennessee. After connecting with the campus's FOCUS missionaries and attending SEEK (FOCUS's annual conference), "I realized Christ was in the Eucharist and I couldn't call myself Christian and not join the Church."

Larkins said she was technically a cradle Catholic, but "grew up in a relativistic Catholic family."

She got involved with FOCUS at Georgia Institute of Technology in her sophomore year, and with

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# Murray artist's Catholic faith infuses her art, and vice-versa



Mary Fuhrmann lifts up her "Resurrection With Gospel Readings" painting, a 36-by-48-inch oil on linen, at her home in Murray on Aug. 9. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD,  
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

It makes sense that Murray-based artist, Mary Fuhrmann, shares a name with the person who inspired her love for creating religious art – Mary, the

Mother of God.

Fuhrmann, a lifelong artist and convert to Catholicism, was not always drawn to liturgical and religious art.

But one night, "20 or 30 years ago," Fuhrmann was going through many difficulties in her life, and had a "really strong dream" in which Our Lady ap-

proached her while holding paintbrushes.

"Being a convert, I wasn't too familiar with Mary," said Fuhrmann, who belongs to St. Leo Parish in Murray. "She just skipped in, and I wasn't sure where it all came from."

Fuhrmann began pursuing religious art, and found comfort and security therein. She has since made a number of religious paintings, such as depictions of the Church's liturgical seasons.

Her relationship with the Blessed Mother deepened when Fuhrmann's mother passed away.

"I saw Mary in a new way – I even called her 'Mama,'" said Fuhrmann, who explained that when life's trials get her down and she does not have time to pray an entire rosary, she will just say "Mama, crush his (Satan's) head!"

Fuhrmann, who spoke with *The Western Kentucky Catholic* on Aug. 9, is currently working on a new painting that will depict Our Lady with Jesus.

Like any of her works of art, the process involves much research and reflection, and in a way, "every picture is like your first one," she said.

"I build on ideas and it develops through what I go through in my life," said Fuhrmann.

Fuhrmann, who primarily does oil paintings, works in two locations, depending on what she needs at the time. One is a home studio branching off of her kitchen; a cheery, relaxed room filled with sunlight, potted plants and, of course, much of her art.

"This is my little sacred spot," she said of her home studio.

Fuhrmann also works out of a studio at the Murray Art Guild on North Fourth Street. She refers to

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several of her sorority sisters became friends with a FOCUS missionary.

In all of the ups and downs of college life, “she (the FOCUS missionary) was my friend through all of that,” said Larkins, who had a profound experience at SEEK, realizing that “God either existed or didn’t; if he did, I needed to change.”

Quinn Cowan admitted that it was significant for their team to be breaking new ground as the first FOCUS missionaries at WKU, but quoted the character of Uncle Ben in the 2002 Spider-Man film that, “with great power comes great responsibility.”

He also said that setting up at WKU is not a conflict with any personal love of their individual alma maters.

“I had an awesome experience at University of Tennessee,” he said, “but the sheer greatness of God’s grace and the Catholic faith exceed the small boundaries of a school. It’s not an obstacle at all.”

Bekebrede said FOCUS works with the model of “win, build, and send,” by winning students over to Christ through authentic friendship, and building them up through small groups and other approachable opportunities.

The FOCUS missionaries then equip the students “with the skills they need to evangelize to their peers,” which FOCUS calls “spiritual multiplication.”

Spiritual multiplication utilizes the person-to-person encounter, rather than big, flashy talks to large crowds, Bekebrede explained. This way, one student who has been evangelized could reach countless peers by spreading the Gospel message on an individual basis.

“There are just five of us here,” said Bekebrede. “We rely on the students for evangelization.” ■

### Learn about FOCUS

To learn more about FOCUS’s mission, visit [focus.org](http://focus.org). Their student website can be accessed at [focusoncampus.org](http://focusoncampus.org).

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Mary Fuhrmann, who attends St. Leo Parish in Murray, stands in the church on Aug. 9. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.

the guild as a “mutual admiration society,” and sang the praises of the friendly, supportive environment of her fellow artist members.

One of her paintings, called “Doves With Fledglings,” depicts a flock of doves and young fledglings in various stages of flight and transition.

This fits into the overarching perspective of her art, and of her faith.

Like painting a picture, “a lot of Christianity is just taking one step at a time,” said Fuhrmann. ■

### Online

Learn more about Mary Fuhrmann and view images of her art at [maryfuhrmann.com](http://maryfuhrmann.com). To learn more about the Murray Art Guild, visit [murrayartguild.org](http://murrayartguild.org).



# Canon law prevents chaos, informs rights and obligations

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

If theology is known as “faith seeking understanding,” Fr. Patrick Cooney, OSB, would add a similar phrase he learned many years ago: “canon law is faith seeking action.”

“Every aspect of the Church involves canon law,” said Fr. Cooney, who assumed the role of judicial vicar for the Diocese of Owensboro on Aug. 2, 2017, following the retirement of longtime judicial vicar, Fr. Mike Clark.

Fr. Cooney is a Benedictine monk who previously served as defender of the bond for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, taught canon law at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, and is a retired chaplain for the Kentucky Air National Guard.

He told the WKC in an Aug. 14 interview that the public perspective of canon law – the laws governing the Catholic Church – is often limited to the process of obtaining annulments.

However, while the annulment process is a significant portion of the tribunal’s work, canon law applies to much more within the Catholic Church’s life.

Fr. Cooney said canon law covers virtually everything, from the “process of establishing new religious communities” to the process of merging and closing parishes.

Another example is when Cardinal Joseph Tobin of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis was moved from Indiana to the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. there



While outgoing judicial vicar, Fr. Mike Clark, and Bishop William F. Medley looked on, Fr. Patrick Cooney, OSB, took the Oath of Fidelity, recited the Profession of Faith, and took the Oath of Office on assuming his role as judicial vicar for the Diocese of Owensboro on Aug. 2, 2017. Fr. Clark will remain as pastor of Blessed Mother Parish, where he will serve full-time. Photo by Laura Clarke/WKC.

were specific rules to keep everything in order while the archbishop’s seat was vacant in Indianapolis.

“If we didn’t have law, or in this case, canon law, it would be chaos,” said Fr. Cooney.

He said the Church has always had law, which was first inherited from Jewish law in the 10 Commandments.

Over the centuries the law developed in separate collections, and in 1917 the Code of Canon Law was first gathered systematically, removing duplications and laws that were “either superseded or replaced.”

The present Code of Canon Law was revised in 1983, he said.

“Bottom line, all groups and society require law

to bring about order,” he said. “Imagine the Mass; because of law you can go anywhere in the world and attend Mass and the basics are all the same.”

The language spoken at the Mass may be different, he said, but because of liturgical law, it is the same Mass.

Fr. Cooney said canon law “is to be tempered with mercy,” and that having a “common law that in most cases is applied based on the circumstances” permits that to happen.

“Canon law allows us not only to know what our rights are in the Church as baptized, but it also informs us of our obligations; to one another and to the Church,” he said. ■

## Catholic Extension offers matching grant to Todd County church building project; parishes invited to participate

BY WKC STAFF

In November 2016, Catholic Extension notified the Diocese of Owensboro that they were excited to offer a matching grant to St. Francis of Assisi Parish to be used toward building a new church in Todd County. They have promised to provide a dollar for every dollar raised by the diocese, up to \$50,000. This challenge grant remains in effect until December 1, 2017. To date, \$36,000 has been raised toward the \$50,000 goal.

If you recall, SS. Mary and James Catholic Church in Guthrie burned down in an electrical fire in 2015. That parish, along with neighboring Elkton parish, St. Susan, was already outgrowing their facility. Following the fire, parishioners from the two churches discussed plans to merge and the idea became a reality when ground broke in December 2016 for the new St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. The church is being built on property donated by the Slack family, parishioners at the Guthrie church.

The matching grant challenge is open to all parishes and individuals to participate.

“The Diocese of Owensboro has been offered a handsome grant to help one of our parishes literally raise itself from ashes after their church burned,” said Bishop William F. Medley. “Normally, each of our parishes is responsible to fully fund its own capital projects. But the tragedy of a fire, in what was already a very small Catholic community in Todd County, is sufficient reason for the larger Church to offer a hand. I am most grateful to parishes that



The outline of the future St. Francis of Assisi church is visible in this photo, which was taken on July 20, 2017. Since this picture was taken, vinyl has now been placed on the parish hall portion of the structure. Photo courtesy of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

have already brought us to about 85 percent of our goal and hope other parishes and individuals will now close the gap.”

As of August 14, 2017, the following parishes have responded to the challenge: St. Paul, Princeton; St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro; Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro; Holy Spirit, Bowling Green; Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson; plus two

private gifts by individuals.

If you would like to contribute toward this challenge grant, contributions may be sent to:

“Building of St. Francis of Assisi”  
c/o Diocese of Owensboro  
600 Locust St.  
Owensboro, KY 42301  
Attention: Ray Purk



## Green Bay director of New Evangelization leads staff day for Diocese of Owensboro

On Aug. 10, 2017, Julianne Stanz, director of New Evangelization in the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., led a staff day for employees of the McRaith Catholic Center – the central office for the Diocese of Owensboro.

Stanz was one of the emcees for the July 2017 Convocation of Catholic Leaders in Orlando, Fla., and is also a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization.

During the staff day, which was held at the RiverPark Center in downtown Owensboro, Stanz encouraged the diocesan staff to make it a goal to form “missionary disciples for the New Evangelization.”

She gave several sobering statistics about the crisis of faith within the Catholic Church in the United States, such as the fact that “nearly 13 percent of all Americans are former Catholics,” and that 54 percent of Catholics do not believe that Jesus exists in the Eucharist.

Stanz also said that the average age of American Catholics leaving the Church today is ages 10-13; mainly because of the misconception that faith and science are incompatible.

With these statistics in mind, Stanz explained that the Catholic faith cannot be passed on as a how-to manual, “but as relational.”

“Our religion is designed to be knit into every aspect of our lives,” she said, adding that faith is not a mere topic to be taught, but is instead “a way of life.”

The staff day included Mass celebrated by Bishop William F. Medley, who also participated in the staff day, as well as several small group opportunities, the chance to brainstorm for evangelization ideas, and time to pray together.



Julianne Stanz speaks to staff of the McRaith Catholic Center on Aug. 10, 2017. Photo by Laura Clarke/WKC.



Friends greet each other at the Aug. 13 Rural Life Celebration, held at the Owensboro Convention Center. Photo by Tina Kasey/WKC.

## 15th annual Rural Life Celebration remembers farming community giants McRaith, Kamuf

On Sunday, Aug. 13, farmers and their families from across western Kentucky were welcomed in the Owensboro Convention Center for the 15th annual Rural Life Celebration, sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro's Rural Life Committee.

A free meal was served at 5 p.m., and a special presentation was given in honor of the late Rick Kamuf and the late Bishop John J. McRaith, both of whom were involved in establishing the annual Rural Life Celebration.

To learn more about the diocesan Rural Life Committee, visit [owensborodiocese.org/rural-life-committee](http://owensborodiocese.org/rural-life-committee) or contact Richard Murphy, director of the diocesan Office of Social Concerns, at (270) 852-8343 or email [richard.murphy@pastoral.org](mailto:richard.murphy@pastoral.org).

## 'Acting justly, loving goodness, walking humbly,' 12 diocesan delegates attend Black Catholic Congress

BY F. VERONICA WILHITE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Twelve delegates from the Diocese of Owensboro (Rosary Chapel, Paducah; Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro and Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson) joined more than 2,000 registered participants representing 107 dioceses at the 12th National Black Catholic Congress in Orlando, Fla., on July 6-9.

Attendees included one cardinal, 18 bishops, four archbishops, 123 priests, 45 deacons, seven seminarians, seven religious brothers and 41 religious sisters.

The theme of Congress XII, "The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me: Act justly, love goodness, and walk humbly with your God" was carried through the highlighted events.

After the concluding Mass celebrated by Bishop Roy Campbell, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, D.C. with a homily by Bishop Fernand Cheri, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, the delegates agreed to the following Pastoral Priorities in the Preamble:

- We believe the Holy Spirit, who is Lord and Giver of Life, is upon us. Because of this, we commit ourselves to live our Baptism as Catholics, be "authentically Black and truly Catholic" and seek leadership in our Church on all levels.

- We commit ourselves to promote the causes for canonization of the five holy women and men being considered for sainthood in our Church

- We commit ourselves to act justly by living in proximity with those who are suffering and neglected. Specifically, we seek to promote the dignity and

life of everyone person from the unborn to natural death. We commit ourselves to dismantle racism in all forms, which is an obstacle to justice and evangelization.

We also commit ourselves to address the challenges of mental illness, mass incarceration, domestic violence and others.

- We commit ourselves to love goodness by sharing our Faith with others using creative ways, especially social media, as we evangelize in our community. We commit ourselves to support our Catholic Schools in our community.

- We commit ourselves to walk humbly with our God and affirm the universal call to holiness as it is lived out in all forms of vocations in our Church – marriage, single life, consecrated women and men and clergy.

- We commit ourselves to listen and respond to the needs of the youth and young adults in our community as we pass on this legacy of our Faith.

- We commit to align these priorities with the outcomes of the Convocation of Catholic Leaders as "missionary disciples" called to spread the Joy of the Gospel.

- Finally, we commit ourselves to apply these priorities on the local diocesan, regional and national level and review them on a yearly basis.

Pope Francis urges "that the Congress ... confirm[s] America's Black Catholics in their evangelical commitment to the pursuit of justice and human



Western Kentucky delegates with Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre. Photo courtesy of F. Veronica Wilhite.



Paducah and Owensboro delegates who attended this year's congress. Not pictured: F. Veronica Wilhite and Fr. Anthony Shonis. Photo courtesy of F. Veronica Wilhite.

dignity, while encouraging a deeper reflection on our common baptismal calling to be missionary disciples, sent to the farthest reaches of society to draw hearts and souls to the transforming love of Christ the Savior."

Videos from the congress can be viewed at [nbc-congress.org](http://nbc-congress.org).

*F. Veronica Wilhite serves as director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro. To learn more, visit [owensborodiocese.org/black-catholic-ministry](http://owensborodiocese.org/black-catholic-ministry).*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Remaining picnics in the Diocese of Owensboro

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
SEPT 9	Serving at 4 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT 9	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT 9	Serving from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
SEPT 16	Serving from 4-8 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
SEPT 16	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
SEPT 17	Serving at 11 a.m.; St. Lawrence picnic grounds	St. William & St. Lawrence, Philpot
SEPT 23	BBQ & raffle 2-4 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT 24	Serving at noon	St. Leo, Murray
SEPT 24	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
SEPT 24	Serving at 1 p.m.	St. Michael, Sebree
SEPT 30	10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Honeyfest Dinner & Silent Auction	St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
OCT 1	Serving from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	St. Joseph, Central City



#### THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

Announces with great joy  
the Ordinations of those called by God and the Church to the  
**ORDER OF DEACON**  
through the imposition of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by  
The Most Reverend William F. Medley, DD  
Bishop of Owensboro  
on Saturday, the sixteenth of September, two thousand and seventeen  
Ten o'clock in the morning at  
Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
4754 Smallhouse Road, Bowling Green, KY 42104

*A reception will follow the ordination.*

### Diocese of Owensboro *Women's Marian Conference*

Our Lady of Fatima  
Hope ~ Healing ~ Peace



**September 15 and 16, 2017**

**Saints Joseph & Paul**

**Parish Hall**

**514 E. 4th Street**

**Owensboro, KY 42303**

The 2017 Marian conference is for women 16 and up. Registration is \$20 per person; \$10 for women 16-21. This includes Friday evening, Sept. 15, and Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017. For more information or to register, visit [marianshrineky.org/events/marian-conference](http://marianshrineky.org/events/marian-conference) or contact Lisa Englert (270) 993-8896 or Lisa Bivins (270) 993-3393.

**Registration limited to 350.**

*Sponsored by the Marian Shrine Committee*

## SEPTEMBER 2017 BULLETIN BOARD

### ■ **Rainbow Mass is Sept. 28**

You are invited to celebrate with Bishop Medley and the Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools at the 2017 Rainbow Mass on Thursday, September 28. The Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Owensboro Sportscenter, 1215 Hickman Avenue, Owensboro, Kentucky. You may contact Lauren Johnson at the Catholic Schools Office, (270)852-8359, with any questions. We hope to see you there!

### ■ **Disabilities Awareness Committee requests 2017 award nominations**

The Disabilities Awareness Committee is happy to announce the start of 2017 nominations for the Sister Audrey Mary Gold Award for Welcoming the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities in Church Life. 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 All Saints Day, November 1, 2017. If you know of someone who fits the criteria, please send an e-mail to nominate the person, or group, on or before, 10-10-2017 to Richard Murphy, Director for the Office of Social Concerns for the Diocese of Owensboro at richard.murphy@pastoral.org. Full criteria for the award may be found at [owensborodiocese.org/gold-award](http://owensborodiocese.org/gold-award).

### ■ **100th anniversary of Fatima film**

All are invited to come and view the professional showing of the movie, The 13th Day. This inspiring movie can be a way for all to prepare for the 100th anniversary of the Oct. 13 apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. This one hour and 50 minute movie will be shown on two dates at two locations:  
 Tuesday, Oct. 10; St. Joseph Church, Mayfield; in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Oct. 11; St. John the Evangelist Church, Paducah; in the church at 7 p.m.  
 Before and after each of these two showings of The 13th Day, relics of the two shepherd children, St. Francisco and St. Jacinta, will be available for veneration. The people of the diocese are invited to pray a novena and litany to Our Lady of Fatima on the 5th-13th of each month in 2017, especially August-October. The text to these prayers may be found in the April 2017 issue of The Western Kentucky Catholic.

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

Sept. 5: Sr. Vivian Bowles - Responding to our Losses through Healthy Grieving  
 Oct. 3: Sr. Ruth Gehres - With Great and Longing Heart  
 Nov. 7: Sr. Marietta Wethington - Gratitude  
 Dec. 5: Sr. Mary Matthias Ward - The Mystery of Christmas  
 First Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The \$20 fee includes dinner in the Center dining room. To register, contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206 or [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org).

### ■ **'A scout is reverent'**

This year's Faith and Fellowship Retreat weekend for Boy Scouts and second year Webelos will be Friday, Sept. 22 through Sunday, Sept. 24 at sites C1, C2 and C3 of Energy Lake campground in the Land between the Lakes. The weekend will have outdoor activities including stargazing and visiting the Homeplace along with hiking and other recreation within a prayerful retreat experience. Details are found on [owensborodiocese.org/scouting](http://owensborodiocese.org/scouting). Our Religious Emblems Mass with Bishop Medley will be Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral. Now is the time to begin working on religious emblems for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Webelos and Cub Scouts. Please see [owensborodiocese.org/scouting](http://owensborodiocese.org/scouting) for more details.

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

Registration is required for all programs; please call 1.800.272.3900 to register. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. \$5 donation suggested.  
 Living with Alzheimer's disease: Late Stage  
 -Sept. 7, 10a.m.-12:30 p.m., Lourdes Hospital, Marshal Neimer Pavilion Borders Room, 1530 Lone Oak Rd, Paducah.  
 -Sept. 28, 10a.m.-12:30 p.m., Christian Co. Extension Service, 2850 Pembroke Rd., Hopkinsville.  
 Memory Café: Monthly social engagement group for people with early stage dementia & their care partners, please no professionals.  
 Sept. 13, 2-3:30 p.m., Owensboro. Call 1.800.272.3900 for location information.  
 Effective Communication Strategies:  
 -Sept. 14, 5-7 p.m., Health Park, 1006 Ford Ave,

Owensboro.

-Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Alzheimer's Association, 701 N. Weinbach Ave, Suite 510, Evansville, IN.  
 Legal and Financial Planning: A representative from Ky Elder Law will be our guest speaker. Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Lourdes Hospital Garden Room, 1530 Lone Oak Road, Paducah.  
 2-4 p.m., Murray Senior Center, 607 Poplar Street.

### ■ **Mid-South Catholic Leadership Conference**

Incorporate yourself in your ministry by attending the Nov. 5-7 conference at Lake Barkley State Resort Park. The speaker lineup for this year's leadership conference includes Fr. Thomas Petri, OP, STD; Elizabeth Ficocelli; Pamela Bernards, Ed. D.; Kevin Dowd and Jessica Knierim. Register or learn more at [owensborodiocese.org/leadership-conference](http://owensborodiocese.org/leadership-conference).

### ■ **"Focus on Faith" continues Sept. 14**

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

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

## Considering Adoption?

Catholic Charities of Owensboro serves pregnant women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and couples who wish to adopt. To learn more, call 270-852-8328 or visit [KyCaringConnection.org](http://KyCaringConnection.org).



## UPCOMING EVENTS



# The Mount Crafts and Raffle for the Retired Sisters

## Sunday, Sept. 10 • 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

The Sisters will have their wonderful quilts, jellies, plants and more available for purchase. Old Hickory BBQ will have pork, mutton, chili and burgoo for sale for lunch and for takeout! We will be playing Bingo!

### GRAND RAFFLE PRIZES

◆ \$10,000 ◆ \$3,500 ◆ \$1,000 ◆ Handmade Quilt  
◆ \$500 ◆ \$250 ◆ \$100 ◆ Tickets are only \$5 each

Drawing will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 at 3 p.m.



**Ursuline Sisters**  
of Mount Saint Joseph  
8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356-9999

To get your raffle tickets in advance, contact  
Maggie Matsko: 270-229-2009  
maggie.matsko@maplemount.org  
You can download a form at [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org).

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MapleFest at the Mount has been postponed until September 2018. More details coming soon!

## Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph 2017-2018 Quilt Club Tickets

**NOW AVAILABLE!**



Sister Rosanne Spalding

You get 12 chances to win a handmade quilt with our Quilt Club annual memberships, available for only \$20 each. A new quilt is raffled each month.

For details, visit [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org). Click Help the Sisters - Quilt Club - Membership Information

**New Quilt Club drawings begin Oct. 6.  
ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

**270-229-2009**

[maggie.matsko@maplemount.org](mailto:maggie.matsko@maplemount.org)

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## Bluegrass on Beshear - Pickin' Life

Pro-life music fest


**October 8, 2017  
1:30-6:00 PM**

307 Island Cove Lane

Donations accepted.  
Food, t-shirts, canoe/kayak rentals available. Bring a lawn chair!

All funds benefit faith-based, life-affirming pregnancy centers in Madisonville, Benton, Eddyville, and Hopkinsville.

[www.bluegrassonbeshear.com](http://www.bluegrassonbeshear.com)

 [Facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear](https://www.facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear)

## To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). In addition, to report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro revised its sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014 and it is available at parishes and also on the diocesan website ([owensborodiocese.org/safe](http://owensborodiocese.org/safe)). The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

## Marian Retreat Day

**Saturday,  
October 14**

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

\$25 (includes lunch)  
Presented by Monsignor  
Bernard Powers



This retreat will focus on Mary and will include opportunities for solitude as well as communal prayer, recitation of the rosary, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Liturgy.

To register, contact Kathy: (270) 229-0206  
[kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org)  
[ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org)



**Mount Saint Joseph**  
Conference and Retreat Center  
8001 Cummings Road  
Maple Mount, Kentucky 42356

## UPCOMING EVENTS



OWENSBORO REGIONAL  
**SUICIDE PREVENTION**  
COALITION, INC.

# Join Us on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Owensboro Lifesavers Walk

BE THE  
VOICE TO  
#STOPSUICIDE

Be a Lifesaver...

...Stop Suicide



**When:** Saturday, September 16, 2017  
**Registration:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Walk:** 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Owensboro Health Healthpark - 1006 Ford Avenue

### Why Should I Walk?

- \*\*Walk in memory of those who have died by suicide*
- \*\*Walk for those struggling with depression and thoughts of suicide*
- \*\*Walk to raise awareness of suicide and the need for suicide prevention*

Participant T-Shirts  
available

Thousands across the country will be walking  
in recognition of  
**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK**  
September 10 – 16, 2017

**Donations Accepted**

Visit our website: [www.orspc.org](http://www.orspc.org) or



Music Provided by:  
Jeff "Wild Man" Hardesty  
and Skylar Cain

## Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Healthy Grieving**
- 8-9 Young Daughters of Saint Angela
- 9 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 10 Mount Crafts and Raffle and BBQ in gym
- 14 Focus on Faith Book Study**
- 18-22 Runaway Quilters
- 24 St. Stephen Cathedral
- 29-1 Gennesaret Weekend

### OCTOBER

- 3 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Great and Longing Heart**
- 7-8 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 12 Focus on Faith Book Study**
- 14 Marian Retreat Day**
- 16-20 New Spiritual Direction Training Class**
- 20-22 Spiritual Directors Reunion Retreat
- 23-27 Quilt Guild
- 24-26 Chix with Stix
- 28 Grief Camp

### NOVEMBER

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

**Center-sponsored programs are BOLD.** Please call to register. Also call to schedule an event. **270-229-0206**  
[kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org)  
[ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org)

Located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56



Mount Saint Joseph  
Conference and Retreat Center

Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro



# Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Mis queridos amigos,

Los estadounidenses despliegan una lealtad bastante significativa hacia sus equipos deportivos - sean ya bien equipos profesionales, equipos universitarios o equipos de preparatoria (bachillerato). Existe una actitud de rivalidad competitiva sana entre aficionados a los deportes. Algunos en ocasiones se lo toman el deporte demasiado en serio causando riñas o peleas donde algo divertido se convierte luego en algo feo.

Al oír a los comentaristas deportivos, en ocasiones escuchas a alguien que le echa porras a cierto equipo refiriéndose a cualquiera persona a favor del equipo contrario como alguien que “odia”. Como por ejemplo en el basquetbol, alguien que se dice “odiar a Kentucky”, u “odiar a Louisville”.



Siempre me incomodan bastante las duras palabras en ocasiones usadas sobre algo que debería más bien algo de diversión. Aquellos que me conocen bien saben de mi lealtad hacia el deporte, en especial hacia la Universidad de Kentucky. Cuando alguien en buen

sentido bromea diciéndome que es seguidor de la Universidad de Louisville, es probable que en broma le responda que rezaré por ellos y que incluso soy del creer que Dios ‘permite’ a seguidores de Louisville entrar al cielo.

Por lo general, las lealtades a un equipo son algo bueno. Pero en relación a algo de tanta inconsecuencia en la vida pareciera tonto el utilizar retórica de ‘odio’ por ejemplo hacia los Cardenales de San Luis o los Rojos de Cincinnati.

Es probable que ciertas exageraciones y mal uso de la expresión de odiar, nublen nuestra capacidad de poder reconocer cuando en verdad se presenta y existe el odio.

Recuerdo desde mis primeros días de catecismo aprendí que era un pecado odiar. Hasta hoy en día aun me cuesta usar la palabra. Por ejemplo, no me gustan las aceitunas, no puedo comerme una. Pero aún siento ahogarme si trato de decir “odio” las aceitunas.

Mis comparaciones sencillas aquí, entre el gustar o no gustar de equipos de deportes o comidas, no deberían de prevenirnos en enfrentar en ocasiones el veneno real de odio dirigido hacia personas. Sin embargo, la palabra “odio” me hace repentina de tenerme.

El 12 de agosto del 2017 se dio una marcha cruel y violenta en Charlottesville, Virginia que terminó con fatalidad. Personas que abiertamente se identificaban como racistas, defensores de la supremacía de la raza blanca, neonazis, habían viajado de todo el país para afirmar la superioridad de la raza blanca. Parece claro que a muchos de los participantes de estas demostraciones se les hace fácil hablar de su

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## EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA SEPTIEMBRE 2017:

**SEPTIEMBRE 1-4** San Meinrad

**SEPTIEMBRE 7**

11:00 a.m. ● La Universidad de Brescia – Misa para iniciar el año escolar

**SEPTIEMBRE 8**

11:30 a.m. ● Ceremonia de Apertura del Centro Moore en la Universidad de Brescia

**SEPTIEMBRE 9**

9:00-4:00 p.m. ● Entrenamiento de la Junta de Revisión Diocesana

**SEPTIEMBRE 10**

2:00 p.m. Premios de Sofia ● Catedral de San Esteban

**SEPTIEMBRE 11-13**

Reunión del Comité Administrativo del USCCB – Washington D.C.

**SEPTIEMBRE 13**

6:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – San Romualdo, Hardinsburg

**SEPTIEMBRE 16**

10:00 a.m. ● Ordenación al Diaconado Permanente – Santo Espíritu, Bowling Green  
5:00 p.m. ● Misa del Día del Fundador – Catedral de San Esteban

**SEPTIEMBRE 17**

8:30 a.m. ● Misa – Monasterio de las Monjas Pasionistas, Whitesville

**SEPTIEMBRE 18**

9:00 a.m. ● Taller del Consejo Sacerdotal – Centro Católico McRaith

**SEPTIEMBRE 20**

8:30 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – MCC

**SEPTIEMBRE 21**

10:00 a.m. ● Día Presbiteral

**SEPTIEMBRE 22**

5:00 p.m. ● VOCARE

**SEPTIEMBRE 24**

2:00 p.m. ● Celebración Diocesana del Matrimonio – Catedral de San Esteban

**SEPTIEMBRE 26**

10:00 - 2:00 p.m. ● Oficina de Paducah

**SEPTIEMBRE 27**

5:30 p.m. ● Misa & Cena con la Educación Religiosa del Decanato de Owensboro Occidental – San Alfonso

**SEPTIEMBRE 28**

10:30 a.m. ● Misa Arcoiris – Centro Deportivo de Owensboro

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odio hacia personas que son diferentes que ellos.

Tal vez había otros participantes en estas demostraciones vergonzosas quienes no se dieron cuenta que estaban relacionándose con tal intolerancia y odio. Los que aun quizás defiendan tales actitudes y acciones sin embargo deberán hacer una pausa y reconsiderar el gran pecado de odio y de la violencia.

El Cardenal Blase Cupich, el Arzobispo de Chicago, fue una de las muchas voces de los Obispos de los EEUU listas para definir el asunto: “Cuando se trata de racismo, hay un solo lado: oponerse.” El Arzobispo Charles Chaput de Filadelfia habló muy fuerte: “El racismo es veneno del alma. Es el grotesco pecado original de nuestro país, una enfermedad que nunca se ha sanado de completo.”

Si somos honestos, la mayoría de nosotros tenemos que reconocer que tenemos prejuicios. La mayoría de las personas civilizadas mantienen sus prejuicios bajo control y reconocen su obligación de luchar en contra de sus prejuicios enraizados. Pero como muestra lo que siguió a la tragedia de Charlottesville, hay personas que siguen determinados en su desprecio y odio.

Nuestro país se encuentra en la necesidad de examinar los pecados de la intolerancia y el racismo en nuestro tiempo actual. Estos fracasos se manifiestan en el desdén amplio de personas de color, de inmigrantes y refugiados. Aunque tal vez existen voces legítimas preocupándose de nuestras fronteras y seguridad nacional, no nos dejemos engañar que estas preocupaciones deban darle paso al odio.

Es un pecado odiar. Es incompatible con el Cristianismo. ■



Obispo William F. Medley  
Diócesis de Owensboro



## V ENCUENTRO

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

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

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

### Pronto vendrá a una parroquia cercana...

En su carta apostólica, Misericordia et misera, el Papa Francisco dijo que “sería un beneficio si cada comunidad cristiana, un domingo del año litúrgico, podría renovar sus esfuerzos de dar a conocer mejor las Sagradas Escrituras.”

Siguiendo la sugerencia el Papa Francisco, el Obispo Medley ha designado el tercer domingo de octubre como el Domingo de la Escritura en la Diócesis de Owensboro. Este año cae el 15 de octubre.

Se invita a cada parroquia en la diócesis celebrar el Domingo de la Escritura de la forma que les parezca mejor. Más información vendrá pronto de la diócesis con ideas de cómo celebrar este día especial.

Para aprender más, visita [OwensboroDiocese.org/ScriptureSunday](http://OwensboroDiocese.org/ScriptureSunday).



## El milagro de las vocaciones en Lu, Italia



Las oraciones de las madres católicas pidiendo por vocaciones en su pueblo de Lu, Italia, llevó a la tercera parte de la población serse sacerdotes o hermanas religiosas en un plazo de 60 años. Foto por cortesía de Rhonda Gruenewald.

POR RHONDA GRUENEWALD

*Nota del editor: Rhonda Gruenewald es una promotora de vocaciones y autora de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston, donde trabaja con frecuencia con la Oficina de Vocaciones de la arquidiócesis y dirige talleres sobre la pastoral vocacional en diócesis a través de los Estados Unidos. Ella también es la oradora invitada en VOCARE 2017, la celebración anual vocacional de la Diócesis de Owensboro.*

Imagínense la explosión de vocaciones que podríamos experimentar con el sacerdocio y la vida religiosa si los fieles en cada parroquia del país estuvieran rezando por más vocaciones.

En mi experiencia, solamente de 10 a 20 por ciento de parroquias hacen algo para promover vo-

caciones, por ello es que existe un potencial sorprendente en hacer un gran impacto con solo la oración.

Me gusta compartir la historia de Lu, Italia con los que asisten a mis talleres porque nos debe inspirar a no olvidar de incorporar la oración por las vocaciones en este trabajo.

En aquel pueblito de Italia, un grupo de madres católicas vio la escasez de sacerdotes y religiosas de su pequeño pueblo italiano. Aquellas madres anhelaban tener más sacerdotes y religiosas de sus propias familias, entonces pidieron al Señor en oración después de la Misa y ante el Santísimo Sacramento que jóvenes de su pueblo respondieran a la llamada del Señor.

En aproximadamente 60 años, más de un tercio de su población se habían ordenado sacerdotes o profesaron como hermanas religiosas. Fueron 323 religiosos que salieron de los habitantes que eran menos de 1,000, entre los años 1881 y 1940.

A través de la poderosa oración de aquellas madres, un ambiente de gozo y devoción cristiana se desarrolló en las familias que ayudó a sus hijos a reconocer sus vocaciones con más facilidad.

Sus plegarias fueron sencillas y profundas: “¡O Dios, concede que uno de mis hijos sea un sacerdote! Yo misma quiero vivir como una buena cristiana y quiero guiar a mis hijos siempre hacer lo que es bueno, para que pueda recibir la gracia, ¡O Dios, de poder darte un sacerdote santo! Amen.”

Quiero animar a todos los parroquianos a rezar por las vocaciones de su propia parroquia todos los días para comenzar una nueva ola de vocaciones en la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Para aprender más sobre el ministerio de Rhonda Gruenewald, visita [vocationministry.com/es](http://vocationministry.com/es). Para aprender más sobre VOCARE 2017 o cómo inscribirte, visita [owensborodiocese.org/vocare](http://owensborodiocese.org/vocare). ■

### La Cuarta VOCARE anual

Únase con otros de todas partes de la diócesis para celebrar las vocaciones el 22 de septiembre del 2017. centro de convenciones en Owensboro.

Una mesa de 8 es de \$ 500 o \$ 125 por pareja y \$ 65 por persona. Las reservas se pueden hacer llamando al 270-683-1545.

## Extensión Católica ofrece una beca proporcional al proyecto de construir la iglesia del Condado de Todd

En noviembre del 2016, Extensión Católica comunico a la Diócesis de Owensboro que estaban emocionados por ofrecer una beca proporcionada a la Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís para usarse en la construcción de una iglesia nueva en el Condado de Todd. Ellos han prometido entregar un dólar por cada dólar recaudado por la diócesis, hasta \$50,000. Esta beca de estímulo sigue en efecto hasta el 1 de diciembre del 2017. Hasta hoy, \$36,000 ha sido recaudado para llegar a la meta de \$50,000.

La Iglesia Católica de Santa María y Santo Santiago en Guthrie fue destruida en un fuego eléctrico en el 2015. Aquella parroquia, junta con su parroquia vecina en Elkton, Santa Susana, ya estaban creciendo más grande que sus edificios. Después del incendio, parroquianos de las dos iglesias conversaron sus planes para unirse y la idea se hizo realidad cuando comenzaron la construcción de la nueva Iglesia Católica de San Francisco de Asís en diciembre del 2016. La iglesia se está construyendo en terreno donado por la familia Slack, parroquianos de la iglesia de Guthrie.

El Obispo William F. Medley personalmente ha contactado a varias parroquias en la Diócesis de Owensboro para invitarlas a considerar participar en esta beca de estímulo. Sin embargo, está abierto a todas las parroquias e individuos que quieran participar.

“Se ha ofrecido a la Diócesis de Owensboro una generosa beca para ayudar a una de nuestras parroquias literalmente levantarse desde las cenizas después de que su iglesia se quemara,” dijo el



La figura de la futura iglesia San Francisco de Asís es visible en esta foto, la cual fue tomada el 20 de julio del 2017. Desde que se tomó la foto, ya han puesto vinilo en la parte del salón parroquial.

Obispo Medley. “Normalmente cada una de nuestras parroquias es responsable por recaudar todos los fondos para sus proyectos de construcción. Pero en la tragedia de un incendio, en un lugar que ya tenía una comunidad muy pequeña de católicos en el Condado de Todd, fue suficiente razón para que la Iglesia ya más extensa ofreciéramos nuestra mano. Estoy muy agradecido con las parroquias que han ayudado a llegar ya a 85 por ciento de nuestra meta y espero que otras parroquias e individuos ahora puedan ayudarnos a completar esa meta.”

Las parroquias que habían respondido hasta el 14

de agosto del 2017 son: San Pablo, Princeton; la Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro; la Parroquia de la Inmaculada, Owensboro; Espíritu Santo, Bowling Green; Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson; además de dos donativos privados por individuos.

Si le gustaría contribuir a esta beca de estímulo, se pueden enviar donaciones a:

“Building of St. Francis of Assisi”  
c/o Diocese of Owensboro  
600 Locust St.  
Owensboro, KY 42301  
Attn: Ray Purk



## El nuevo edificio de la escuela/parroquia servirá como un testamento de ‘la promesa de Dios cumplida’



El Obispo Medley bendice a un nuevo edificio con agua bendita durante la dedicación el 6 de agosto.

POR SARAH KRANZ

Este año la Parroquia y Escuela de Santos Pedro y Pablo están celebrando 80 años de educación católica en Hopkinsville y el Condado de Christian, y también están celebrando que los estudiantes estarán en un nuevo edificio en el año escolar 2017-2018. Un

grupo grande de parroquianos, padres, estudiantes y miembros de la comunidad se reunieron el 6 de agosto para la dedicación y bendición del nuevo edificio de la escuela/parroquia.

El Obispo William F. Medley se reunió con el P. Ricardo Meredith, párroco y el P. Basilio Az Cuc, vicario parroquial, para la bendición y dedicación del edificio.

“Creo que es justo decir que este hermoso edificio va a durar más que yo y el P. Ricardo. ¡Espero que los nietos de los estudiantes actuales estudien aquí!” dijo el Obispo.

El P. Meredith dijo que compraron los tráileres hace 22 años para crear más salones de clase.

“Se había prometido que solo sería por cinco años,” explicó el P. Meredith. “La promesa se pasó al P. Juan Thomas y ahora a mí. Bueno, una promesa es una promesa. El Señor ha cumplido la promesa.”

La superintendente de las Escuelas Católicas de la Diócesis de Owensboro, Ann Flaherty, menciona que la escuela es un milagro y la describió como un modelo de la luz de Cristo en la comunidad: “Este lugar seguro para que las pequeñas almas aprendan sobre Jesucristo.”

Katie Wyatt, la nueva directora de la escuela, fue agradecida que tiene la oportunidad de ser directora y abrir un nuevo edificio.

“Confío tanto en la educación católica que mis propios hijos van a asistir a la escuela en pocos días,” contó ella.

Domonique Baker, presidente del equipo de liderazgo de la construcción, se le presentó una placa al P. Meredith por su servicio y compromiso a la Parroquia y la Escuela de Santos Pedro y Pablo.

Sarah Kranza, la directora anterior, anunció que la cafetería/salón ahora será conocido como el Salón Meredith.

Steve Kinnard, el supervisor de mantenimiento, también fue reconocido por su trabajo diligente con Gray Construction. Una placa honrando a Steve será colocada en el jardín afuera del edificio.

El Obispo Medley también habló de la importancia de una campana escolar y oficialmente nombró la campana nueva-pero-vieja, Sarah, en honor a la directora anterior, Sarah Kranz. La campana que tiene más de 100 años, era de sus padres, y fue donada por Kranz.

Amy Craig, un miembro del Concejo Municipal de Hopkinsville, también habló durante la dedicación. Los estudiantes de SPPS proveyeron la música bajo la dirección de Elaine Ford, directora del coro de SPPS, y Dan Wilkinson, director parroquial de música de SPP.

El nuevo edificio será para los estudiantes del tercer grado al octavo. También tiene una oficina y un laboratorio de ciencia. El primer piso es una cafetería y un salón.

Los estudiantes en Kindergarten hasta el segundo grado se quedarán en el edificio dedicado por el Obispo Cotton en 1952. ■

## El 15° Celebración Anual de la Vida Rural recuerda a McRaith, Kamuf

El domingo, 13 de agosto, agricultores y sus familias de alrededor de Kentucky occidental fueron acogidos en el Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro para la 15° Celebración de la Vida Rural, patrocinada por el Comité de la Vida Rural de la Diócesis de Owensboro.

A las 5 p.m. se ofreció una cena gratuita con una presentación especial en honor al difunto Rick Kamuf y al difunto Obispo Juan J. McRaith, los cuales fueron involucrados en establecer la Celebración Anual de la Vida Rural.

Para aprender más sobre el Comité de la Vida Rural Diocesano, visita [owensborodiocese.org/rural-life-committee](http://owensborodiocese.org/rural-life-committee) o póngase en contacto con Richard Murphy, director de la Oficina Diocesana de Asuntos Sociales a (270) 852-8343 o email [Richard.murphy@pastoral.org](mailto:Richard.murphy@pastoral.org).



Amigos se saludan en la Celebración de la Vida Rural el 13 de agosto, en el Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro. Foto por Tina Kasey/WKC.

## ¡Se necesita ayuda!

En septiembre, habrá por lo menos siete nuevas parejas que serán instruidas para enseñar el Método de Ovulación Billings de Planificación Familiar Natural. Para poder ser instructores certificados, las parejas necesitarán parejas casadas o mujeres solteras de las parroquias que les interese aprender y usar el Método Billings para graficar sus ciclos de ovulación. Las parejas entrenándose son de las parroquias: Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah; San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville; San José, Bowling Green y Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro. Por favor mantengan a estas parejas en sus oraciones durante su proceso de ser instructores. Su información de contacto será disponible de una vez que hayan terminado su entrenamiento inicial. Mientras tanto los que están interesados en aprender el Método Creighton de Planificación Familiar Natural en español pueden ponerse en contacto con Patti Gutiérrez a 270-302-2782.



**LA DIÓCESIS DE OWENSBORO**  
con gran alegría anuncia la ordenación de aquellos llamados  
por Dios y la Iglesia al

### ORDEN DE LOS DIACONOS

A través de la imposición de manos y la invocación del Espíritu Santo por

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

El sábado, dieciséis de Septiembre del dos mil diecisiete  
a las diez de la mañana

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4754 Smallhouse Road, Bowling Green, KY 42104

*Seguido de una recepción*



## Parroquias con Misas en Español

### Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

Sábados – 5:00 p.m.  
13th & Madison Streets, Beaver Dam, KY 42320  
Contacto: Padre Juan René (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 Francisco de Asis, Elkton

Domingos – 12:00 p.m.  
Misa en Guthrie, KY - 6:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220  
Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335  
o Roberto Cruz (270) 498-8559

### Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

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

### Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús,

Henderson  
Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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

### Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville

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

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

### Parroquia San José, Leitchfield

Cada 2do y 4to Domingos de Mes 10:30 p.m.

109 West Walnut Street, Leitchfield KY 42754  
Contacto: Padre Steve Hohman (270) 784-1520

### Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

Domingos – 6:00 p.m.  
1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431  
Contacto: Padre Juan Vaughan (270) 821-5494

### Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

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

### Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261  
Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

### Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071  
Contacto: Padre Eugene Batungbacal (270) 753-3876

### Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.  
609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303  
Contacto: Padre Julio Barrera (270) 683-5641

### Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.  
3er. Jueves de Mes 8:30 a.m. (Capilla Hospital de Lourdes)

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: Hermana Patricia Sullivan, OP (270) 726-6963

### Parroquia Cristo Rey, Scottsville

Cada Primer Martes de Mes – 7:00 p.m.

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

### Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree

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

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

### Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

Cualquier persona que sepa de un abuso de un menor de dieciocho años es obligado por ley informarles a las autoridades estatales apropiadas: policía local o la línea dedicada para el Abuso Infantil de Kentucky (gratis: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

Además, para informar a la Diócesis sobre el abuso por parte de algún personal (pagado o voluntario) de la Iglesia, en el pasado o presente, favor de llamar a la Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral a esta línea confidencial: 270-852-8380. La Diócesis de Owensboro acaba de revisar su reglamento sobre el abuso sexual, efectivo el 1 de Julio del 2014 y está disponible en todas las parroquias y también en el sitio web diocesano ([owensborodiocese.org/safe](http://owensborodiocese.org/safe)). La seguridad de nuestros niños es la responsabilidad de cada Cristiano.

## Ferias Parroquiales del 2017

FECHA	HORA DE SERVIR	PARROQUIA
9 Septiembre	Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.	Santísima Madre, Owensboro
16 Septiembre	Sirviendo de 4-8 p.m.	Cristo Rey, Madisonville
23 Septiembre	Comida y Rifa 2-4 p.m.	Inmaculada, Owensboro
24 Septiembre	Sirviendo al mediodía	San Leo, Murray
24 Septiembre	Sirviendo 1 p.m.	San Miguel, Sebree

# September Wedding Anniversaries

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

### **Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

Thomas & Connie Brown, 50  
Damon & Muriel Gillim, 40  
William & Marian Bennett, 52  
Harvey & Doris Ferguson, 51  
John & Linda Farley, 50

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

Joe & Daisy Rocha, 51

### **Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington**

Charles E. & Betty Smith, 52  
Richard & Sandra Lucas, 25  
David & Teresa Pike, 40

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

Brendan & Darla Alvey 10  
Sam & Melissa Bach, 25  
Wayne & Brenda Barnes, 54  
Mark & Jennifer Cody, 5  
Carroll & Margaret Fulkerson, 54  
Fred & Virginia Garms, 53  
Ronald & Joan Hockey, 58  
Adam & Kara Hudnall, 10  
William & Deborah Lloyd, 40  
Matthew & Josephine Mortis, 25  
Nathan & Autumn Murphy, 5  
Raymond & Joan Wawrin, 50

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

Kenneth & Barbara Burch, 61  
Robert & Frances Fiore, 60  
Robert & Mary Graham, 58  
James & Veronica Diemer, 55  
Joe & Sally Liles, 54  
Dean & Colleen Ewing, 50  
Joseph & Elizabeth Agro, 25  
Timothy & Lynne Carter, 25  
Michael & Peggy Crowe, 10  
Jonathan & Amy Brand, 5

### **Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

Vic & Barbara Hagman, 52  
Rick & Kim Harley, 25

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

Bryan & Heather Cummins, 5  
Scott & Kelley Smith, 25  
Perry & Deborah Stiff, 40  
John & Pat Kelley, 57  
James & Marilyn Kurz, 61

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

Brad & Jessica Williams, 5  
Jonathan & Crystal Jones, 10  
Brenton & Tara Ford, 25  
Stephen L. & Cynthia Riney, 25  
John & Barbara Howard, 40  
Joseph William & Sherma Clark, 62  
William & Mary Alice Weise, 61

### **Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Tommy & Sharaleen Schwartz, 40

### **Resurrection, Dawson Springs**

Carol & Rosa Lee Coffey, 61  
William M. & Linda C. Randolph, 52

### **Rosary Chapel, Paducah**

Bryce & Rose Eubank, 40

### **Sacred Heart, Hickman**

Paul & Sue Werner, 25

### **Sacred Heart, Waverly**

Alvin & Mary Lyon, 52

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

Don & Annette Buckman, 25  
Dorris & Joyce Collins, 57

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

Steve & Sherry Clouse, 40

### **St. Ambrose, Henshaw**

Benjamin & Amber Dossett, 10

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

Francis & Carol Hosman, 51  
Bill & Janet Robertson, 57  
Paul & Bernice Chandler, 65  
Leon & Eva Clara Hendrickson, 61

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

Facundo & Sandra Molina, 5

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

Chris & Chris Kinser, 25  
Narvin & Lavern Whitworth, 56  
Scott & Amy Roney, 10

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

Robert & Ellen Lacer, 51  
Floyd & Linda Evans, 52

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

Lee & Mary Collins, 52  
Scott & Crystal McIntyre, 10

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

John & Ann Renfrow, 40

### **St. Columba, Lewisport**

James & Pattie Toler, 68

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

Daniel & Randa Parker, 5  
Durwin & Maureen Ursery, 51

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

Jack & Janice Faust, 50  
Tom & Janet Moore, 55

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

Ben & Kayla Thompson, 5  
Randy & Ellen Kaye Thomas, 25  
Glenn & Barbara Sue Wilson, 51  
Howard & Jackie Elliott, 58

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

Richard & Betty Wurth, 55  
Paul & Jerri Durbin, 66  
Lawrence & Geraldine Durbin, 52  
Robert & Yolanda Neihoff, 54  
Jared & Danielle Thweatt, 5  
Paul & Ellen Carrico, 59  
Vernon & Dot Niehoff, 62

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

Victor & Sandra Paz, 5  
John & Laura Brewer, 5  
Jose & Maria Rivas, 5  
Donald & Carolyn Simon, 40  
George & Judith Martin, 51

### **St. Joseph, Leitchfield**

Jimmy & Sue Kipper, 51

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

Robert & Jean Carrico, 50  
John & Karen Tyler, 25  
Larry & Vicky Ellegood, 50  
David & Kelli Elliott, 5

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

Dwayne & Rhonda Knott, 25  
Joseph & Nancy Payne, 57  
George & Catherine Payne, 56

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

Elwyn & Elen Frazier, 68  
James & Joan Carden, 53  
Byron & Mary Cates, 66  
Todd & Katherine Pearson, 10

### **St. Mark, Eddyville**

Milt & Rita Schroeder, 54

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

Jack & Dolores Beyke, 51  
Charles & Juaretta Dockemeyer, 60

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

Jim & Gail Briley, 56  
Steve & Sharon Maloney, 54

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

Sylvio & Rita Mayolo, 58  
Bernard & Helen Anselm, 72

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

Bobby & Terry Knott, 58

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

Andre' & Jane Chustz, 57

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

Nick & Cecelia Burch, 25  
Fritz & Sandra Basham, 40  
Tom & Vickie Fulkerson, 40  
F. Daniel & Bernice Knott, 50

### **St. Michael, Sebree**

Jon & Carly Newton, 10

### **St. Paul, Leitchfield**

Larry & Geneva Pawley, 50  
James R. & Helen Gawarecki, 55

### **St. Paul, Princeton**

Mike & Mary Dearing, 40

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

Robert & Bettye Bolds, 56

### **St. Pius X, Calvert City**

John & Dolly Bardsley, 55  
Ryan & Allison Devine, 5

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

Michael & Donna Hamlet, 40  
Norman & Doris Johnson, 51  
Ronald & Mary Helen Strehl, 53  
Michael Wayne & Gwen Roby, 5

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

Joe & David Ann Priest, 52  
Chuck & Joellen McGary, 52  
Michael & Robynn Brown, 25  
Donald & Alice Bland, 58  
Raymond & Tracy Shirley, 10  
David & Carol Oelze, 40

### **St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport**

Thomas & Leigh Ora Flood, 70  
Josh & Jennifer Bostrom, 5

### **St. Sebastian, Calhoun**

Michael & Margaret Dant, 52

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

James & Sally Vollmer, 51  
Achille & Eileen Biagi, 58  
James & Betty McVey, 61  
Richard & Sally Gust, 58  
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# Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

BY MARY HAGAN, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Dear Cursillistas,

The Holy Spirit, through Cursillo, has shown me how to become a better person. I pray daily for hope, strength to do God's will for me, and more trust in Jesus of Divine Mercy. Cursillo has taught me to become a more prayerful person and believe more firmly than ever in God's love for me in the person of Jesus. When life seems to throw me things that I can't handle, Cursillo has taught me to trust more in the Lord and pray, pray and pray for the situation with renewed strength until God resolves it in his time and in his loving mercy.

The joy of the Holy Spirit comes when I am able to forgive the situation and myself. Joy of the Holy Spirit had not been a usual part of my life because of the sufferings that were given to me in my life. Cursillo has given me more knowledge of the joy of doing God's will in God's time. Cursillo has been a strength, a backbone for me that keeps me going

when life throws me another struggle to overcome. When I feel I have done the right thing and answered God's call to me, joy comes again.

Hope is something else from Cursillo I have received. Hope in my friends that I have made through Ultreyas, School of Leaders meetings and of course, the visits to the Blessed Sacrament where we pray for each other, the Cursillo Movement, and sing with joy that we adore, we love and we praise our God. Friendship and trust are things that have been something I have a hard time with. It is hard to trust again when the people who are close to you cause pain and hurt. Hope comes from years of friendship that are

sustained in trust.

Friendships from Cursillo have been life sustaining for me. The more I reach out to others to hopefully bring them with us to God through Jesus, the more friends in Cursillo I find. God sustains me through these friends who are going through their struggles where we help each other. May God give you hope, joy, and peace as we travel together on our way to heaven. De Colores!

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# The vocations miracle in Lu, Italy

BY RHONDA GRUENEWALD, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

*Editor's note: Rhonda Gruenewald is a vocations promoter and author from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, where she frequently works with the archdiocese's Office of Vocations, and gives vocation ministry workshops to dioceses throughout the United States. She will also be the guest speaker at VOCARE 2017, the Diocese of Owensboro's annual vocations celebration.*



Rhonda Gruenewald

Imagine the vocation boom we could experience with the priesthood and religious life if parishioners at every parish in the nation were praying for more vocations.

In my experience, only 10-20 percent of parishes do anything at all for vocations, so the potential here to make

a great impact with prayer alone is astounding.

I like to share the story of Lu, Italy, with those who attend my workshops as it should inspire us to include prayer for vocations in this work.

In this small Italian village, a group of Catholic mothers saw the lack of priests and religious from their small Italian village. These mothers longed for more priests and sisters to come from their own families, so they asked the Lord in prayer after Mass and before the Blessed Sacrament for young women and men from their village to answer that call.

In about 60 years, over one-third of its population became priests or sisters. There were 323 religious who came from its less than 1,000 inhabitants

between 1881 and the 1940s.

Through the powerful prayer of these mothers, an atmosphere of delight and Christian devotion developed in the families that helped the children to recognize their vocations more readily.

Their prayer was simple and profound: "O God, grant that one of my sons may become a priest! I myself want to live as a good Christian and want to guide my children always to do what is right, so that

I may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give you a holy priest! Amen."

I want to encourage parishioners to pray for vocations from their own parish daily to start a new wave of vocations in the Diocese of Owensboro.

We had only been a ministry for a little over a year when our youth minister held a panel discussion of priests and consecrated sisters for a (youth ministry) night. The joy was palpable from everyone



Catholic mothers' prayers for vocations in their village of Lu, Italy, led to one-third of the village's inhabitants becoming priests or sisters over the course of 60 years. Photo courtesy of Rhonda Gruenewald.

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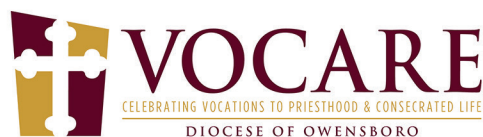
on the panel, especially from two Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. Afterwards, while everyone was eating dinner, two high school girls came up to me, beaming! They proclaimed that they wanted to be a religious sister, too, and they wanted to know more about other religious orders. I was blown away! Rarely, in ministry work, do you get to see fruits from your labor so quickly! It was affirmation that our ministry needed to keep tilling the soil, making it ripe for the Holy Spirit to plant seeds!

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## New Hopkinsville school building/parish facility serve as testament to the ‘Lord’s fulfilled promise’



Bishop Medley blesses the new building with holy water during the August 6 dedication. Photo courtesy of SS. Peter and Paul Parish and School.

BY SARAH KRANZ, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Not only are SS. Peter and Paul Parish and School celebrating 80 years of Catholic education in Hopkinsville and Christian County, but they are also celebrating students being in a new building as they begin the 2017-2018 school year. A large crowd of parishioners, parents, students, teachers, and community members gathered Saturday, August 6, as the new school/parish facility was dedicated and blessed.

Bishop William F. Medley was joined by Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor, and Fr. Basilio Az Cuc, associate pastor, for the building dedication and blessing.

“I think it’s fair to say this beautiful building will outlast Fr. Richard and me. I hope the grandchildren of the current students will go to school here!”

Lord fulfilled the promise.”

Superintendent of the Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools, Ann Flaherty, said the school is a miracle and described it as a beacon to Christ’s light in the community: “This is a safe place for little souls to learn about Jesus Christ.”

Katie Wyatt, the school’s new principal, was grateful to be given this chance to be the principal and to open a new building.

“I believe in Catholic education so much that my own children will be attending the school in just a few days,” she said.

Domonique Baker, chairperson of the building leadership team, presented a plaque to Fr. Meredith for his service and commitment to SS. Peter and Paul Parish and School.

Sarah Kranz, former principal, announced that

said the bishop.

Fr. Meredith said the trailers were brought in as classrooms 22 years ago.

“A promise was made that they would last only five years,” said Fr. Meredith. “The promise was passed down to Fr. John Thomas and to me. Well, a promise is a promise. The

the cafeteria/reception hall would now be known as Meredith Hall.

Steven Kinnard, maintenance supervisor, was also recognized for working diligently with Gray Construction. A plaque in Steven’s honor will be placed in a garden outside the facility.

Bishop Medley also talked about the importance of a school bell and officially named the new-yet-old school bell, Sarah, in honor of retiring principal, Sarah Kranz. The 100 year-old bell, once owned by her parents, was donated by Kranz.

Also speaking during the dedication was Amy Craig, a member of the Hopkinsville City Council. SPPS students provided the music under the direction of Elaine Ford, SPPS choir director, and Dan Wilkinson, SPP parish music director.

The new building will house students in grades three through eight. It also has an office and science lab. The first floor is a cafeteria/reception hall. The parish hopes to host many events in the new Meredith Hall.

Students in grades K-2 will remain in the building that was dedicated by Bishop Cotton in 1952. It will become known as the Primary Center.

This is Phase I of a three-phase plan. Phase II will include having all students and Specials (Library, Keyboarding, Music, Art) under one roof. The new facility was built so that more rooms can be added in the future.

*Sarah Kranz retired from her role as principal of SS. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville in spring 2017. ■*



## New summertime catechetical program helps faith come alive for Paducah Deanery youth

On a recent trip to her hometown parish in Highland, Ill., Maria Korte observed the excitement and stir among the youth and parishioners throughout St. Paul Parish. At the end of Mass, Korte found out some details about the Totus Tuus program and talked to some of the parishioners that have been a part of the program. They told her how happy they were to have this program for the third year and how the youth really liked it.

Korte, a youth minister and director of sacramental preparations, went back to her parish of St. Francis de Sales in Paducah and worked on a way to get the program to come to Paducah. Through a grant written to the Diocese of Owensboro, the program came to Paducah Deanery on July 23-28. The parishes that sent youth were from St. Jerome, St. John the Evangelist, St. Francis de Sales, St. Thomas More, Rosary Chapel, St. Mary LaCenter and a few out-of-town youth of local families. It was a great group of youth and wonderful volunteers.

Breakfast and lunch was offered through the Federal Food Program so no youth left hungry. The week-long catechetical program was held at the former St. John school building in Lone Oak, Ky., and the halls came alive with songs, prayers and laughter.

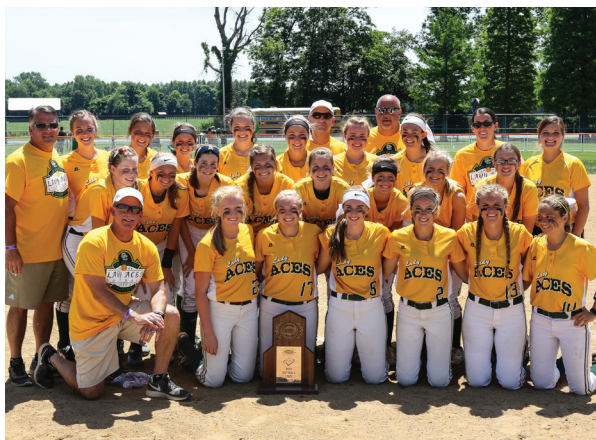
Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) is a summer program run by many dioceses all over the country. The Diocese of Springfield has been offering this program for several years; it runs on a six-year cycle and each year of the program covers material from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Totus Tuus is a Pope Benedict-inspired program promoting the faith through Catechetical Instruction, Christian Witness, Vocational Discernment, Marian Devotion, and Eucharistic Worship. Youth attended daily Mass, adoration, songs and skits, and group prayer and discussions. This also included some fun free time with a glow-in-the-dark DJ dance party, ice cream truck deliciousness offered by the Paducah Bank WOW Truck, a Lone Oak Station Fire Truck



Several young participants of the summer 2017 Totus Tuus program in the Paducah Deanery. Photo courtesy of Maria Korte.

safety talk (and water fight), and a game carnival.

The deanery thanks the many youth and adult volunteers and priests who supported the program through daily Mass and interaction with the youth throughout the week – including a PB&J lunch with Fr. Al Bremer and glow party fun with Fr. Bruce Fogle. ■



## OCHS softball places fourth in state

Owensboro Catholic High School 2016-2017 softball team placed fourth in the State Tournament and had an outstanding year of competition. Pictured from left to right: Back row: Coach Jody Head, Katie Hayden, Haley Carter, Payton Hite, Hannah Carter, Bailey Simone, Coach Richard Hayden, Hannah Latham, Coach Jeremy Phelps, Anna Meyer, Coach Hannah Adkins, Coach Martina Riney. Middle Row: Isabella Henning, Hadley Phelps, Danielle Henning, Caroline Head, Carson Flynn, Taylor Dukate, Macy Peak, Randchelle Johnson. Front Row: Coach George Randolph, Katelin Maggard, Lauren Willett, Alyssa Bickett, Makenzie Short, Alexa Foster, Gracie Jennings. Photo courtesy of George Randolph. ■

# Local scouting representatives attend national Catholic scouting conference

BY MARIA KORTE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

This past July 16-22, Stephen Matt Frields of Owensboro and Maria and Hunter Korte of Paducah attended the “Scouting in the Catholic Church” conference in Philmont, New Mexico.

Matt and Maria both serve on the Owensboro Diocese Catholic Committee of Scouting with Fr. Ken Mikulcik as the chaplain for this group.

The conference, which was held at the Philmont Training Center, was hosted by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, or NCCS, and involved participants in adult faith formation, as well as an understanding of “scouting as youth ministry.”

This conference focused on the USCCB’s Renewing the Vision initiative (for the Church’s ministry with adolescents) and formation of adult leaders. While at the conference, Matt and Maria also worked towards earning their Jerusalem Cross, a recognition that can be given to Catholic leaders in scouting. They earned the beads during the course and will create requirements necessary on their own after the conference to earn this through the local ecclesiastical authority.

The Philmont Training Center also offered a family program, which is what Hunter, a nine-year-old Webelo Scout from St. Thomas More’s Pack 7, attended. He attended the Deputies Program where they worked on fishing, hiking, climbing, BBs, archery, roping, camping, played games, learned knots and made crafts. This program ran simultaneously as his mom attended the conference.

Maria said Hunter had the time of his life. Hunter worked hard to earn his way to camp by selling 2K of Scout Masters Popcorn and 200 camp cards to help pay for the journey. The local Rosary Council, Knights of Columbus and his parish, St. Francis de Sales, supported him along the way also.

Hunter’s favorite part was the all-day hike into the mountains and riding on six planes to get to New Mexico.

If you are interested in learning more about this or other Catholic scouting programs please visit [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://www.nccs-bsa.org).

*Maria Korte serves as youth minister and director of sacramental preparations at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Paducah. ■*



Pictured from left to right are Stephen Matt Frields, Maria Korte, Archbishop Emeritus Michael Sheehan from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and Deacon David Little, also from the archdiocese, attending the July 16-22 “Scouting in the Catholic Church” conference. Photo courtesy of Maria Korte.