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On July 26, Ann Flaherty speaks to Catholic school teachers and administrators gathered for the annual Celebration of Catholic Schools in-service, held at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School in Henderson. Flaherty retired in August after 28 years of service to the diocese's schools, including as a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, and finally as superintendent.



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A Word From Bishop Medley

My dear brothers and sisters,

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is considered the unofficial end of summer. While the real summer season continues for at least another three weeks, culturally Labor Day seems to turn the page. A generation ago schools generally opened just after Labor Day. But now schools open in early August. Still that first “long weekend” of the school year seems to have become a ritual in itself with maybe the last swimming and last family picnics.

It seems all but forgotten that Labor Day was created to honor the American labor movement. The origins of Labor Day in the United States date back to the late 19th century. By 1894 it was observed as a national holiday intended to honor the American worker who was contributing mightily to our still-growing nation. Over the next several decades and through the tumultuous 20th century the American laborer built a nation of the greatest material wealth and production in the world.

The teaching of the Catholic Church has paralleled the labor movement and been an integral part of its identity. We are reminded that economic life is not meant solely to multiply goods produced and increase profit or power. An authentic economy is ordered first of all to the service of persons and the entire human community.

Human work proceeds directly from persons created in the image of God. In the creation story of the Book of Genesis, creation is entrusted to human beings with the charge that they continue the work of creation. The Church teaches that human work

is a duty: If anyone will not work, let him not eat” (II Thessalonians 3:10). Work honors the creator’s gifts and it can be redemptive. An enduring portrait of Jesus is that he was the “carpenter’s son” and his early life is envisioned as one of manual labor.

From the earliest days of humanity, documented in Sacred Scripture and other ancient sources, one of the great sins and injustices is the exploitation of human labor. Our nation’s history, like all nations, is one of progression and recession. For all of the progress we enjoy in our nation, there is always a tendency for the powerful to exploit the weak.

A just society should assure that those who provide the labor that keeps the wheels of our economy rolling should be compensated with a proportionate share of the profit. The complexity of a worldwide economy makes it all the more difficult for us to know and recognize times when we enjoy the fruits of others’ labors, yet, cannot always see the subhuman economic conditions in which they must survive.

Let us rediscover the meaning of Labor Day and raise voices of advocacy for those who produce our food, our homes, and our electronics. And let us celebrate our own work and contributions. ■

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2019

SEPT 4	8 a.m. School Mass – Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson
SEPT 5	11 a.m. Opening Mass – Brescia University, Owensboro
SEPT 7	10 a.m. Deacon Promises – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC), Owensboro
SEPT 8	10:30 a.m. Pastor Installation – St. Charles Parish, Livermore
	2 p.m. Sophia Awards – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
SEPT 12	6 p.m. Mass & Conversation with Youth Ministers – Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center
SEPT 14	11 a.m. Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate – St. Stephen Cathedral
SEPT 15	10 a.m. Confirmation – St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg
SEPT 16	10 a.m. Priest Personnel Meeting – MCC 1:30 p.m. Priest Council Meeting – MCC
SEPT 18	8:30 a.m. Diocesan Finance Council – MCC
SEPT 19	10 a.m. Presbyteral Day – MCC
	7 p.m. Bishop Fabre Presentation – St. Stephen Cathedral
SEPT 20	6 p.m. Vocare – Owensboro Convention Center
SEPT 21	5 p.m. Confirmation – St. Rose Parish, Cloverport
SEPT 22	11:30 a.m. 110th Anniversary of St. Jerome School Building – Fancy Farm
SEPT 24	Paducah Office
SEPT 25	10:30 a.m. Rainbow Mass Celebrating Catholic Schools – Owensboro Sportscenter
	9 a.m. Mass for Provincial Encuentro – Louisville
SEPT 28	5 p.m. Marriage Anniversary Celebration – Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
SEPT 29	6 p.m. Blessing of the Narthex – St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Sorgho

In feeding the body, they feed the soul

Diocese's School Food Service serves up summertime meals for at-risk kids



COURTESY OF SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

At the St. Mary of the Woods Horn Community Center in Whitesville, a family enjoys a meal provided by Kentucky's 2019 Summer Food Service Program.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Catholic Church teaches that human beings are made up of both bodies and souls – and both must be cared for, having been created in the image and likeness of God.

It fits well with the motto of Joy Jenkins, the cafeteria manager at St. Joseph Catholic School in Bowling Green: “If you can feed a body, you’re feeding a

soul.”

This summer, Jenkins – along with other Catholic school cafeteria managers within the Diocese of Owensboro – was involved in a program that served approximately 18,500 free meals to kids in rural or low-income areas around western Kentucky.

That’s a lot of souls fed.

Feeding the hungry

During the school year, many children around the country are able to have nutritious meals thanks to state and federal programs offered for families below certain income brackets.

But when school lets out for the summer, these kids no longer have that option.

That’s where summer meal programs – like the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in Kentucky – step in.

Sonya Evans is the director of the diocese’s School Food Service, which participates in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program, as well as the At-Risk Afterschool Supper Program.

Her office oversees the cafeterias in 14 of the diocese’s 17 schools.

And when school closes for the summer, instead of settling in for a long vacation, she and her office’s administrative assistant, Hannah White, get ready for a busy two-and-a-half months of serving meals to kids who may otherwise go without.

Spreading the word

Evans explained that the SFSP is “the chance for children to get a free, nutritious meal during the summer, who wouldn’t otherwise.”

According to KY Kids Eat, the childhood hunger program of the Kentucky Association of Food Banks, (a statewide anti-hunger organization), nearly one out of every five Kentucky children “will struggle with hunger during their childhood. That’s 20% of all Kentucky children who live in a household strug-

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gling to put food on the table.”

But the diocese’s School Food Service, with the help of many of its cafeteria managers and employees, is working to change that statistic.

This year, from the second half of May until the end of July, 43 sites around western Kentucky served free breakfast, lunch or supper via the diocese’s School Food Service.

Several sites were actual Catholic school cafeterias, but others were community organizations that partnered with the diocese to serve meals at their locations. In these cases, the food was prepared at one of the Catholic school cafeterias and then delivered by School Food Service employees.

“It gives us an opportunity to truly minister.”

It also paid off: Evans explained that the cafeteria employees, who wouldn’t ordinarily be paid during the summer, were able to take home pay for the hours they worked in feeding hungry local children.

And the diocese’s School Food Service, since it operated as a sponsor for these sites, received reimbursement for the meals served.

Evans said the summer meal sites often coordinated with events taking place, such as Vacation Bible School or camps, but if there was no event, they would offer enrichment activities such as reading or crafts.

‘It’s blossomed’

The summer of 2019 saw a huge spike in sites sponsored by the diocese’s School Food Service, and Evans knows it was largely due to the cafeteria man-

agers, pastors, and school administrators spreading the word about this initiative.

She said the summer of 2018 had only 16 sites, serving a total of 4,460 meals. But in 2019, they managed to serve approximately 18,500 free meals to children at the 43 sites.

For instance, the Paducah area expanded from just a site at St. Mary School System, to 10 sites in the region.

Owensboro Catholic’s K-3 Campus did not have any events taking place this summer, but Kelly Trogden, the cafeteria manager, was amazed at the number of children they served.

“Compared to last year, it’s like it just blossomed,” said Trogden.

Trogden and her daughter had distributed flyers around the local neighborhood to spread awareness of the free meals and it worked: one day, the small campus served 44 children.

“It was a really good site because so many families would come in and have lunch,” said Trogden.

White, who visited and reviewed the sites throughout the summer, pointed out “that’s a big deal” if families are coming to non-event sites “for no other reason but to eat” – it showed just how much that site was needed in that area.

Jenkins, the cafeteria manager in Bowling Green, was particularly instrumental in spreading the word throughout her region.

Jenkins said her site fed daily “anywhere from 35, to one day having 85” children this past summer, compared to last year’s average of 15 children per day.

And that was just at St. Joseph. After Jenkins emailed the Warren Association of Baptists, a total of 13 sites around the Warren County area became qualified to serve free summertime meals



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
Sonya Evans and Hannah White in the Diocese of Owensboro’s School Food Service office.

through the diocese’s School Food Service.

This is quite a jump from last year, during which St. Joseph was the only summertime meal site in the area.

Jenkins said it wasn’t just about distributing food, but also being present and welcoming to those who came: “It gives us an opportunity to truly minister,” she said.

“People said, ‘I feel like I’m somebody; you don’t treat me differently,’” said Jenkins.

Trogden told a story of four little girls who came to eat at the K-3 Campus every single day, rain or shine, sometimes sharing an umbrella.

On the last day, the oldest came up to Trogden to tell her, “I just want you to know how grateful we are.”

“In a lot of cases, food brings you somewhere – but it’s what you ‘get’ when you’re there that keeps you coming back,” said White.

Evans said that she feels “blessed” to be a part of this work, which she refers to as a “ministry.”

“To me, the more we do, the more I want to do,” said Evans. “And with the help of the cafeteria managers and our employees, we’re doing it, too.” ■

Adult male survivors of clergy sexual abuse can attend group therapy in October

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

A six-week group for adult male survivors of sexual abuse by clergy is beginning in October.

The group is being offered by the Owensboro-based New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services, in collaboration with the Diocese of Owensboro.

A similar collaboration between the two entities had taken place in spring 2019, in the form of a support group for survivors of sexual abuse.

Based on evaluations of that support group, “the participants wanted to have a group for men only, and women only, who have experienced sexual abuse by a priest,” said Jennifer Francis-Gehring, a clinical therapist at New Beginnings.

“Therefore, New Beginnings decided to offer this type of group as a next step in helping to aid in the healing process,” she said.

Louanne Payne, director of the diocese’s tribunal, also serves as the diocese’s pastoral assistance coordinator, which means she answers the hotline for callers to report abuse by someone acting in the name of the Church.

Payne said the initial collaboration with New Beginnings occurred “as a result of the listening sessions offered by Bishop Medley throughout the diocese last fall.”

Bishop William F. Medley had held four listening sessions around western Kentucky during fall 2018 in response to the Catholic Church’s ongoing clergy

abuse crisis.

Francis-Gehring explained that the group, which begins on Oct. 15, 2019, is for men, ages 18 and older, “who have experienced sexual abuse by clergy within the Catholic Church.”

She added that children may not attend this group and that childcare is not available. Women also may not attend this group, but a six-week group for adult female survivors of clergy sexual abuse will occur in spring 2020.

Francis-Gehring also said that there must be at least four people to participate for the group to occur.

“This is actually a ‘group therapy’ group and closed to public attendance,” she said. “That is why registration is required; as an initial meeting will need to occur between the therapist and person seeking out this group to make sure group therapy is appropriate in nature at this time in an individual’s life.”

Additionally, she said all participants will agree to attend all sessions.

“Topics are more in-depth and center on the trauma of sexual abuse,” said Francis-Gehring.

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New Beginnings, in collaboration with the Diocese of Owensboro, will offer a 6-week group focused on the healing of the trauma of adult men survivors of sexual abuse by clergy.

This group is occurring based upon recommendations from the spring 2019 support group for survivors of sexual abuse.

WHO: Adult men, age 18 and older

WHEN: Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., beginning October 15, 2019

WHERE: New Beginnings – 1716 Scherm Rd, Owensboro, KY

FACILITATOR: Jennifer Francis-Gehring, LCSW – Social worker for 20 years, clinical therapist at New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services

Childcare is not available. Please call Jennifer at New Beginnings (270) 926-7273 to register.



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A 6-week group focused on the healing of the trauma of adult women survivors of sexual abuse by clergy will occur in the spring of 2020. More details to follow.

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What can a participant expect to get out of this group?

“That is a difficult question to answer as expectations for each individual is different,” she said. “For some it might be healing, for others information,

etc. It just depends on the individual.”

Currently, the group is set to take place on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m., starting on Oct. 15, unless the collective group decides a different time is better. To register, call Jennifer Francis-Gehring at (270)

926-7273. ■

All New Beginnings services are provided free of charge. To learn more, visit nbowensboro.org.

Why train children about child protection?

Safe Environment coordinator introduces new ‘Circle of Grace’ program

BY MOLLY THOMPSON, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

What is a circle of grace?

According to the Safe Environment training program from the Archdiocese of Omaha, “the Catholic Church teaches that God has created each of us as unique and special,” and that “we are meant to respect ourselves and others as persons created and loved by God.” The program asks us to think about the “circle of grace” as the “love and goodness of God which always surrounds” each person.

The Archdiocese of Omaha took that fundamental truth as its baseline to develop the *Circle of Grace* Safe Environment curriculum for children from pre-kindergarten through high school.

In the past the Diocese of Owensboro has used an assortment of tools for children and youth’s Safe Environment training: (a) presenters from local Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, (b) commercial videos about child safety, and (c) PowerPoint materials developed at the diocese. Over time, input from diocesan catechists and educators led to a review for better options.

Research regarding children’s prevention education training says that for programs to be effective,

students need to be exposed to age-appropriate messages on an ongoing basis.

Following discussions with faith formation, youth ministry, and Catholic school leaders as well as a review of available resources, the *Circle of Grace* Program was chosen to replace all prior options. As a faith-based product *Circle of Grace* integrates safety information in a way that strengthens students’ relationships with God and others. In addition, the program covers all grade levels with vocabulary building over the years; it includes valuable resources available for parents; and it is usable for both schools and other youth settings.

On July 29, 2019 Bishop William F. Medley promulgated the program for use in this diocese with all children enrolled in Catholic schools or other settings designed for youth (parish faith formation, youth ministry, sports programs, music ministries, etc.)

The Office of Safe Environment is working to share all the necessary resources with parish and school personnel. This first year the Office of Safe Environment has requested extra feedback from parents and those presenting the trainings, hoping to strengthen educators’ ability to present the informa-

tion well and reinforce the “circle of grace” concept within other topics.

But why train children about child protection topics?

The Diocese of Owensboro has had written policies in place for many years to help its program leaders provide nurturing, respectful places for young people to grow in faith. In 2002 the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People led to additional requirements: background screenings for all adults working with minors, standards of conduct for Church ministries regarding contact with minors, and “education and training for minors, parents, ministers, employees, volunteers, and others about ways to sustain and foster a safe environment for minors.”

Locations in this diocese present the content in one or more sessions each year, with a focus on safe personal boundaries, protection from physical/sexual boundary violations, and appropriate trusting relationships with adults.

Questions? Visit the diocesan Safe Environment pages at owensborodiocese.org/safe. ■

Molly Thompson coordinates the Diocese of Owensboro’s Office of Safe Environment.

St. John the Evangelist celebrates 100+ babies with shower



COURTESY OF BOBBIE EDDS

(Left) A crib was included with the numerous gifts brought to St. John the Evangelist Parish's baby shower, all of which were donated to Hope Unlimited, a local family care center. (Right) Nicole Farley, executive director of Hope Unlimited, is assisted by her daughter in opening gifts at St. John the Evangelist Parish's baby shower.

BY FR. BRUCE FOGLE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

100+ is a lot of babies for a baby shower, but St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah culminated their nine months of praying for their “Spiritually Adopted Babies” with a baby shower. All the gifts that were brought went to Hope Unlimited, the local family care center that helps promote the “Sanctity of Life.”

In October 2018, Respect Life Month, around 150 parishioners filled out a commitment card to name their “Spiritually Adopted Babies” and commit to pray for the protection of their “babies” from the scourge of abortion for the next nine months.

The prayer that the Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged people to pray, “Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby’s name], the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion,” became a part of the parishioners’ daily prayers. Then at least once a month all the “babies” were prayed for by name at all the weekend Masses during the Prayers of the Faithful. It was a moving experience to hear the names of all these children. Many parishioners expressed how they were touched to hear these names read aloud which reminded them that children murdered by the abortion industry are real babies. These names read aloud helped our parish

to see the great need to pray for the “baby” (and the Mom and the Dad) so that the gift of life could be enjoyed by all.

During the nine months of prayer, a poster was put in the narthex and bulletin inserts were used to show the development of our preborn baby in the womb of the mother. Seeing when the heart began to beat, when fingernails were growing and when the baby began to recognize the voice of “Mom” was an inspiration for the young and older alike. Life is so precious and these little monthly developments proved the point so well.

Then, at the end of nine months, the parish celebrated a real baby shower with tables decorated in

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a pink and blue theme for everyone to enjoy. The Spiritual and Family Life Committees served cake and punch and did traditional baby shower games. Nicole Farley, executive director of Hope Unlimited, her husband, and newly adopted three-year-old daughter were present to enjoy the festivities. Nicole, her daughter and another three-year-old daughter of the parish helped open most of the gifts that had the name of the “Spiritually Adopted Baby” written on the gift tags. Many expressed how meaningful it was for them to name a baby as they prayed for that child and then to purchase a gift with the baby’s name.

A baby bed; two strollers; high chair; car seats; bath supplies; many, many diapers; toys; bottles and blankets were donated. Nicole Farley was “blown away” by the effort, number of gifts, cards and outward expressions of love that were donated.

“The baby shower was remarkable!” said Farley. “What an outpouring of love and generosity St. John the Evangelist Church showed to Hope Unlimited and the moms and dads we serve. There was an abundance of gifts that will be so appreciated by the clients that receive the benefits.”

St. John the Evangelist Parish’s nine months of praying for our “Spiritually Adopted Babies,” giving them special names and the generous gifts at the baby shower shows to the world our uncompromising belief that every human person from conception to natural death demands respect and the sanctity of life. It was a generous commitment to the Gospel of Life. These seemingly insignificant actions are the profound beacons of light in a culture of death. Stay strong, never give up and trust in the Divine Mercy as we promote the Gospel of Life!

Fr. Bruce Fogle is the pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah.

Paducah art teacher receives Catholic educator award



COURTESY OF SUE HEIN

Sue Hein stands with a painting by a former student, whose parent nominated Hein for the 2018-2019 Outstanding School Educator of the Year Award. The parent described Hein as “one of our son’s greatest teachers and supporters!”

An art teacher at St. Mary School System in Paducah received the 2018-2019 Outstanding School Educator of the Year Award on July 26, 2019.

Sue Hein, who has taught at the Catholic school system for 33 years (and has 42 years total of teaching experience), was presented with the award at the annual Celebration of Catholic Schools in-service for teachers and administrators. The in-service was held this year at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School and Parish in Henderson.

Ann Flaherty, superintendent of the Diocese of Owensboro’s Catholic schools, included the following remarks in her presentation of the award:

“A parent shared the following story about this teacher: ‘Our son had many struggles growing up. An optic nerve tumor at the age of seven years resulted in months of radiation and medical care from St. Jude’s Hospital. The treatment was successful but left him with vision and learning disabilities.

He couldn’t run fast or play sports like other boys his age but was made to feel very special in this classroom through excelling on class projects and being commended on his work. One day he came home from school and said that his teacher said he was a little Picasso! He asked to be taken to the bookstore to buy a book on Picasso. Our son passed away two years ago on July 4. After his death, this teacher was given the book on Picasso that their son had cherished in gratitude for the kindness and dedication displayed by one of our son’s greatest teachers and supporters!’”

(Editor’s note: Ann Flaherty retired in August 2019. Former assistant superintendent, David Kessler, has accepted the role of superintendent and Jo Ann Mathieson has accepted the role of assistant superintendent.)

Towards ordination, living in service

Bishop to ordain diocese's first class of Spanish-speaking permanent deacons



Rene Amaya, St. Joseph in Bowling Green.



Jose Blanco, St. Joseph in Mayfield.



Baltazar Rafael, St. Michael in Sebree.



Edwin Pacheco, St. Francis of Assisi in Guthrie.



Trinidad Soriano, Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville.

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BY FR. JULIO E. BARRERA, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Diocese of Owensboro will be blessed, once again, with the ordination of five of our brothers as permanent deacons from different parishes around the diocese. This time and for the first time our Hispanic community of our diocese will welcome these men who will serve as deacons at their respective parishes. They have officially concluded their academic formation with the canonical retreat that Bishop John Stowe, from the Diocese of Lexington, directed last July. We thank him for helping our diocese with his experience and love for the Hispanic community in the USA.

The five candidates will be making their Deacon Promises on Sept. 7 with Bishop Medley presiding at this liturgy. The Deacon Promises is a liturgical cele-

bration in which technically, they profess their faith and also they pledge an oath of fidelity to the Sacred Tradition of the Catholic Church before the bishop.

On Sept. 14, our diocese will witness Bishop Medley's ordination of these five men to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Owensboro. All are welcomed to attend this liturgy, which will be held at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro at 11 a.m.

It is with great joy that I would like to introduce to you the candidates. Let's keep them in our prayers. ■

Fr. Julio E. Barrera is the pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam and Holy Trinity Parish in Morgantown, and is the director of formation for the Permanent Diaconate Program in Spanish.

09/29/19

St. Michael's Festival

At the Sebree Springs Park

10:30AM - Processional to the Park from St. Michael's Church

11AM - Mass in the Park

12PM to 5PM - Games & Food

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
57 WATKINS SEBREE RD IN SEBREE KY

Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish welcomes doctor from Haiti



COURTESY OF LAVIDA MISCHEL

Dr. Clonel smiles for a picture with Sts. Joseph and Paul parishioner Catherine Brand, who has made more than 2,000 dresses for the young girls in Haiti.

BY LAVIDA MISCHEL, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On July 12, the families of Sts. Joseph and Paul in Owensboro welcomed Dr. Clonel Louis from Phatou, Haiti, to their parish.

The Haiti mission team met Dr. Clonel in 2015 when Sts. Joseph and Paul parishioners generously donated enough funds to purchase 100 water filters to take to the mountain area of Lomas, Haiti. Through the Twinning Program of the Americas based out of Nashville, Tenn., Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish has had a missionary relationship with the Lomas parish since 2012. With the assistance of Dr. Clonel, who works closely with “Water With Blessings” founder, Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU, the

parish was able to begin the Clean Water Project, which provides clean water to hundreds of families.

Dr. Clonel lives in a village four hours from the mountain of Lomas with his mother, father and an orphaned teenager. Earning only \$300 per month, Dr. Clonel and his family live in a modest two-room house with no water, plumbing or electricity.

Dr. Clonel, though he himself has no connection to Lomas, has accompanied the missionaries for four years. During the last visit in February 2019, the doctor saw more than 150 patients in two days. The missionaries witnessed the tender care he provided to everyone he met, including the many “water women” that he trains.

Utilizing only what the missionaries can fit into a few suitcases, the missionaries have witnessed the weight and sorrow that shows in Dr. Clonel’s eyes when he is unable to provide what is necessary for the more seriously ill.

Dr. Clonel is living the Gospel. He is the hands and feet of Christ among the poorest of the poor. We pray that one day soon, we may assist him with building a modest, two-room, medical clinic in his village. If your parish is interested in a relationship with a parish in Haiti and serving the most vulnerable, please contact Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish for more information: (270)683-5641. ■

Lavida Mischel belongs to Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro.



COURTESY OF LAVIDA MISCHEL

Sts. Joseph and Paul associate pastor, Fr. Will Thompson, with Dr. Clonel Louis of Haiti.



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IN BRIEF

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New deans elected

Elections were held recently to fill four dean vacancies in the Diocese of Owensboro. The results of the elections are as follows:

- Central Deanery – Fr. Larry McBride (term exp. 8/22)
- Fancy Farm Deanery – Fr. Robert Drury (term exp. 8/22)
- Hopkinsville Deanery – Fr. Michael Charles Abiero (term exp. 8/22)
- The Lakes Deanery – Fr. Brandon Williams (term exp. 8/22)

The deans who are continuing to fulfill their terms are:

- Bowling Green – Fr. Daniel Dillard (term exp. 8/21)
- Eastern – Fr. Tony Jones (term exp. 8/21)
- Owensboro East – Fr. Brian Roby (term exp. 8/21)
- Owensboro West – Fr. Suneesh Mathew (term exp. 8/21)
- Paducah – Fr. Al Bremer (term exp. 8/21)

The term for the newly elected deans began with the Priests' Council meeting on Aug. 19, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the McRaith Catholic Center. ■

-WKC staff

Bishops lament return of federal executions

Washington D.C. (CNA) - Catholic leaders have condemned the federal government's announce-

ment in July that it will resume executions after an almost two decade-long hiatus.

"I am deeply concerned by the announcement of the United States Justice Department that it will once again turn, after many years, to the death penalty as a form of punishment," said Bishop Frank Dewane of Venice, Florida, chair of the U.S. bishops' domestic justice and human development committee, in a statement released July 30.

Attorney General William Barr on July 25 announced that executions of federal death-row inmates would resume for the first time since 2003, with five executions scheduled for December 2019 and January 2020.

"Under Administrations of both parties, the Department of Justice has sought the death penalty against the worst criminals, including these five murderers, each of whom was convicted by a jury of his peers after a full and fair proceeding," said Barr.

Federal executions are rare, with only three occurring in the modern era and the last one being in 2003, the Death Penalty Information Center reports. The federal death penalty was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1972 in *Furman v. Georgia*, but revised federal death penalty statutes were reinstated in 1988. In 2014, President Obama ordered a Department of Justice (DOJ) review of the federal death penalty after several botched executions by lethal injection in states including Oklahoma and Ohio. However, executions will once again take place and more will be scheduled in the future, the DOJ said on July 25.

In 2018, Pope Francis approved updated language for the Catechism of the Catholic Church calling the death penalty "inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person."

In paragraph 2267, the Catechism acknowl-

es that the death penalty was "long considered an appropriate response" to grave crimes by legitimate authorities after a fair trial. However, it says, there is now an "increasing awareness" of human dignity even after such crimes have been committed, as well as more secure means of detention by societies that keep open the possibility of redemption. ■

- Catholic News Agency

Kentucky again denies Louisville abortion clinic's license

Louisville, Ky. (CNA) - Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin's administration has reportedly denied a Planned Parenthood clinic in downtown Louisville its license to perform abortions, doing so for the second time.

The Louisville Courier-Journal reports that Adam Meier, secretary of Kentucky's Cabinet for Health and Family Services, informed Planned Parenthood via a letter on Aug. 16 that the state is denying the license because the clinic performed 23 abortions without a license between December 2015 and January 2016.

The state first denied the clinic's license to perform abortions under a 1998 law requiring abortion providers to have what are known as "transport" and "transfer" agreements with an ambulance and hospital in the event of a medical emergency. A U.S. District Court Judge struck down that law in 2018 as unconstitutional, a decision the state has appealed.

The clinic opened in December 2015 and began performing abortions the following month.

In January 2016, acting state Inspector General Stephanie Hold ordered the clinic to cease performing abortions and the Bevin administration subsequently sued the clinic in February 2016, stating that abortion facilities are not allowed to commence per-

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forming abortions without a license. That lawsuit is currently pending in county court.

The clinic claimed at the time that it had received emails from the state saying that it could perform abortions while awaiting a state inspection of the clinic. The state responded saying that former inspector general for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Maryellen Mynear, was “wrong” when she told the clinic that they would have to be operating— i.e. performing abortions— for a state inspection to take place.

U.S. District Judge Greg Stivers had in June ordered the state to expedite its review of Planned Parenthood's license application and report back to him no later than Aug. 19 with a decision, the Courier-Journal reported.

Planned Parenthood is challenging the licensing issue in federal court.

Gov. Matt Bevin signed into law in March a bill prohibiting abortions based on the race, gender, or a disability diagnosis of an unborn child. The law's implementation has been blocked while legal challenges play out in court.

Federal Judge David J. Hale of the Western District of Kentucky in March blocked a law that would prohibit abortion after the detection of a fetal heartbeat.

The state's only clinic licensed to perform abortions is EMW Women's Surgical Center in Louisville, which performs more than 3,000 a year. ■

- Catholic News Agency

Murray's Newman House chaplain becomes U.S. citizen



COURTESY OF RAINEE PUNGRATZ

(Left) Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, C.S.s.R., is sworn in as a U.S. citizen. (Right) Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, C.S.s.R., newly sworn in as a U.S. citizen, smiles with his mother, Cecilia Batungbacal, and waves an American flag.

BY RAINEE PUNGRATZ, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On July 31, 2019 my mom and I were blessed to be able to attend the Nationalization Ceremony for Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, C.S.s.R., of St. Leo Parish in Murray, who pledged his allegiance to the United States of America along with 168 others from 33 different countries. (Fr. Eugene is the chaplain of Murray State University's Newman House.)

The day began when we met Fr. Eugene, his mother, Cecilia, Fr. Brandon Williams, and Joe and Sherry Orr in the Romano Mazzoli Federal Building in Louisville, Ky. In the waiting room was a very emotional display on a single table with one single chair. The setting is the POW/MIA Remembrance Table. This table is set for one symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. This was a very solemn moment for any-

one who read the plaque.

As the many citizens-to-be were lead into another room, their families and friends waited for their time to go into the room and watch the ceremony. As we entered the room with all the waiting citizens-to-be, there was great hope and excitement in the air. There are no words to express how we felt waiting the swearing in of the new American citizens. As I stood in the back of the room I could hear Fr. Eugene's voice saying the pledge loud and clear and tears welled up in my eyes; I was so happy for him.

Thank you Fr. Eugene for allowing us to participate in this very special time in your life and welcome to the United States of America! ■

Rainee Pungratz serves as a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionary at Murray State University.

Annual 'Bluegrass on Beshear VI' pro-life music event on Oct. 12, 2019

The sixth annual "Bluegrass on Beshear - Pickin' Life" music fest will be held rain or shine from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019 at 307 Island Cove Lane on the shore of Lake Beshear, just southwest of Dawson Springs, KY. The family-friendly outdoor concert is hosted by Resurrection Catholic Church parishioners Laura and Jeff Smith, and Knights of Columbus councils from Princeton, Dawson Springs, Eddyville and Hopkinsville. Funds raised will benefit faith-based life-affirming pregnancy care centers in Madisonville, Benton, Eddyville and Hopkinsville.

Five bands, two solo artists and a choir are on tap to perform. The musicians donate their time and talent and there is no admission charge to attend the event. Several local businesses sponsor Bluegrass on Beshear. Organizers accept donations and raise funds through sales of food, t-shirts and hats. A raffle with more than \$2,000 in prizes will also be held.

The first "Pickin' Life" music fest, in 2014, raised \$2,500 and earned the state-level Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Service Award. During its five years, the event has grown steadily. More than 400 music fans helped raise \$14,019 for the centers at 2018's event.

Laura Smith emphasized that "Bluegrass on Beshear" has two important objectives.

"Of course, one is to raise funds for these wonderful, life-affirming ministries," she said. "They receive no government funding, so they depend on the generosity of churches, businesses and individuals to keep their doors open. The other, equally important, objective is to raise public awareness of the clinics and the services they offer."

Laura Smith is enthusiastic about advances the centers have made in recent years: "Hopkinsville's Alpha Alternative has an RV-based mobile center that takes their services, including ultrasounds, to

small towns in a 35-mile radius of Hopkinsville," she said, adding that, "H.O.P.E. Clinic of Benton opened a satellite clinic in Eddyville 2017 to support, Lyon, Livingston, Caldwell and Crittenden counties.

Door of Hope in Madisonville, said Laura Smith, "has added a formal post-abortion recovery outreach program to help men and women who suffer from having made that unfortunate decision. It's awesome to see our small Christian communities come together to help spread pro-life solutions!"

Jeff Smith said, "When we work together, we can achieve God's will and deepen our own faith. On Oct. 12, we'll present a day of music to raise money and increase awareness of these life-saving ministries. Please join us. Bring your lawn chairs, coolers and fishing poles and enjoy great music on the lake!"

Information about this year's "Pickin' Life" event is on its website, www.bluegrassonbeshear.com and at [facebook/bluegrassonbeshear](https://facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear). ■

Diocese announces policy for free and reduced price meals for students

Any interested person may review a copy of the policy by contacting Sonya Evans, Food Service Director, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301, (270) 852-8337.

Household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility. Children from families whose income is at or below specified levels may be eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals. Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for Free or Reduced Price Meals, households must complete the application and return it to the McRaith Catholic Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY, 42301. Only one application is required for all children in the household. Additional copies are available at the McRaith Catholic Center, at the school your child/children attend or at owensborodiocese.org.

An application cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information:

- Total household income listed by gross amount received, type of income (e.g., wages, child support, etc.) and how often the income is received by each household member;
- Names of all household members;
- Signature of an adult household member certifying the information provided is correct; and
- The last four digits of the social security number of the adult signing the application or the word "NONE" for this household member if he or she does not have a social security number.

The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. For the full press release, visit owensborodiocese.org/parent-cafeteria-information and click on the last bullet point titled "Free & Reduced Price Meals Policy." ■

Jamaican diocese seeks assistance to buy new minibus



COURTESY OF THE DIOCESE OF MANDEVILLE

Students of St. Philemena Basic School examine new books for their library, donated by the Diocese of Owensboro.

BY WKC STAFF

The Diocese of Mandeville in Jamaica has requested help to buy a new minibus to transport the mission immersion teams who serve the impoverished communities within its diocese.

The Diocese of Owensboro has had a sister-diocese relationship with Mandeville since the 1990s. Back then, the late Bishop John J. McRaith of Owensboro asked the late Bishop Paul Michael Boyle, CP, of Mandeville how Owensboro could help the Jamaican diocese.

As the story goes, Bishop Boyle asked for pencils.

Pencils were sent – along with many other items. The “sister” partnership grew, and now every year the Diocese of Owensboro holds a special collection during Ash Wednesday Masses to collect funds for Mandeville.

This summer, Deacon Richard Murphy, the director of Owensboro’s social concerns office and coordinator of the Mandeville trips and fundraisers, said Mandeville reached out to Owensboro for help with a special situation.

“We received a note recently from our sister Diocese of Mandeville that the reliable old minibus that

How to help

You can donate by writing a check to the Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY, 42301, with “Mandeville Bus Drive” in the memo line. To learn more, visit owensborodiocese.org/mandeville-sister-diocese or contact Deacon Richard Murphy at (270) 683-1545 or richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

Ronnie Simpson transported so many of us around Jamaica in, during our mission immersion trips, is on its last legs,” said Deacon Richard Murphy.

He said the current minibus is 12 years old and in need of major repairs.

“The Diocese of Mandeville hopes to replace it with a more reliable vehicle; however, they are looking at a price tag of \$50,000,” said Deacon Murphy. “According to Theresa Chin-Givens, the business manager for Mandeville’s diocese, they have reached out to about 20 groups to seek help to purchase the vehicle.”

The Diocese of Owensboro is one of those groups.

“Our Mandeville Sister Diocese Committee suggests that our diocese aim at a goal of \$10,000 to raise for this project,” said Deacon Murphy. “We can then challenge the other 19 group partners to set goals they think they can realistically reach to achieve the overall goal of replacing this needed resource.”

So far, the first two pledges of \$100 a piece have been received for a total of \$200. Deacon Murphy said he hopes to reach the goal of raising \$10,000 by Oct. 10, 2019.

“Thank you for generosity in the past and your ongoing partnership with the Diocese of Mandeville,” said Deacon Murphy. ■

St. Leo Parish hosts ‘Know Your Rights’ presentation

BY MIGUEL QUINTANILLA, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Saturday, Aug. 24, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro gave a Know Your Rights presentation at St. Leo Parish in Murray. Susan Montalvo-Gesser, immigration lawyer and director of Catholic Charities, gave the presentation, during which she informed those who attended what their rights were, if they had contact with immigration officers. She also talked about the many changes that are hap-

pening to immigration laws. After the presentation, Montalvo-Gesser had consultations with those who had specific questions about their immigration cases.

If you have any questions or need help with your immigration case, you can call Catholic Charities at (270) 852-8335. ■

Miguel Quintanilla serves as a paralegal in the office of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro.



COURTESY OF SUSAN MONTALVO-GESSER
Left to right, Miguel Quintanilla (paralegal with Catholic Charities); Perla Perez-Rubio and her daughter, Yamilka; and Sr. Esperanza Rivera Gomez, director of Hispanic ministry for St. Leo Parish in Murray, after the Aug. 24 Know Your Rights presentation.

Black Catholic Ministry office leads trip to ‘dynamic’ Cincinnati convocation



BY F. VERONICA WILHITE, OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

From July 12-14, 11 representatives from the Diocese of Owensboro (from Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro; Rosary Chapel, Paducah; and St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly) attended the fifth TIKO (Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio) Family Convocation in Cincinnati. The theme was “Embracing Our Faith: Influenced by Race and Culture” and a dynamic keynote presentation was given by Fr. Maurice Emelu. The convocation also included spirit-filled liturgies and prayer services, informative workshops, and Christian fellowship. To learn more about Black Catholic Ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro, visit owensborodiocese.org/black-catholic-ministry. ■

COURTESY OF F. VERONICA WILHITE
Six of the eleven representatives from the Diocese of Owensboro are pictured here at the TIKO Family Convocation in Cincinnati, which was held from July 12-14, 2019.

Ursuline Sisters gather for convocation in St. Louis

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Every three years since 1992, Ursuline Sisters from across the United States, Canada and Mexico have gathered for the Ursuline Convocation, a chance to reconnect with each other and the roots of their Ursuline heritage. The 2019 Convocation was held in the Drury Plaza Hotel in St. Louis from July 25-28. There were 19 Ursuline Sisters and Associates of Mount Saint Joseph who attended, including four who led breakout sessions – Sr. Cheryl Clemons, Sr. Lorraine Lauter, Sr. Michele Morek, and Ursuline Associate Doreen Abbott.

The keynote speaker was Sr. Teresa Maya, a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word of San Antonio. A native of Mexico, Sr. Maya has her doctorate in education and is serving simultaneously as congregational leader for her community and as president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. The theme of the convocation was “Celebrating, Converging, Expanding Angela’s Family.” ■



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH
Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Pam Mueller, dressed as St. Angela Merici, hands a seed to one of the Ursuline Sisters from Mexico as part of the opening prayer ritual on July 25 at the Ursuline Convocation. Sr. Mueller handed a seed to someone at every table, who were to plant it in a pot on their table as the participants chanted “You shall be like a garden, like a deep spring where waters never fail.”

Jesus the Peacemaker: Following Jesus on the Path of Nonviolence

Nov. 1-2, 2019

6:30 p.m. Friday until 4:30 p.m. Saturday
Retreat Director:

Father John Dear



Join us for a special retreat on Jesus, peacemaking and Gospel nonviolence with Father John Dear – long-time peace activist, author and Nobel Peace Prize nominee. He will reflect with us on the life of Jesus from the unique perspective of active nonviolence.

Fee: \$130 single or \$225 double occupancy or \$70 commuter

270-229-0206 • retreatcenter@maplemount.org

Or register online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs>



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Escape to the Mount Weekend!

TRIVIA

**Saturday,
Sept. 7, 2019
4 p.m.–7 p.m.**

Enjoy snacks, drinks, beer, wine.

\$25 per person

Teams: 4–10 players, Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place

Don't forget your raffle tickets!

Get your \$5 Mount raffle tickets for a chance to win \$10,000, a quilt, and other cash prizes! Drawing Sunday at 3 p.m.

Events are located in the air-conditioned gym.
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For more information, contact Carol Braden-Clarke: 270-229-2008 • carol.braden-clark@maplemount.org

Seating is limited. Buy your tickets online in advance: ursulinesmsj.org/escape-to-the-mount-weekend or mail a check payable to Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Development Office, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount KY 42356.



**Sunday,
Sept. 8, 2019**

12 p.m.–3 p.m.

Play bingo to win quilts!

Enjoy lunch and drinks.

\$25 per person

Buy extra Bingo cards for \$1 or \$2 each, depending on size of quilts. Half-pot tickets available.



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SEPTEMBER 2019 BULLETIN BOARD

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

Immaculate Parish offers adult formation classes

This fall, Immaculate Parish in Owensboro will be offering several opportunities for adults to get formed in their faith. Monday mornings from 10-12 starting Sept. 9, *Fulfilled 2* will be offered which shows how the tradition of the Old Testament is fulfilled in Jesus Christ in the New Testament. On Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 starting Sept. 9, *Walking Toward Eternity* will help participants look at seven virtues using Scripture and how to live them. All men are called to *That Man Is You* beginning Sept. 18 from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Men will discuss in small groups topics which will help them become more faith-filled men, husbands, fathers and grandfathers. Every Wednesday morning at 7:45 a.m. and every Thursday at 9:30 a.m., small groups break open the readings for the upcoming Sunday and look for the deeper meanings that Christ is teaching us.

All are welcomed to any of these studies. For more information, contact Diane Willis at Immaculate (270) 683-0689 or dwillis@immaculateparish.org.

Twilight Retreat Sept. 11: Healing

Deacon Dr. Dirck Curry will present "Spirit Healing through Physical Healing" on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). He will cite scripture to help us determine what comes first and which is more important – the spirituality of healing, or the physical healing we all seek. Where do these healings come from and who can do them? The event time is 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The \$20 fee includes dinner. To register: 270-229-0206, retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online at ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs. These Twilight retreats take place on the second Wednesday of each month. Mark your calendar for Oct. 9 when Deacon Chris Gutierrez will present "Cultural Diversity and Immigration."

Bishop Shelton Fabre presents 'Against Racism'

A presentation on the U.S. Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter "Open Wide Our Hearts – The Enduring Call to Love." Presented by Bishop Shelton Fabre of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, LA, on Thursday, Sept. 19, at St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro. 7 p.m. presentation in the church, followed by Q&A. At 8:15

p.m. there will be a meet & greet in the lower level community room (refreshments will be served). All are welcome for an evening of inspiration!

Holy Name Fall Festival is Sept. 20-21

The Holy Name School Annual Fall Festival is Sept. 20-21 in Henderson. This festival is open to the public and we welcome EVERYONE for this family-friendly event. Enjoy handmade eggrolls from our Filipino booth, authentic Mexican, funnel cake, lemon shake-ups, and Men's Club fish among many other delicious foods. Carnival rides, a haunted house, and games will be running for the fun at heart while auctions, family bingo, and a raffle occupy those who want to try their luck. Open Friday from 5-10 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the school or church office for \$10. All proceeds go to benefit Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School. We appreciate your support and look forward to sharing in this family-friendly weekend!

Big raffle drawing: Saturday @ 9 p.m. Grand Prize - \$5,000; 2nd Prize-Weekend Getaway at French Lick (Generously donated by Nick Gillham and Ryan Wilkey of Edward Jones); 3rd Prize- \$750; 4th Prize-50" LED TV; 5th Prize- \$500; 6th Prize-Dell Inspiron 2-in-1 Laptop; 7th Prize- \$250; 8th Prize- Samsung Galaxy Tablet; 9th Prize- \$250; 10th Prize- Wreath donated by J'Petals. Tickets: \$10.00 each, on sale now. License KY.ORG 0000265

Gennesaret Retreat Sept. 27-29

Those who have a chronic or serious health issue could be a candidate for the Sept. 27-29 Gennesaret retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The Gennesaret retreat is designed for persons whose medical conditions would otherwise hinder them from attending a weekend overnight retreat. The word Gennesaret comes from the Gospel of Mark 6:53-55. The retreat is being offered by the Diocese of Owensboro and hosted by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. If you wish to support this ministry as a team member or with a donation, or if you are interested in attending a Gennesaret retreat, call Tom or Amy Payne: 270-316-0403.

Spiritual Directors Gathering Oct. 11-13

"Living a Life of Joy in an Uncertain World" is the theme of an Oct. 11-13 retreat for spiritual directors. Most of us live our lives with instant communication and fast-track activity. During this retreat, participants will explore ways to journey through life in a more joyful and healthy manner. The retreat leader is Sister

Barbara Schmitz, a Sister of Saint Benedict in Ferdinand, Ind. She holds master's degrees in education and pastoral ministry. The event begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. The fee is \$190 which includes meals and accommodations, or \$90 for commuters which includes meals. Get a 10 percent discount if you register and prepay by Sept. 11. To register: 270-229-0206, retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online at ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs.

Bluegrass on Beshear Pro-Life Music Festival on Saturday, Oct. 12

The Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council invites you to attend "Bluegrass on Beshear - Pickin' Life", a one-day music festival on the shore of Lake Beshear, between Dawson Springs and Princeton. The event, in its 6th year, is on Saturday, Oct. 12 from noon to 6 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is free to see five great bluegrass, country and rock bands. It's family friendly. Bring lawn chairs and coolers. You can purchase food, drinks, t-shirts, hats, and rent canoes. We'll raffle more than \$2,000 in prizes. Grand Prize is a two-night stay in a luxury condo at Green Turtle Bay Resort in Grand Rivers. All proceeds and donations go to pro-life pregnancy care centers in Madisonville, Hopkinsville, Benton and Eddyville. Check us out at www.bluegrassonbeshear.com or on Facebook/bluegrassonbeshear. Call Jeff or Laura Smith at 270-797-0072 for more info. Come, join us. Together, we're Pickin' Life!

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Mission 2019

October 20-22, 2019. Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 4029 Frederica Street, Owensboro. Mission takes place inside church followed by refreshments in Parish Hall. Sunday begins with rosary, then a presentation by Joe Bland on "Evangelization in the Family." Monday begins with Evening Prayer, then a presentation by Deacon Mike Marsili on "Evangelization in the Parish." Tuesday we will celebrate Mass with Fr. Jason McClure, who will give a homily on "Evangelization within the community."

Divorced and Separated Koinania (DASK)

Still hurting from divorce? Or separated from a spouse? DASK #2 (Divorced and Separated Koinonia) is taking place Oct 25 – 27 at Gasper River Retreat Center. DASK is an overnight, spiritual retreat focused on resurrection and new life. Visit owensborodiocese.org/DASK for more information and online registration.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Ireland Pilgrimage

Pentecost Tours, with Fr. Tony Stevenson as chaplain, invite you to join us on pilgrimage to Ireland. We will visit: Belfast, Cliffs of Moher, Cork, Dingle, Dublin, Gatway, Giants Causeway, Knock and much more. Flying United Airlines from Nashville, Tn., we will depart on Oct. 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and return to Nashville on Nov. 8, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. For more information and a brochure please contact: Fr. Tony Stevenson, St. Anthony Church, 1654 South Highway 79, Hardinsburg, KY, 40143.

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth memorial being donated to OCHS

To all readers of the WKC, greetings from north of the Ohio river, Mt Vernon, IN. Don't judge me too harshly, as Owensboro is home, and you know we all have fond memories of home. We all get way too

many requests for money, and many are good causes. Cancer research, Red Cross, rescue mission, and Heart Association just to name a few. We have another one, but this one is a real winner. A fundraiser is underway to collect money for a monument to be erected on the ground at Owensboro Catholic High School in recognition of the 30+ years the Sisters of Charity taught and managed the school. Those of us fortunate enough to have been taught by these Sisters recognize the great foundation we received and are happy to make a donation toward this monument. Please consider sending a check made out to OCHS. Send to OCHS, 1524 W Parrish Ave., Owensboro, KY 42301. Att: Tracy Miller. Only Tracy will know the amount you contribute. Any amount, \$25, \$50, \$100 you are comfortable with will be much appreciated. Thank you. -Gene Moore

2019 Parish Picnic Schedule in the Diocese of Owensboro

Editor's note: Parish picnics and cooking teams are a longstanding tradition in the Diocese of Owensboro. Parishioners and non-parishioners alike gather to celebrate with food, games and fellowship during the warmest months of the year. All questions about the individual picnics may be directed to the parishes.

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
SEPT 7	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT 14	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
SEPT 14	Serving from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
SEPT 14	Drive-thru from 4-5 p.m.	St. Sebastian, Calhoun
SEPT 15	Serving at 11 a.m., Mary Carrico Catholic School Picnic	St. Lawrence Picnic Grounds, Philpot
SEPT 15	Serving from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	St. Joseph, Central City
SEPT 21	Serving at 4 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT 21	Serving from 4-8 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
SEPT 28	Serving from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Drive-thru, Raffle & BBQ	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT 28	Serving from 10:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.; Honeyfest Dinner, Silent Auction & Raffle	St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
SEPT 29	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

FOLLOWING JESUS:



God loves us in spite of...

October 18-20, 2019

Begins Friday at 7 p.m. and ends after lunch on Sunday.

The ordinary men and women of the Gospels can teach 21st century Christians a LOT about God's love! All these Gospel characters reveal that God loves us NOT because we're perfect but because we're chosen; God reaches out to us NOT because we get it right all the time but because we need divine help to get it right any of the time!
Note: This is a co-ed retreat for men and women.

Retreat Director

Sister Cheryl Clemons

is Vice President for Academic Affairs/ Academic Dean at Brescia University. She has taught a variety of theology, liturgy, spirituality and biblical courses. She has a doctorate from The Catholic University of America in historical theology-systematics.



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Survey on Catholic belief in the Eucharist prompts calls for better catechesis



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Before Mass begins, bread and wine sit on a table at the back of St. Stephen Cathedral on Ash Wednesday 2019. The Catholic Church teaches that when the priest says the words of consecration during the liturgy, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus – a fundamental teaching central to Catholicism.

BY JONAH MCKEOWN AND KEVIN JONES,
CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

Washington D.C. (CNA) - After a recent survey found that two-thirds of Catholics do not believe Church teaching about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, Catholic commenters are stressing the importance of better faith formation.

“We should never assume that ‘everyone here knows the basics.’ We have to constantly reiterate

the basics and take every advantage that we have to catechize,” said John Bergsma, a professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

A recent Pew Research study found that just 31% of U.S. Catholics they surveyed believe that the bread and wine used in the Eucharist, through a process called transubstantiation, become the body and blood of Jesus— a fundamental teaching central to the Catholic faith, known as the Real Presence.

Sixty-nine percent of Catholics that Pew surveyed reported their belief that the bread and wine used during the Eucharist “are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.” This mindset made up a majority in every age group surveyed.

“Most Catholics who believe that the bread and wine are symbolic do not know that the church holds that transubstantiation occurs,” Pew reported Aug. 5.

“Overall, 43% of Catholics believe that the bread and wine are symbolic and also that this reflects the position of the church. Still, one-in-five Catholics (22%) reject the idea of transubstantiation, even though they know about the church’s teaching.”

Interestingly, a small percentage of those surveyed— 3%— claimed to believe in the Real Presence despite not knowing that this is what the Church teaches.

Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Robert Barron said the study made him angry because it showed poor formation for generations in the Church.

“This should be a wake-up call to all of us in the Church—priests, bishops, religious, laypeople, catechists, parents, everyone—that we need to pick up our game when it comes to communicating even the most basic doctrines of the Church,” Barron wrote on his blog Aug. 6.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 1374 states: “In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and,

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therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained'...it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."

Bergsma told CNA that he found the results of the Pew survey unsurprising, as similar polls in the past two decades have turned up similar results.

He said many of the "self-identified" Catholics surveyed probably don't show up at Mass very often, if at all.

"Really what this poll shows, once again, is that there are large numbers of persons in the United States who consider themselves 'Catholic' almost as an ethnic or cultural category, because they received one or more sacraments when they were children, or their family is traditionally Catholic," Bergsma said.

"However, although these persons consider themselves 'Catholic' as a demographic category, they haven't and don't practice the Catholic faith, and they haven't made much effort to learn what the Catholic Church teaches."

He called for better catechesis, especially in parish and school settings, to counter the lack of belief shown in the survey.

For Bergsma, a former Protestant pastor who once preached vehemently against the Catholic Church, a big factor in his conversion was encountering the Church's teaching on the Eucharist.

"Jesus said, 'This is my body ... this is my blood.' Every Christian who claims to follow Christ should take him at his word and believe in the Real Presence," he said.

"The early Christians surely did, and reading the earliest Christian writings on the Eucharist is what converted me on this issue...For those who don't know or reject the Church's teaching, I would encourage them to give it a chance. Read, for example,

what the Catechism says about the Eucharist, and ponder it with an open mind."

Fr. Bradley Zamora, director of liturgy at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois, told CNA that the Eucharist— and what the Church teaches about it— is the "very core" of the Catholic faith, and the fact that it seems to be so misunderstood is disheartening.

"As a person of faith, as someone who has chosen to follow Christ as a disciple, you have to be willing to enter into the narrative of what we believe," he said.

"You have to be willing to give your heart completely to Christ, you have to put on eyes of faith, you have to open your ears to the very voice of Christ. This is the disposition, as difficult as it may be, that our faith begs of us. When we gather for the Eucharist we see and hear things happening in front of us, but beneath what we see and what we hear is the very Paschal Mystery coming to life before our eyes."

Zamora, like Bergsma, emphasized the need for better catechesis and teaching about the basic tenets of the Catholic faith. He also said that Catholics do themselves a "disservice" as a Church when they don't speak about the mysteries of the faith as often as they can. As a seminary professor, he said he tries to bring his seminarians back to the reality of the Real Presence constantly as he teaches them how to celebrate Mass.

"When we pronounce the words of the institution narrative, 'This is my body,' and 'This is my blood,' it is Christ Himself who prays those words again in our time and space just as He did at the Last Supper," Zamora explained.

"What we do when we gather for prayer is not some stage play, but rather we re-present the very mystery Christ instituted." ■

Q&A Tribunal Explains

Is a divorced person excommunicated from the Church?

Absolutely not. A divorced person who remains single remains in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

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The Office of the Diocesan Tribunal is a ministry designed to help individuals in the healing process by seeking clarification with regard to their marriage. If you have questions, please contact the Tribunal at 270-683-1545 or tribunal@pastoral.org.

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Ron & Sherry Turner, 40
Tim & Jeanne Stinnett, 40
John & Linda Farley, 52

Christ the King, Madisonville

Joseph & Daisy Rocha, 53
Darrell & Joanne Hatfield, 40
Donnie & Romona Clary, 40

Holy Guardian Angel, Irrington

Charles E. & Betty Smith, 54
Gary & Sharon Hinton, 40

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Derek & Tiffany Beck, 10
Carroll & Margaret Fulkerson, 56
Harold & Lucy Hargis, 50
Ronald & Joan Hockey, 60
Randy & Elizabeth Joyner, 10
Joshua & Elizabeth Long, 5
Michael & Karen Martin, 40
Stephen & Amy Mathis, 10
Philip & Jill Rawley, 10
Raymond & Joan Wawrin, 52
Benjamin & Mary Woodring, 10
Charles & Wendy Wooldridge, 10

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Kenneth & Barbara Burch, 63
James & Veronica Diemer, 57
Joe & Sally Liles, 56
Dean & Colleen Ewing, 52

John & Sherry Anderson, 40
Sarah & Tyler Miller, 10
Anthony & Lauren Muza, 5
Timothy & Martha McAnnany, 5

Holy Trinity, Morgantown

Dan & Brenda Groeschel, 40
Richard & Peggy Seiler, 58

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Vic & Barbara Hagman, 54
Charles & Peggy Howard, 50

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Stephen & Sandy Mattingly, 5
Michael & Stacey Davis, 10
Justin & Nina Wiggins, 10
Warren & Jessica Thompson, 10

Paul & Betty Melton, 40
John & Pat Kelley, 59

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Jacob & Mary Eagleson, 5
Matthew & Kelsey Aull, 10
Justin & Nina Wiggins, 10
Edward & Christie Beals, 25
Jeffrey & Stephanie Higdon, 25

James & Patricia Dickens, 61
Louis & Mary Alice Weise, 63
Joseph & Sherma Clark, 64

Precious Blood, Owensboro

William & Susan Wedding, 50
Larry & Gail Glenn, 51

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Carl & Rosa Lee Coffey, 63

William M. & Linda C. Randolph, 54

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Dennis & Jennifer Herricks, 25

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Mark & Mary Skipworth, 10

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Mark & Judy Crowder, 40
Chris & Dena Davis, 25

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Dorris & Joyce Collins, 59
Damien & Jaci Simmons, 5

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

John Sr. & Joyce Teets, 50
Rob & Tina Gabbard, 5
Danny & Connie Thompson, 40

St. Ann, Morganfield

Wayne & Rhonda Mills, 40
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William & Janet Roberson, 59
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Danny & Kristina Fulkerson, 25

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Wallace & Joyce Wilkinson, 50

St. Augustine, Reed

Sonny & Linda Evans, 54
Robert & Vickie Lacer, 53

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James & Pattie Toler, 70

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Durwin & Maureen Ursery, 53

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Dylan & Krista Moore, 5
James & Virginia Carter, 5
Kevin & Kristen Elliott, 10
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Jimmy & Sue Kipper, 53
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Robert & Jean Carrico, 52

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St. Leo, Murray

Marvin & Martha Byrd, 57
James & Joan Carden, 55
Byron & Mary Cates, 68
David & Jennifer Sevilla, 10
Shawn & Lindsey Touney, 10
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Steve & Sharon Maloney, 55

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Chuck & Joellen
McGary, 54

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Bruner, 5

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Donald & Alice Bland,

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St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

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Edwin & Brenda Frank,
40

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

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Pinkston, 50

Michael & Margaret
Dant, 54

St. Stephen, Cadiz

James & Sally Vollmer,
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James & Betty McVey,
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Howard & Louise
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Norman & Joan
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Pat & Donna McNulty,
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Tim & Barbara Clinton,
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Rob & Judy Milford, 53
Gary & Janie Lamb, 54

Phil & Betty Higdon, 55

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Brandon & Cecile
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Frankie & Janet Millay,
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Darrell & Mary Lou
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Robert E. & Paula
Stallings, 51

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John & Cecilia Yates, 52

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Steven & Elizabeth
Burch, 5

Bobby & Barbara Clark,
5

Ira Joel & Laura
Mattingly, 5

Jack & Rose King, 66
Bobby E. & Theresa

Pedley, 55
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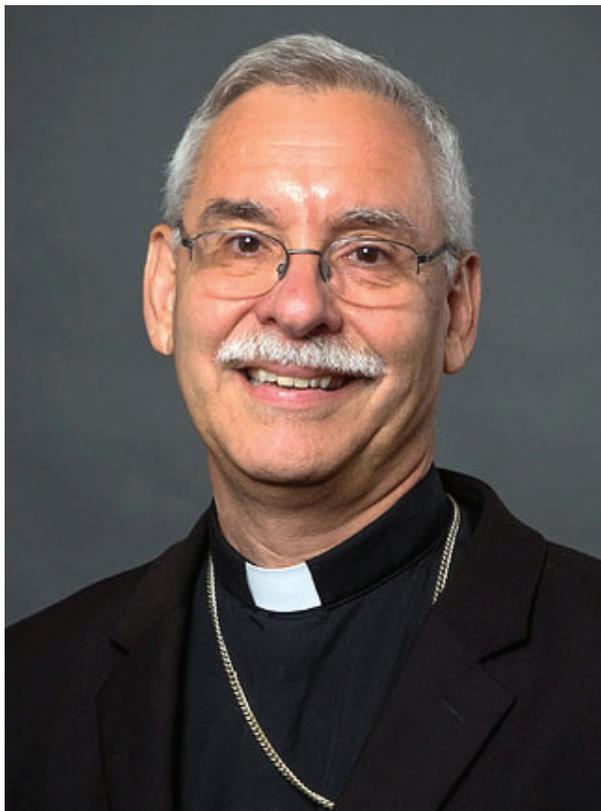
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Arkansas bishop to be keynote for ‘Vocare’ vocations gala

Says ‘future is bright’ as Church undergoes ‘time of purification’



COURTESY OF DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK
Bishop Anthony B. Taylor.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

If Bishop Anthony B. Taylor were to summarize in one word the keynote address he will give at Vocare 2019, it would be about “believing.”

In the 11 years that Bishop Taylor has led the Diocese of Little Rock – comprising all of Arkansas – the median age of diocesan priests has changed from 69 to 45. He has ordained half of the diocesan priests who are currently in active ministry.

“We succeeded in creating a broad-based culture of vocations in our diocese,” said Bishop Taylor in an Aug. 9 interview with the WKC.

“The bottom line is that we’ve gotten people to start believing again,” he said, adding that, “our priests are united – the priests in our diocese are very positive about promoting vocations.”

The sixth annual vocations-affirming Vocare gala will be held at the Owensboro Convention Center on Sept. 20, 2019. (Vocare is Latin for “to call.”)

Funds raised at Vocare contribute to the education and formation of diocesan seminarians – which the diocese covers – and to any person from the diocese seeking to enter consecrated life.

Bishop Taylor credits his diocese’s vocations boom to many positive changes, including having seven priests working in the vocations office, and support from the Serra Club and the Knights of Columbus.

Little Rock also built a House of Formation within the diocese, so that undergraduate seminarians would not need to travel and live out of the diocese for their studies. Bishop Taylor himself sold the diocese’s bishop’s residence, and lives at the House of Formation too.

A favorite vocations-promoting tradition in their diocese is the Taste of Faith dinners, which are held four times a year. The seminarians serve guests and two seminarians at each dinner share their vocation stories.

The original purpose was to raise more funds for their constantly-growing body of seminarians, but

Bishop Taylor admitted that the Taste of Faith dinner “ends up being a pep rally for the Church!”

He explained that much of his diocese’s population is Spanish-speaking, and so several vocations initiatives are geared toward Spanish-speakers.

The diocese’s vocations office also offers spiritual direction to high schoolers and other young people discerning a call to the priesthood to “proactively help them out,” said Bishop Taylor.

His advice for fostering a culture of vocations in one’s diocese?

“Positive events – like your Vocare will be; embracing our priests with love; people seeing the joy of the seminarians,” said Bishop Taylor.

Another beloved Little Rock tradition takes place when a young man from their local all-boys Catholic high school is accepted to the seminary. Just as an upcoming college athlete would have their “signing” ceremony, the school hosts the young man’s signing of his letter of intent for joining the seminary.

If a young man attends public school, or has been out of high school for some time, his home parish will host the signing of his letter of intent.

The bishop said this also helps other young men, who may be discerning, see there is a culture that will encourage and support them if they follow this same path.

Bishop Taylor also addressed what vocations promotion is not.

“It is not talking someone into something God’s not called them to,” he explained. Additionally, someone should not become a priest to avoid life’s

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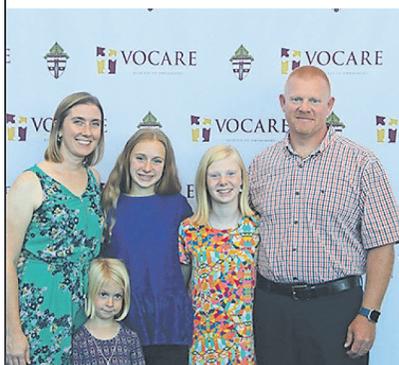
other obligations.

“If someone is not flourishing in the seminary,” he’s not forced to continue, said Bishop Taylor, “because it must be of the Lord.”

Bishop Taylor said the Catholic Church “has a bright future” and believes it is going through a “time of purification.”

He said his seminarians see themselves as part of the solution to the problems plaguing the Church, and he is “confident” that this is the case for seminarians nationwide.

“They really are swimming against the current of public opinion,” he said. “I have a lot of respect and admiration for them. There are challenges for sure, but the future is bright.” ■



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New initiative to help families, parishes fight the ‘addictive’ pornography cycle



BY DANNY MAY, OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Pornography is a complex issue. With today’s advances in technology, pornographic images and videos are more prevalent and easily accessible than ever before, particularly when young people handle devices. Yet for many adults, the topic is still taboo and not discussed. But not talking about it is not helping the problem. What we’ve learned from other dioceses around the country is that once a proactive plan is in place and conversations start happening, the issue is brought to light and healing can begin.

Fighting the impact of pornography on our culture can seem overwhelming, but the good news is there are resources to help. The Clean Heart Initiative is the Diocese of Owensboro’s response to the 2015 document by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ “Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography.”

Let me give you some background. When I started in the Office of Marriage and Family Life, addressing the issue of pornography was high on my priority list. I see it as both a marriage issue because it’s a major cause of divorce in America and a family

issue because kids can easily be exposed on devices. It also falls directly into the “Accompaniment” aspect of Missionary Discipleship that Pope Francis and Bishop Medley are focusing on.

CleanHeartInitiative.com

The newly launched website, which anyone can access and use, is the centerpiece of the initiative. But several parishes are piloting the Clean Heart Initiative by training teams of parishioners to carry the movement forward in the parish.

CleanHeartInitiative.com is an effort to make resources and information available to parents and those wanting freedom from pornography addiction in one place in an easy-to-find format. The site is currently divided into three sections.

The first section, “Protecting Our Families,” is designed to do two things: overview filtering software options and help parents have conversations with their children early and often about the effects of pornography.

The second section, “Freedom from Pornography,” overviews the addictive nature of pornography and lists resources to help those who are struggling with pornography take the first steps on their journey toward recovery.

On the far right, you’ll notice the Corizon Puro page, which is the Spanish portion of the site. It’s a compilation of resources available in Spanish.

Pilot Parishes

For the past several months, teams of volunteers at Blessed Mother (Owensboro) and Sts. Peter and Paul (Hopkinsville) have been preparing to officially launch the Clean Heart Initiative in their parishes.

The initiative begins with “Safe Haven Sunday,” where the issue is talked about in the homily at all weekend Masses and parents are presented with booklets to take home with them. From there, the priest and parish teams are presented with materials and information to help those who are struggling with pornography overcome temptations and break the addiction cycle. The parish teams also find opportunities to present the message of the Clean Heart Initiative through regular parish gatherings like parent meetings or scheduled presentations or workshops.

This Clean Heart Initiative is just in the beginning stages, but it’s a start. Now that the site is live, we’ll continually add resources as they come available. The next portions of the website will be a section for schools, catechists, and teachers and a section for training more parish teams as interest grows. Please pray for the Lord to use the Clean Heart Initiative to bring mercy, peace, and healing to many people in (and out of) our diocese. ■

Danny May is the director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life in the Diocese of Owensboro. To learn more, visit owensborodiocese.org/office-of-marriage-family-life.

Youth ministry leaders ‘break open’ a better vision for discipleship



COURTESY OF CHARLIE HARDESTY

Tony Vasinda and Michael Marchand of ProjectYM speak to participants at Christ the King Parish in Madisonville on August 10, 2019.

BY WKC STAFF

On Aug. 10, approximately 60 directors of religious education, youth ministry leaders, Catholic school educators, catechists and volunteers gathered at Christ the King Parish in Madisonville for a day of formation.

The day was led by Tony Vasinda and Michael Marchand of ProjectYM, an initiative created to help

Catholic youth ministers thrive in their ministries.

Charlie Hardesty, the Diocese of Owensboro’s youth ministry director, said two themes emerged throughout the formation day.

“First, you can’t give what you don’t have, and second, this generation of young people will need a different approach in evangelization, accompaniment, and discipleship,” said Hardesty.

Hardesty said Vasinda spent the morning helping participants reflect on the need, as ministry leaders, “to be in relationship with Jesus Christ ourselves and in a place of personal, ongoing discipleship.”

“During that conversation, we discussed the wounds that exist in our lives and our need for healing,” said Hardesty.

He said the morning felt like a “rejuvenating retreat experience” geared toward renewing the ministry leader.

“In the afternoon, Michael (Marchand) provided a glimpse into the life of Generation Z – the current group of young people we are serving – and how they differ from all previous generations,” said Hardesty.

Marchand’s information came primarily from a recent study by Barna Group, which conducts studies on faith, culture and generational trends.

This Barna study in particular had looked into Generation Z and their experience of life and religion.

“From there, we broke open a better vision for discipleship,” said Hardesty.

He said this revolved around intentional small group communities focused on evangelizing, accompanying, and guiding young people into a life of following Jesus.

“For me, the challenge of the day was to first of all, as a ministry leader, stay connected and growing with Jesus,” said Hardesty. “And then, walk with a small group of young people in a discipline relationship similar to how Jesus modeled with the apostles.” ■

Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas,

El Día del Trabajo, el primer lunes de septiembre, se considera el final no oficial del verano. Si bien la verdadera temporada de verano continúa durante al menos otras tres semanas, culturalmente el Día del Trabajo parece dejarla atrás. Hace una generación, las escuelas generalmente abrían justo después del Día del Trabajo. Pero ahora las escuelas abren a principios de agosto. Aun así, ese primer "fin de semana largo" del año escolar parece haberse convertido en un ritual en sí mismo, tal vez con la última oportunidad de nadar y los últimos paseos familiares.

Parece casi olvidado que el Día del Trabajo fue

creado para honrar al movimiento laboral estadounidense. El Día del Trabajo en los Estados Unidos ha existido desde los finales del siglo XIX. En 1894 se observó como una fiesta nacional con el fin de honrar a los trabajadores estadounidenses que estaban contribuyendo poderosamente a nuestra nación todavía en desarrollo. Durante las siguientes décadas y durante el tumultuoso siglo XX, los trabajadores estadounidenses construyeron una nación con la mayor riqueza y producción material del mundo.

La doctrina de la Iglesia Católica ha sido paralela al movimiento obrero y ha sido una parte integral de su identidad. Se nos recuerda que la vida económi-

ca no está destinada únicamente a multiplicar los bienes producidos y aumentar las ganancias o el poder. En primer lugar, una economía auténtica está bien ordenada al servicio de las personas y de toda la comunidad humana.

El trabajo humano procede directamente de personas creadas a imagen de Dios. En la historia de la creación del Libro del Génesis, la creación se confía a los seres humanos con la obligación de que continúen la obra de la creación. La Iglesia enseña que el trabajo humano es un deber: El que no quiera

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EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA SEPTIEMBRE 2019:

4 DE SEPT.	8 a.m. Misa - Escuela del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson	18 DE SEPT.	8:30 a.m. Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas - MCC
5 DE SEPT.	11 a.m. Misa de Apertura - Universidad de Brescia, Owensboro	19 DE SEPT.	10 a.m. Día del Presbiterio - MCC 7 p.m. Presentación del Obispo Fabre - Catedral de San Esteban
7 DE SEPT.	10 a.m. Promesas Diaconales - Centro Católico McRaith (MCC), Owensboro	20 DE SEPT.	6 p.m. Vocare - Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro
8 DE SEPT.	10:30 a.m. Instalación del Párroco - Parroquia San Carlos, Livermore 2 p.m. Premios Sofía - Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro	21 DE SEPT.	5 p.m. Confirmación - Parroquia Santa Rosa, Cloverport
12 DE SEPT.	6 p.m. Misa & Conversación con los Ministros Juveniles - Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper	22 DE SEPT.	11:30 a.m. 110° aniversario del edificio de la Escuela de San Jerónimo - Fancy Farm
14 DE SEPT.	11 a.m. Ordenación al Diaconado Permanente - Catedral de San Esteban	24 DE SEPT.	Horas de Oficina en Paducah
15 DE SEPT.	10 a.m. Confirmación - Parroquia San Romualdo, Hardinsburg	25 DE SEPT.	10:30 a.m. Misa "Arcoiris" Celebrando Escuelas Católicas - Centro Deportivo de Owensboro [Sportscenter]
16 DE SEPT.	10 a.m. Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal - MCC 1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal - MCC	28 DE SEPT.	9 a.m. Misa para el Encuentro Provincial - Louisville 5 p.m. Celebración de Aniversarios de Matrimonio - Parroquia San Pedro & San Pablo, Hopkinsville
		29 DE SEPT.	6 p.m. Bendición de Narthex - Parroquia de Santa María Magdalena, Rome



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trabajar, que no coma” (II Tesalonicenses 3,10). El trabajo honra los dones del creador y puede ser redentor. Un retrato duradero de Jesús es que él era el "hijo del carpintero" y su niñez es imaginada como una de trabajo manual.

Desde los primeros días de la humanidad, documentado en la Sagrada Escritura y otras fuentes antiguas, uno de los grandes pecados e injusticias es la explotación del trabajo humano. La historia de nuestra nación, como todas las naciones, es de progresión y recesión. A pesar de todo el progreso que disfrutamos en nuestra nación, siempre hay una tendencia para que los poderosos exploten a los débiles.

Una sociedad justa debería garantizar que quienes proporcionan la mano de obra que mantiene a nuestra economía en marcha deben ser compensados con una parte proporcional de las ganancias. La complejidad de una economía mundial hace que sea aún más difícil para nosotros conocer y reconocer los momentos en que disfrutamos de los frutos del trabajo de los demás, pero a veces no podemos ver las condiciones económicas inhumanas en las que tienen que sobrevivir.

Que redescubramos el significado del Día del Trabajo y levantemos nuestras voces de defensa de aquellos que producen nuestros alimentos, nuestros hogares y nuestros productos electrónicos. Y celebremos nuestro propio trabajo y contribuciones. ■

Atentamente en Cristo,



Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

Obispo de Arkansas dará el discurso principal en la celebración diocesana sobre vocaciones

Durante los últimos 11 años, el obispo Anthony Taylor ha guiado a la diócesis de Little Rock en Arkansas, que cubre todo el estado. La edad promedio de sacerdotes diocesanos ha cambiado de 69 a 45. Él ha ordenado la mitad de todos los sacerdotes diocesanos que están actualmente activos en el ministerio. También estará hablando en el evento de VOCARE el 20 de septiembre del 2019, evento que busca incrementar fondos para la manutención de seminaristas en la diócesis de Owensboro.

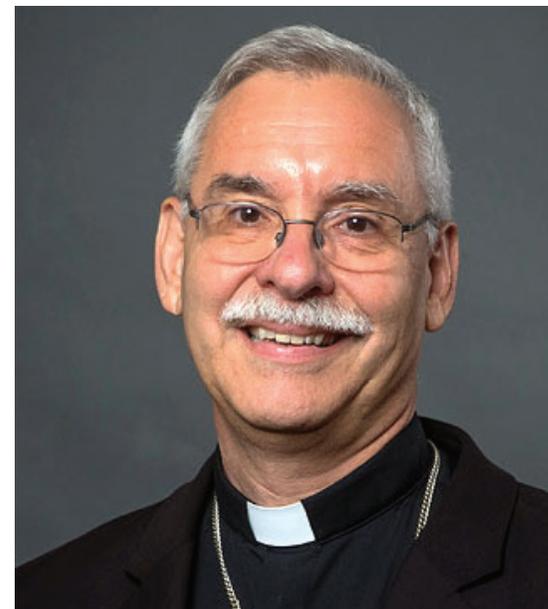


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El Obispo Anthony B. Taylor quien dará el discurso principal en VOCARE el 20 de septiembre del 2019.

“Hemos tenido éxito en crear una extendida cultura vocacional en nuestra diócesis,” mencionó el obispo Taylor al Católico de Kentucky Occidental. “Lo principal es que hemos podido hacer que la gente tenga fe una vez más”.

El obispo Taylor mencionó que la Iglesia Católica “tiene un futuro prometedor” y cree que está pasando por un “tiempo de purificación”.

Dijo que sus seminaristas se ven a sí mismos como parte de la solución a los problemas que acechan la Iglesia. También mencionó tener la “certeza” de que este es el caso de seminaristas en toda la nación.

“En realidad, de veras están nadando contra corriente en la opinión pública,” dijo. “Tengo un gran respeto y admiración por ellos. Existen retos desde luego, pero el futuro es brillante”.

Hacia la ordenación y viviendo en servicio



Rene Amaya, Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green.



Jose Blanco, Parroquia de San José, Mayfield.



Baltazar Rafael, Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree.



Edwin Pacheco, Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís, Guthrie.



Trinidad Soriano, Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville.

POR CORTESÍA DE PBro. JULIO E. BARRERA

La Diócesis de Owensboro será bendecida, una vez más, con la ordenación de cinco de nuestros hermanos como diáconos permanentes de diferentes parroquias alrededor de la Diócesis. Esta vez y por primera vez nuestra comunidad hispana de nuestra diócesis dará la bienvenida a estos hermanos nuestros que servirán como diáconos en sus respectivas parroquias. Ellos han concluido oficialmente su formación académica con el retiro canónico que el Obispo John Stowe, de la Diócesis de Lexington, dirigió en el mes de julio pasado. Le agradecemos al obispo John por ayudar a nuestra Diócesis con su experiencia y amor por la comunidad hispana presente en los Estados Unidos.

Los cinco candidatos harán sus Promesas Diaconales el 7 de septiembre con el Obispo Medley presidiendo esta liturgia. Las Promesas Diaconales es una celebración litúrgica en la que técnicamente profesan su fe y también hacen un juramento de fidelidad a la Sagrada Tradición de la Iglesia Católica ante el obispo.

El 14 de septiembre, nuestra diócesis será testigo de la ordenación de estos cinco hermanos nuestros al diaconado permanente para la Diócesis de Owensboro. Todos están invitados a asistir a esta liturgia, que se llevará a cabo en la Catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro a las 11am.

Con gran alegría me gustaría presentarles a los candidatos. Mantengámoslos en nuestras oraciones. ■

Pbro. Julio E. Barrera
Director de la Formación
Del Diaconado Permanente

29 de septiembre
En el parque Springs de Sebree

*Festival
de San
Miguel*

10:30 AM - Procesión al parque de Sebree desde la Iglesia de San Miguel

11 AM - Misa en el parque

12PM hasta 5PM - Juegos y Comida

LA IGLESIA DE SAN MIGUEL
57 WATKINS SEBREE RD. EN SEBREE

Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

Para denunciar una sospecha de abuso, llame a la Línea Directa de Protección Infantil de Kentucky: 1-877-KYSAFE1 o 1-877-597-2331 (llamada gratuita) o comuníquese con su Fiscal Local del Commonwealth. Para reportar abuso, actual o pasado, a la diócesis por parte de cualquier persona que actúe en nombre de la Iglesia, llame a Louanne Payne, Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral (inglés) al 270-852-8380, o Nuria Elizondo, Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral (español) al 270-880-8360. También puede visitar la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro (owensborodiocese.org/safe) para obtener más información.

Picnic Parroquiales del 2019

21 Septiembre

Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.
Santísima Madre, Owensboro

28 Septiembre

Solamente por carros; 1-3 p.m.
Inmaculada, Owensboro

Parroquias con Misas en Español

Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

Sábados – 5:00 p.m.
107 13th Street, Beaver Dam, KY 42320
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (706) 284-0996, o Padre Julio Barrera (270) 274-3414

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 o Padre Basilio Az Cuc (270) 842-2525

Parroquia de San José, Central City

Cada Primer Domingo del Mes - 8:00 a.m.
113 South 3rd Street, Central City, KY 42330
Contacto: Padre Josh McCarty (270) 754-1164

Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Guthrie

Sábados – 6:00 p.m.
Domingos – 12:00 p.m.
7600 Russellville Road, P.O. Box 297, Guthrie, KY 42234
Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (270) 265-5263 o (302) 438-7335

Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

Domingos – 1:30 p.m.
403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134
Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.
511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420
Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172 o Padre Gary Clark (270) 826-2096

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: Sra. Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

Domingos – 6:00 p.m.
1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431
Contacto: Padre Carl McCarthy (270) 821-5494 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez Salinas (270) 881-7737

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.
702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066
Contacto: Hermana Maria Luisa Morales Solano (270) 247-2843

Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.
766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (706) 284-0996, o Padre Julio Barrera (270) 274-3414

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 5:30 p.m.
401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071
Contacto: Hermana Esperanza Rivera (270) 753-3876

Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 8:00 p.m.
609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303
Contacto: Padre Will Thompson (270) 683-5641

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.
5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001
Contacto: Hermana Celia Sanchez (423) 883-5757

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m.
296 West 6th Street, Russellville, KY 42276
Contacto: Padre Ken Mikulcic (270) 726-6963

Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree

Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.
Jueves – 12:00 p.m.
Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.
57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455
Contacto: Alyssa Maty (815) 207-3208 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez Salinas (270) 881-7737

Presentación de Conozca sus Derechos en la Parroquia San Leo



POR CORTESÍA DE SUSAN MONTALVO-GESSER
Miguel Quintanilla (Paralegal con Caridades Católicas);
Perla Pérez-Rubio y su hija, Yamilka; y Hna. Esperanza
Rivera Gómez, Directora del Ministerio Hispano para
San Leo en Murray.

El sábado 24 de Agosto, Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Owensboro hizo una presentación de Conozca sus Derechos en la parroquia de San Leo en Murray. Susan Montalvo-Gesser, abogada de inmigración y directora de Caridades Católicas, dio la presentación en la cual informo a los que asistieron cuales eran sus derechos si llegaran a tener contacto con oficiales de inmigración. También informo a los que asistieron sobre los muchos cambios a las leyes de inmigración que están sucediendo. Después de la presentación Montalvo-Gesser tuvo consultas con personas que asistieron que tenían preguntas específicas sobre sus casos de inmigración.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita ayuda con su caso de inmigración puede llamar al (270) 852-8335. ■

Miguel Quintanilla,
Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Primeros Auxilios en Salud Mental

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Sábado 26 de Octubre, 2019
9:00am - 5:00pm

LUGAR:
McRaith Catholic Center
600 Locust St
Owensboro KY, 42301

INSCRIPCIONES:
Dcn. Cristóbal Gutierrez
(270) 880-8018
chris.gutierrez@pastoral.org

Fecha límite para inscribirse, 12 de Octubre, 2019
-Participantes recibirán certificado-



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Sábado 23 de Noviembre

8:30am-5:00pm

\$ 25.00 Por Pareja

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