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A Word from Bishop Medley

'Amoris Laetitia – the Joy of Love'

Anything worth doing is worth doing poorly.

Think about it. If someone is to pick up paints and explore their creativity, they need not create a work comparable to Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel to make it worthwhile. If one enjoys singing, they do not have to surpass Frank Sinatra or Elvis Presley in records sold for it to be valuable and pleasing. If one can bounce a basketball, they need not break Michael Jordan's records to have a good time.

This might then be my summation of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the family, *Amoris Laetitia*, the Joy of Love. For marriage and family to be worthwhile, it can even be done poorly. Now "poorly" is the problematic word. Perhaps I should "not perfectly." If marriage is worth doing, it is worth doing even when it is not perfect.

Pope Francis' document on marriage and family comes to us as a reassurance that much good comes to men and women and children and society even when every marriage and every family is not the stuff of a manual on perfection. This makes perfect sense: most of us are husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and few of us have ever been accused of perfection. Marriage and family life is messy and very often marked by imperfection.

And let's get to the heart of it: marriage and family is often marked by sin. People in the most intimate relationships of life and loving hurt one another, they disappoint one another, they wound one another. Pope Francis gets it! He speaks for the Church and more importantly for Jesus Christ. He promises us that there is grace in married life that can overcome our shortcomings.

Maybe the Church has sometimes set expectations that make the ordinary unacceptable. We are all aware of the tendency in our culture



BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR ● MAY, JUNE & JULY 2016

- MAY 1** 10:30 a.m. ● Confirmation – Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro
- MAY 3** 10-2:00 p.m. ● **Presbyteral Day, Fr. Paul Check, Courage** – McRaith Catholic Center
6:30 p.m. ● Confirmation – Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro
- MAY 4** 8:00 a.m. ● **School Mass** – Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson
6:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Leo Parish, Murray
- MAY 5** 10:00 a.m. ● **Mass, Pastoral Visit, Prison Ministry** – Fredonia
- MAY 7** 5:30 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah
- MAY 9** 6:00 p.m. ● **Pre-VOCARE event** – Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green
- MAY 11-12** **Province Meeting** – Louisville, KY
- MAY 14** 1:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Guthrie
5:30 p.m. ● Confirmation – Christ the King Parish, Madisonville
- MAY 15** 11:00 a.m. ● Confirmation – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
3:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville
- MAY 16** 9:45 a.m. ● **Priests' Personnel Board Meeting** – MCC
1:30 p.m. ● **Priests' Council Meeting** – MCC
- MAY 18** 6:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Ann Parish, Morganfield
- MAY 19** 4:00 p.m. ● **Holy Hour, Dinner and Visit with Priests** – Carmel Home, Owensboro
- MAY 20** 6:00 p.m. ● **Graduation** – Trinity High School, Hines Center
- MAY 21** 11:00 a.m. ● **Permanent Diaconate Ministry of Acolyte** – Cathedral
7:00 p.m. ● **Graduation, St. Mary High School Graduation** – Paducah
- MAY 22** 10:00 a.m. ● Confirmation – Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro
- MAY 28** 10:00 a.m. ● **Priesthood Ordination** – St. Stephen Cathedral
5:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Rose of Lima Parish, Cloverport
- MAY 29** 8:30 a.m. ● Confirmation – St. Paul Parish, Leitchfield
2:00 p.m. ● **Graduation** – Owensboro Catholic High School, Sportscenter
- JUN 4 - JUL 29** **Mexican American Catholic College Spanish Immersion Program** – San Antonio, Texas
- JUN 12-17** **USCCB Special Spring Assembly** – Orange County, CA
- JUL 17** 1:30 p.m. ● **Mass, Congregational Leader Installation, Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount, Sister Amelia Stenger, OSU**
- JUL 31** 5:30 p.m. ● Confirmation – Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson

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THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

Announces with Great Joy
The Ordinations of

Basilio Az Cuc
and

James C. Dennis, Jr.

Called by God and the Church
to the

ORDER OF PRESBYTER
Through the Imposition of Hands
and the

Invocation of the Holy Spirit
by

The Most Reverend William F. Medley, DD
Bishop of Owensboro

On Saturday, the twenty-eighth of May

Two thousand and sixteen

Ten o'clock in the morning

at

Saint Stephen Cathedral

610 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY, 42301

A reception will follow the ordination.

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to cut and run when everything does not suit us. In relationship to marriage this has meant failed marriages and broken families when maybe all that was required was a little minor surgery, a swallowing of pride, or a dose of mercy and forgiveness.

Amoris Laetitia will be the source of Church teaching on marriage for a long time to come. This is altogether appropriate for Pope Francis draws his teaching from the Gospels of Jesus Christ. He has summed up masterfully the voices of the bishops and experts who participated in the two Synods on the family held in 2014 and 2015. In these encounters the lives of real, ordinary and imperfect people were considered. Pope Francis now takes from these discussions a call to meet people where they are and to respect their consciences. He reminds pastors that

Priest Assignments for 2016

PARISH PASTOR

McCarty, Rev. Joshua: Pastor, Saint Joseph Parish, Central City, Kentucky, effective February 5, 2016.

Buckner, Rev. Mark: Pastor, Saint Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville, Kentucky, while continuing as Pastor of Saint Mary Magdalene Parish, Sorgho, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2016

Thomas, Rev. John: Priest Moderator vested with the powers and faculties of a Pastor to attend to the canonical responsibilities of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish of Todd County, Kentucky, effective March 24, 2016

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Az Cuc, Rev. Basilio: Parochial Vicar of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville, Kentucky as well as assisting with Sacramental Ministry at Saint Francis of Assisi of Todd County, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2016

Barrera, Rev. Julio: Parochial Vicar of Saints Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro, Kentucky while continuing as Director of Formation for Hispanic candidates for the Diocesan Office for the Permanent Diaconate, effective June 14, 2016

Bremer, Rev. Al: Parochial Vicar of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville, Kentucky as well as assisting with Sacramental Ministry at Saint Francis of Assisi of Todd County, Kentucky while continuing as Chaplain at the Kentucky State Penitentiary and Western Kentucky Correctional Complex, effective June 14, 2016

Dennis, Rev. Jamie: Parochial Vicar of Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2016

Udoh, Rev. Emmanuel: Parochial Vicar of Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2016

the Church is to assist people in forming consciences, not to replace them.

The Catholic Church has always invested much in the sacrament of matrimony and the family life that rightly flows from this sacrament. Pope Francis acknowledges, however, that at times people who have fallen short of this ideal don't feel welcomed, understood or supported by the Church. In a noble effort to defend marriage, maybe we have been too quick to judge others' failures.

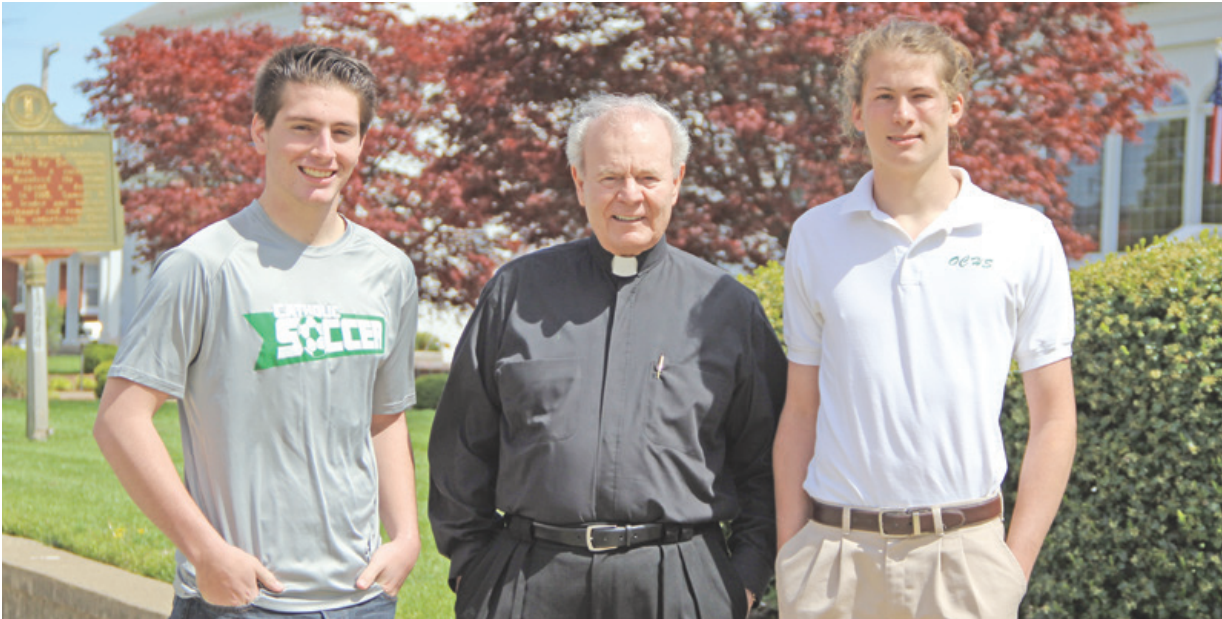
He decries those who would use the moral law as if they were "stones to throw at people's lives." Surely this is an apt image as we recollect the Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery, where Jesus invited

those without sin to cast the first stone.

Pope Francis, while not diluting at all the natural and holy ideal of marriage, does insist that the Church respond with compassion, sensitivity and mercy to any whose lives have not conformed to those ideals. Pastors and people must see that all are welcome, that there is room at the Lord's Table for all who want to be there. He admits that even our language has betrayed us at times: "It can no longer be said that all those living in any 'irregular union' are living in a state of mortal sin." In other words, we can find ways to respond to people without so easily

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Dignity, compassion and respect: Teens assist funerals of poor, homeless



From left to right: Mason Robertson, Fr. Ed Bradley and Daniel Jacobs stand in front of Haley-McGinnis Funeral Home on Locust Street. Haley-McGinnis rotates with other Owensboro-area funeral homes to provide respectful memorial services for the poor and homeless deceased. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, The Western Kentucky Catholic.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Death is a difficult thing to fathom, especially for youth, says Fr. Ed Bradley, chaplain at Owensboro Catholic High School.

“Young people can find it hard to talk about,” said Fr. Bradley.

But instead of shying away from the topic, a number of students at OCHS are actively involved in promoting dignified burials for those on the margins of society.

Sometimes, local priests or the county coroner will call Fr. Bradley about the recent death of a poor or homeless person in the community.

While local funeral homes have a rotating system that provides funeral or memorial services for these individuals, there is still the problem of few people to attend and serve as pallbearers.

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JUBILEE YEAR 2015-2016

Living the Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy was established by Pope Francis to last from Dec. 8, 2015 to Nov. 20, 2016. The Western Kentucky

Catholic is celebrating this holy year by featuring a series highlighting individuals who live the works of mercy around the Diocese of Owensboro.

This month's article introduces us to a couple members of the St. Joseph of Arimathea Society at Owensboro Catholic High School – a student club that exemplifies the work of “Burying the Dead.”

Rebirth from ashes: Todd County parishes become one

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016, Bishop William F. Medley and diocesan chancellor Kevin Kauffeld signed a decree establishing St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Todd County, Kentucky.

This parish was formed through the merging of St. Susan Parish in Elkton and SS. Mary and James Parish in Guthrie – and the parishes did not make this decision lightly.

Deacon Heriberto Rodriguez, parish life coordinator for both parish communities, said that in recent years both the Hispanic and Anglo presence at the churches had been growing significantly.

In Guthrie, for instance, there were about 15-20 Hispanic and 40-45 Anglo parishioners when Deacon Heriberto arrived in 2010. Today, there are 95-105 Hispanic members and 65-75 Anglo members.

Likewise, Elkton once had 65-75 Hispanic parishioners, which have gone up recently to about 85-95. Anglo parishioners have also grown from roughly 30-35 to 45-50.

The number of parishioners was starting to outgrow the two little churches, which were both located in what is considered Catholic mission territory, for the region's population is less than 2 percent Catholic.

Due to the parishes' close proximity they shared a priest – Fr. Frank Ruff, GHM, a Glenmary priest who provided Mass and other sacramental services.



Bishop Medley speaks with Ed Slack (wearing Kentucky sweater) while children play during a gathering at the Slacks' property on March 28. The Slacks donated property to be used for the future church of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Todd County. Photo by Tina Kasey, Office of Communications.



Left: A church sign and a Mary statue are the few items left after the fire that destroyed SS. Mary and James Church in Guthrie on Feb. 10, 2015. **Right:** The interior of St. Susan Church in Elkton, where the growing parishioner attendance was becoming too great for the church's modest size. Photos by Tina Kasey, Office of Communications.

"I had opened up a conversation at SS. Mary and James about needing a bigger place to better serve the growing community," said Deacon Rodriguez. "It was moving forward but very slowly."

Then, back in 2015, tragedy struck.

The fire

It's now been more than a year ago, but Deacon Rodriguez still remembers receiving the Feb. 10,

2015 phone call.

An electrical fire had started at SS. Mary and James' fellowship hall behind the church, and had enveloped both buildings.

Deacon Rodriguez jumped into his car and raced to the scene. He saw the local community assembled and working to remove precious items from the buildings before it was too dangerous to enter.

"People of the community – Baptists, Menno-

nites, Catholics – carried out the tabernacle, crucifix, statues, other items,” said Deacon Rodriguez.

Insurance later determined both buildings a total loss.

The memory is still difficult for the parish community, especially for those who’ve been parishioners their entire lives.

Barbara Fletcher Arms grew up in Tennessee, but with the Guthrie church being nearly on the Tennessee-Kentucky state line, it wasn’t far for her family.

Arms’ mother, Betty Fletcher, was a founding member of the little church at 313 3rd Street.

“My mother had donated the holder for the sacred oils,” said Arms, explaining that the oils holder was one of the items rescued from the fire.

Mary Covington King, another parishioner, explained that her parents were also “two of the original people who started the church” and had been involved in the parish’s Legion of Mary as well.

A generous gift

With the Elkton and Guthrie parishes already working together so much, the parishioners began to explore a new option: merging into one new parish. The idea flourished, and St. Francis of Assisi Parish was born.

“We are connected in many ways spiritually,” said Deacon Rodriguez, adding that once the decision was made, they began looking for property to build a new church situated between Guthrie and Elkton.

There were some delays initially since not a lot of land was for sale in the Todd County region, due to most properties having expansive fields for

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One family: Local Christians opened doors to Catholics after fire

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Christian community in Todd County is quite aware that “we’re all one family, brothers and sisters,” said Fr. Frank Ruff, GHM, a Glenmary Home Missioners priest who has served the area’s Catholics for the past 15 years.

“Pastors here in the in the past committed to community activities with other churches,” said Fr. Ruff.

With a less than 2 percent Catholic population in Todd County and the surrounding area – which includes Catholics who cross over from Tennessee to attend a Todd County parish – a great camaraderie exists.

In a small community like this, said Fr. Ruff, it just came naturally.

But on Feb. 10, 2015 a fire completely destroyed SS. Mary and James Parish in Guthrie. The Guthrie-area Catholics were virtually homeless.

“When the fire happened, five Protestant communities offered their churches,” said Fr. Ruff, adding that two civic organizations, including a museum, offered facilities as well.

The Catholic parishioners were grateful, and originally moved into the museum due to other churches’ schedules conflicting with the parish’s.

But when the museum needed to do renovations, the Catholics were once again without a place to celebrate Mass.

Tiny Town Baptist Church had offered their facilities the first time, and their offer remained.

“Of all the church timeframes that worked the best,” said Fr. Ruff.



Tiny Town Baptist is one of several local churches that opened its doors to SS. Mary and James Parish when the Catholic church burned down in February 2015. Photo by Tina Kasey, Office of Communications.

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Before long the Catholic community in Guthrie was attending Mass inside the Baptist church – complete with tabernacle, which Tiny Town Baptist graciously let them keep inside with an electric candle.

The Rev. Buck Tidwell, pastor of Tiny Town Baptist, said he had enjoyed working with both Fr. Ruff and Deacon Heriberto Rodriguez, the parish life coordinator, for previous inter-church community projects.

The three church ministers work with other pastors in Todd County to provide many community services, such as an annual ecumenical Thanksgiving service, and a Christmas basket collection for the poor.

And since Guthrie is such a small town, “everybody knows everybody,” he said. “We care about our brothers and sisters.”

“We saw a need and wanted to help as best we could,” he said. “One way was to offer a place to worship.”

The warm relationship between the local Catholics and Baptists has blossomed further since Tiny Town began housing the Catholic community.

“We’ve become good friends and brothers in Christ,” said Rev. Tidwell, adding that the Catholic community has now been using their facilities for about a year.

He emphasized that there is no sense of competition between the churches: “Our

job is to bring people to Christ.”

“They pray for us, and we pray for them,” he said. “We’re doing what Christ did, and that’s to love each other.”

Frank Lesko, the Glenmary Home Missioners’ director of Catholic-Evangelical relations, said this relationship is “particularly inspiring.”

“Gosh, if only everywhere was like this!” said Lesko, who works to build positive relationships between Catholics and Evangelicals in the rural Southeast.

Lesko said it is clear that the ecumenical friendship “didn’t happen overnight” and that this is “the fruit of many years of work.”

Fr. Ruff agreed.

“We cannot be a Catholic Church in isolation,” he said. “Ever since the Second Vatican Council we understand that we’re all one Body of Christ, and we pray for the day that we’ll be one Church.”

Fr. Ruff said he expects a warm friendship to continue even after the new church has been built and the Catholics have moved out of Tiny Town Baptist.

“That’s who we are, here in little Todd County,” he said. ♦



Besides being named after the saint in Assisi and Pope Francis, St. Francis of Assisi Parish drew inspiration from Fr. Frank Ruff, GHM, a Glenmary priest who serves the local Catholics. Photo by Tina Kasey, Office of Communications.

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crops.

Parishioners Ed and Dorothy Slack stepped forward and donated a plot of their land beside their home just north of Guthrie.

“It’s only 10 miles from Elkton,” said Ed Slack.

He said that he had always wanted to “leave the world a better place than when I got here.”

His wife, Dorothy Slack, said she had realized that the parish was not going to get the property they needed anywhere else, and that she and her husband felt called to donate the land.

“We just kind of felt that we should do this,” she said simply.

God’s will

St. Francis of Assisi Parish received its name for several reasons. One was after the humble saint himself. Another reason was for Pope Francis,

whom the parishioners love.

A third reason was inspired by Fr. Ruff, whose first name is actually Francis, though he prefers to go by “Frank.”

Leobardo Lopez, a leader in the parish’s Hispanic community, said that “God is the one who gave us the name.”

“God is the one who says what needs to be done,” he said, expressing his sadness that the church burned down, but hope for a bright new future.

Deacon Rodriguez said that so far the construction plans are moving in “baby steps, but it’s working.”

“We have grown in faith,” he said. “We can bring the kingdom of God in this area and fulfill his will. We will open our hearts and our wills, and let his will be done.” ♦



“The Future Site of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church” reads a sign on the property donated by Ed and Dorothy Slack. Photo by Tina Kasey, Office of Communications.

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That’s when the young men of the St. Joseph of Arimathea Society at OCHS step in.

“We believe that everyone deserves a respectful burial,” said Daniel Jacobs, one of the student members.

Members of the society – which is reserved to senior males – serve as pallbearers for the individuals in these sad situations.

The society is named for St. Joseph of Arimathea in the Bible, who provided his own tomb for the body of Jesus after the crucifixion.

OCHS’s society was inspired by the St. Joseph of Arimathea Society at St. Xavier High School in Louisville, where the students similarly act as pallbearers for the impoverished deceased.

Mason Robertson, another member, said that at the beginning of the school year in senior religion class, students are invited to volunteer for the society. The members rotate so that there are six pallbearers for each service, and so that every member has a chance to help.

“Usually pallbearers are family,” said Robertson. Since the students typically never met the individual before they passed away, “we’re more distant, but we still care for the deceased.”

Sometimes the society members are at school when they receive a last-minute notice that pall-

bearers are needed that day, and the students attend the service in their OCHS uniforms.

Other times the members hear the news several days in advance, and can plan to wear their suits and ties. But regardless of what they wear, the young pallbearers maintain an attitude of sympathy and respect.

“We get some very nice thank-you notes from families,” said Fr. Bradley.

Fr. Bradley said that the students wear small boutonnières when acting as pallbearers. At the burial, the students remove the boutonnières and place them on the casket.

Robertson said he doesn’t think the society will ever run out of members, due to the great honor it is to serve, and the opening for new seniors every fall.

“To bury the dead is a good way to practice the works of mercy,” said Fr. Bradley, though perhaps, “it’s one you don’t think about often.” ♦

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Archives Corner

MAY 2016

Take a walk down memory lane to days gone by in the Diocese of Owensboro! To learn more about the Archives Office and how they can help you find historical information about the Diocese of Owensboro, contact our archivist Heidi Taylor-Caudill at heidi.caudill@pastoral.org or call (270) 683-1545 and ask for Archives.



Owensboro Catholic High School students pose for a group photo on their way to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life (January 21, 1989).



A view of Saint Stephen Cathedral from the west side (photographer: Martin Lancaster, undated).



St. Mary parishioners promote cancer awareness

Parishioners at St. Mary Parish in Franklin participated in "Dress in Blue" day March 4 to increase awareness of colon cancer. A presentation about colon cancer, with an emphasis on screening and prevention, was offered just prior to First Friday Mass. Photo courtesy of Cathy H. Abell.

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Catholic Charities announces award winners

BY PAUL MONSOUR, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Visit rcdok.org/news for more information about each individual and organization that received this year's award.

The winners of the third-annual Bishop John J. McRaith Providing Help, Creating Hope Award this year include 16 individuals and four organizations.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro established the Award in 2013 to recognize individuals or groups in the diocese who abundantly show the virtue of charity in their work and deeds, aligned with the mission of Catholic Charities.

The award is named after Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith who retired as bishop of the Owensboro Diocese January 5, 2009. Individuals receiving the award, based on acts of charity that have improved the lives of the less fortunate, are:

Derwood Dolye, (St. Pius X, Calvert City); Jim Grant (St. Anthony, Clarkson); Erv Moore (St. Anthony, Clarkson); Bill Rodgers, (St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers); Wayne and Judy Hards-

ty (St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg); Jim Roethemeier (Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson); Charlene Meadows (Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro); William Potts (Immaculate Parish, Owensboro); Ralph Thomas (Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro); Hal and Braun Mischel (SS. Joseph and Paul, Owensboro); Mary Beth Hurley (St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro); Staci Baker (St. John the Evangelist, Paducah); Jerry and Vicki Morris "Angels for Ashley" (St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville).

Organizations that received the award this year are:

The former St. Vincent de Paul Conference and Thrift Store Volunteers (Hopkinsville); Door of Hope Pregnancy Care Center (Madisonville); Paducah Community Kitchen (Paducah); and St. Vincent de Paul (Paducah area). ♦

Calvert City, Paducah K of C honors departed brothers

On March 22, in the spirit of brotherhood and charity, the Knights of Columbus honor guard assemblies #2404 (Calvert City) and #312 (Paducah) honored the passing of Sir Knight Lonny Carey, founding member of Assembly #2404. On March 30 another founding member unexpectedly passed – Charles "Chuck" Fischer – at Baptist Health in Paducah. Sir Knight R.J. Witowski writes: "Please pray for the families of these departed Knights of Columbus, Assembly 2404."



Knights assemble at the funeral of Sir Knight Lonny Carey. Pictured are John Kniebrich, Larry Wenzel, Bob Whitlock, Steve Batusik, Derwood Doyle, Russell Tomlinson, Clem Hinkebein, Darin Adrian, Danny Shea, James Poat, Kurt Schmidt and Joel Rivera. Not pictured are members Frank Bosch and Pat Spoden. Picture courtesy of R.J.Witowski.

Considering Adoption?

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

Year of Mercy inspires MSJ women's retreat

Ursuline Sister Cheryl Clemons had a wonderful turnout for her women's retreat March 11-13, 2016, titled "The Tender Mercy of Our God: Jesus and Gospel Women" at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Sister Cheryl related the stories of several women in the Gospels and how their stories intersect with the women of today. Jesus showed his mercy to those women just as Jesus continues to show mercy today.



A staple of every Sister Cheryl retreat is an opportunity to share in her many spiritual books. Here Sister Marie Joseph Coomes, left, and Sister Cecelia Joseph Olinger look through the options. Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

Coins for Cooper

BY DIANE WILLIS, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When one of your own needs help, you're there for them.

That's how the religious education program at Immaculate Parish in Owensboro felt when they heard that two of their catechists, Jason and Kira Stallings, had to leave their ministry due to their unborn son (named Cooper Ray) being diagnosed with Porencephaly. The couple was told that they needed to rest for Cooper's sake.

Porencephaly is an extremely rare disorder of the central nervous system in which a cyst or cavity filled with cerebrospinal fluid develops in the brain. Porencephaly, as Cooper suffers from, is the result of damage from multiple pre-birth strokes. Although they are yet to be completely determined, symptoms could possibly include delayed growth and development, spastic hemiplegia (slight or incomplete paralysis), hypotonia (low muscle tone), seizures (often infantile spasms), and macrocephaly (large head) or microcephaly (small head).

Children with porencephaly may have poor or absent speech development, epilepsy, hydrocephalus (accumulation of fluid in the brain), spastic contractures (shrinkage or shortening of the muscles) and cognitive impairment.

Immaculate's religious education program began "Coins for Cooper" as their Lenten project.

They were hoping for \$750 – approximately



\$10 from each student. But after four weeks and \$923 collected, they knew that the final tally would be over \$1000.

The final amount of \$1165.81 was presented to the Stallings family at religious education on March 30. All classes were treated to a pizza party and the two winning classes: second grade with the most money (\$216.88) and first grade with the most money per student (\$19.30) also received an ice cream treat.

The students are aware of Cooper's diagnosis and so not only have been bringing money for his cause, but also praying for him and Kira and Jason.

Diane Willis serves as director of faith formation at Immaculate Parish, Owensboro. ♦

How to help

Diane Willis says she is amazed by the students' giving spirit: "We talk about the Works of Mercy, but seeing it in action is very rewarding." To learn how you might help the Stallings family, contact Diane Willis at (270) 683-0689.

Holy Spirit builds 'Undoer of Knots' grotto

Pope Francis, while studying in Germany in the 1980s, discovered the Marian devotion to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots which is depicted in a painting of our Blessed Mother from the early 1700s. The pilgrims from Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green learned more about the pope's devotion during their visit to Philadelphia in 2015. They saw the "knotted grotto" built at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in honor of the devotion, where people wrote prayers and struggles on ribbons to tie onto the grotto frame. The practice was to leave a ribbon, and then take a ribbon off and pray for that intention.



A frame is built for Holy Spirit Parish's own "Undoer of Knots" grotto in Bowling Green. Photo courtesy of Holy Spirit Parish.



This picture, taken in Sept. 2015, shows the "Our Lady, Undoer of Knots" grotto built in Philadelphia for World Meeting of Families pilgrims. Photo courtesy of Holy Spirit Parish.

Meet the Deacon Candidates

Currently the Diocese of Owensboro has 16 men studying to become English-speaking permanent deacons. Through five years of prayer and intense study these men hope to one day serve the people of the diocese by assisting at Mass, administering sacraments, serving the community and much more. Recently the 16 deacon candidates and the wives of those who are married gathered for a study weekend at the Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.

We'll be exploring more about the vocation to the permanent diaconate in our online news this summer! Stay up-to-date by visiting rcdok.org/news and registering for our free email newsletter at <http://bit.ly/1NxpMSS>.



Permanent diaconate

To learn more about the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Owensboro, contact Deacon Heriberto Rodriguez at Heriberto.Rodriguez@pastoral.org or visit rcdok.org/vocations/permanent_diaconate.



(Front row, from left), Mike Marsili, James Morgan, Richard Murphy, Scott Jones, Chris Gutierrez and Ken Bennett. In the second row, from left, Larry Conrad, Roberto Cruz, Brett Mills, John Cecil, Brent Kimbler, Dale DePoyster, Robert Higbee, Mike Houtchen, Joe Loeffler and Wayne Boudreaux. Photo courtesy of Dan Heckel.



The wives and families of married men studying to become permanent deacons play crucial roles in the men's vocational discernment. Pictured are (from left) Dale DePoyster and his wife Yvonne; Mike Marsili; John Cecil and his wife Davena; Larry Conrad; James Morgan and his wife Carolyn; Brett Mills; Chris Gutierrez, his wife Patti, and their sons; Brent Kimbler and his wife Laura; Robert Higbee and his wife Shirley; Joe Loeffler; Mike Houtchen and his wife Stephanie; Wayne Boudreaux; Ken Bennett and his wife Helen; Scott Jones; Richard Murphy and his wife Donna; and Robert Cruz. Photo courtesy of Dan Heckel.

To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

In addition, to report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance

Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro revised its sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014 and it is available at parishes and also on the diocesan web site (www.rcdok.org/safe).

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett (Chair), Mr. Mike

Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, Mr. Tony Kraus, Mr. Michael Marsili, Ms. Kelly Roe (Vice-Chair), and Ms. Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board. The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

To register for sponsored events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation

First Tuesday of each month
5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

The \$20 fee includes dinner.

To register, contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org.

May 3 – Sister Vivian Bowles, OSU Mind Management

This session stresses self-management for growth and accomplishment. Once we have a clear positive self-image, we can strengthen our inner resources and mental attitudes. We will learn basic affirmations that instill self-acceptance, pleasant personalities, spiritual growth, handling and communication of emotions, healthier thinking, and motivation. These attributes and skills will further develop self-acceptance that will curtail negative mental games that we tend to play with ourselves and others.

June 7 – Sister Ann McGrew, OSU
The Choice to Say "Yes;" The Choice to Say "No"

"Indeed, the big decisions in life are hardly ever clear -- except for one. And that one is piercingly clear: life is a series of dilemmas, of options, of conundrums, of possibilities taken and not taken. Negotiating these moments well is the essence of the life well lived." (Quote by Sister Joan Chittister, OSB)

July 5 – Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU
Blueprint for Life: Beatitudes

This presentation is based on the Gospel of Saint Matthew 5:3-10.

Aug. 2 – Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU
The Gift of Forgiveness

The ability to love and to forgive is above all something that God does in us. In this program we will contemplate the astonishing gift of God's forgiveness . . . and how forgiveness can be a gift that we give to one another and, beyond that, to ourselves.

Eucharistic Adoration

Second Sunday of each month

May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Oct.

9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 (Note: There is no Adoration on Sept. 11 – Picnic Day)

3 p.m.-5 p.m. *The time has been extended to two hours during the Year of Mercy.*

Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel

Adoration will conclude with evening prayer. Adoration also takes place every Friday from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Associates and Sisters Day

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Mount Saint Joseph Conference & Retreat Center

This is the annual day when all Ursuline Associates and Sisters gather at Mount Saint Joseph to listen to inspiring speakers, welcome new associates, renew associate commitments, attend Mass and enjoy lunch and socializing. For more information, visit ursulinesmsj.org, call 270-229-2006 or email associates.msj@maplemount.org. Registration forms will be mailed to associates and will be available online.

Join our Spinning
Retreat Weekends!



Next Retreat: June 3-5

Future Dates: Aug. 26-28, Nov. 4-6

Whether you are an experienced yarn spinner, weaver, rug hooker, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the spinning retreats at Mount Saint Joseph. For information on room rates, meal costs, etc., contact Kathy: 270-229-0206
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Junior College Reunion

All students and faculty of Mount Saint Joseph Academy or Junior College are invited back for Alumnae Weekend on May 14-15 at Maple Mount. The event begins at noon on Saturday and includes a memory room, hospitality center, supper and evening prayer. Registration is from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday and from 7:30-9 a.m. on Sunday in the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Sunday features breakfast with the Ursuline Sisters, an alumnae association meeting with election of officers, class photos, Mass at 11 a.m. and an awards banquet at 12:30 p.m. where anniversary classes and Maple Leaf Award winners will be recognized. To register, contact Marian Bennett at 270-229-2006 or alumnae.ms@maplemount.org. A registration form can be found at www.ursulinesmsj.org (click on Alumnae, then Alumnae Weekend). Accommodations are available for a fee. The cost of the catered awards banquet is \$25.

Book Study: A Father Who Keeps His Promises

Written by Scott Hahn, it focuses on God's covenant love in scripture.



Second Thursday of each month*
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

May 12 • June 9 • Aug. 11

• Sept. 8 • Oct. 13 • Nov. 10 • Dec. 8

Feel free to attend any and all sessions.

Director: Sister Ann McGrew, OSU

\$10 per class (includes lunch)

To register, contact Kathy: (270) 229-0206

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*Except July

Save the date for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph's 46th



BBQ PICNIC Sunday, Sept. 11

Serving barbecue pork, mutton, chicken, burgoo 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Many booths, including Games! Crafts! Silent Auction! Yard Sale!

Booths open 10:30-3:00 • All proceeds benefit the retired Ursuline Sisters.

Grand Raffle Prizes: Tickets are \$5 each

\$10,000 • \$3,500 • \$1,000 • Handmade Queen-sized Quilt • \$500 • \$250 • \$100

Get tickets from any Ursuline Sister or call 270-229-2009. Tickets also available at the picnic.



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MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

MAY

- 3 Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: **Mind Management**
- 6-8 Christian Women's Retreat
- 10 Precious Blood Parish Staff
- 11 Owensboro Catholic 6th grade Prayer Day
- 12 **A Father Who Keeps His Promises**
- 14-15 MSJ Academy/Junior College Reunion
- 20-22 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 27-29 Journaling Ladies

JUNE

- 3-5 Yarn Spinners Weekend
- 7 Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: **Choice to say Yes or No**
- 9 **A Father Who Keeps His Promises**
- 11 Associates and Sisters Day

- 23-24 Brescia University Cabinet Workshop
- 24-26 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 26-1 Christian Leadership Institute

JULY

- 5 Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: **Blueprint - Beatitudes**
- 5 Owensboro Catholic Food Services
- 13-15 Ursuline Chapter of Affairs
- 16 Ursuline Jubilee Celebration
- 17-23 **Sisters Conference & Directed Retreats: "Cultivating a Heart of Contentment"**
- 17-23 St. John's Youth Michigan (Habitat)
- 24-30 St. Gerard & Mary Youth Michigan (Habitat)
- 25-29 **Spiritual Direction Training (Week 4)**
- 29-31 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program



Center-sponsored programs are **BOLD**. Please call to register.

We are located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56.

To register or schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206

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Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2016 BULLETIN BOARD

■ Alzheimer's awareness events for May

Registration required and \$5 donation suggested for all programs; call 1-800-272-3900 to register.

- Living With Alzheimer's: For People With Alzheimer's (Part 1): Designed for people with Alzheimer's and their care partners; please no professionals. May 4, 10 a.m.-12 noon at Healthpark, Classroom B, 1006 Ford Ave., Owensboro.
- Know the 10 Signs: Learn the difference between dementia & normal aging. Designed for general public; \$15 fee for professionals. May 19, 1-2 p.m., McCracken County Senior Center Conference Room, 1400 H.C. Mathis Dr., Paducah.
- The Basics: Memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. Designed for general public; \$15 fee for professionals. May 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m., McCracken County Senior Center Conference Room, 1400 H.C. Mathis Dr., Paducah.
- Living with Alzheimer's: For People With Alzheimer's (Part II): Designed for people with Alzheimer's and their care partners; please no professionals. May 25, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Healthpark, Classroom B, 1006 Ford Ave., Owensboro.

■ Feisty Fifties of Immaculate going to Lancaster in September

Join the Feisty Fifties of Immaculate Parish and Diamond Tours as we journey northeast to Lancaster, PA, for a show trip and the Dutch country from September 18-24, 2016. Included are 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners. We will have a guided tour of Lancaster and the Amish country. Shows are "Samson" at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre and "Crooners" at the American Music Theatre. Lunch is aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia for our dining, dancing and sightseeing pleasure. Then off to see the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. We will visit Hershey Chocolate World on the way home. \$647 per person, 2 in a room. Add \$200 for single occupancy. Deposit of \$75 each is due by May 18 and balance is due by July 11. See pictures and videos at www.GroupTrips.com/FeistyFifties or request a flyer at ben.mickey@juno.com or call Mickey at (270) 685-3015.

■ Register today for Gasper River!

Registration Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp has begun and spots fill up quickly! Please visit our website gasperriverretreatcenter.org to register online or

to download forms and mail them in and for additional information on all camps this summer. We will have over 700 campers this summer, so get those forms in as quickly as you can so you don't miss out. Contact our office at (270) 781-2466 with questions.

■ Elementary teaching openings at the Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus

Job Requirements:

- Hold a Valid KY Teaching Certification
- Practicing Catholic
- Commitment to Work in Faith Based Environment
- Positive Role Model for Children
- Enthusiastic
- Hard Working
- Positive Team Attitude
- Desire to see ALL students learn and succeed
- Willingness to complete all job requirements.

An application can be accessed at: <http://owensborocatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/Application-for-Employment.pdf>. Submit application, resume, and cover letter to: Human Resources, Karen Taber, 1524 West Parrish Ave., Owensboro, KY 42301.

■ Theology on Tap is back!

Calling young adults ages 18-40! Theology on Tap in the Diocese of Owensboro is back and will take place on April 25, May 2, May 9 and May 16 at Fetta Specialty Pizza & Spirits on St. Ann Street, Owensboro. The event will last from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and will include an opportunity to have dinner and socialize with other young adults in our area. Speakers include Bishop William F. Medley (April 25); Jessy Bennett, Elaine Robertson, Joe Bland and Drew Hardesty (May 2); Fr. Ken Geraci of the Fathers of Mercy (May 9); and Dr. Stuart Squires (May 16). No RSVP is necessary, but to learn more, email youn-gadult@pastoral.org or join Facebook group "Owensboro Catholic Young Adult Group."

■ Precious Blood Parish raffle on June 4

- 2016 Ford Explorer, 4 Dr., LTD, 4WD – 24 month prepaid lease (includes sales/property taxes). 10,500 miles per year – Value: \$16,500.00. Donated by Champion Ford-Lincoln Mazda.
- 3 day, 2 night stay/1 or 2 bedroom deluxe vacation cabin in Pigeon Forge, TN. Value up to \$500.00. Donated by American Patriot Getaway.

- \$500.00 cash, \$500.00 cash
- Rocker recliner—Value \$350.00. Donated by Bobby Wilson Furniture.
- License No. 0106. \$10.00 per ticket. Call (270) 684-688. Booths open at 3:00 p.m. Serving at 4 p.m.

■ Brescia seeks high school applicants for theology initiative

In 2015, Brescia University received a grant of \$462,227 to establish "Living and Leading with Love," or L3, a high school youth theology institutes initiative funded by the Lilly Endowment. The program will provide high school sophomores with theological reflection, online learning, service opportunities and social functions across one year. Applicants, who must apply by June 30, should have a strong interest in religion and theology; desire to develop leadership skills; and an aspiration to learn more about themselves through reflection, projects, and service to their local communities. Only 15 students will be accepted. To learn more visit www.brescia.edu/L3.

50 Years of Ursuline Missions in Latin America

Presented by Sister Ruth Gehres

Saturday,
August 13

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

\$20 (includes lunch)

Learn about the
interesting history and
ongoing ministry!



Sister Mimi, left, at Casa Ursulina in Chile

To register, contact Kathy: (270) 229-0206
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Container Collection for the Mandeville Diocese Set to Begin May 1, 2016

The Owensboro Diocese and the Mandeville Diocese are set to begin a collection of goods for a shipping container to provide needed items for education and healthcare for the children and needy adults in Jamaica. The collection will begin on May 1, 2016 and run through September 30, 2016. At the request of the Diocese of Owensboro, the Mandeville Jamaica Diocese sent a list of needed supplies for their Schools, Boys Home, healthcare providers and outreach work with the poor.

Parishes, Schools, Summer Vacation Bible Schools and other groups are asked to select an item or a collection of items and the number of each they can commit to for this project. They asked to report their selections, including the number of items, to Richard Murphy, the coordinator for the collection, by phone or email. He can be reached by phone at 270-683-1545, and by email at richard.murphy@pastoral.org. Selections made will be logged and tracked to make sure that all items named have a chance to be filled. By August 1 to September 30, 2016 all participating groups are asked to have the items collected and ready to ship to the collection point at the Big Independent Warehouse located on 1875 Old Calhoun Rd, in Owensboro, Kentucky. All items collected should be boxed, labeled as to the contents, and have a numerical count on the box of the items enclosed.

The list is below of items, the numbers requested and for what age or group. Parishes, Schools, and interested groups are encouraged to pick up to three choices and name the amounts of each they propose to supply. They are then requested to contact Richard Murphy on or before August 15, 2016 and let him know of their selections. If others have already filled an order, then it may be necessary for a group's second or third choices to be targeted.

Educational Material Needs

- Children's Story books- 1000
- Notebooks- 3000
- Educational DVD's- 100
- Packages of pencil crayons- 1000 packages
- Lead pencils- 2000 packages

- Boxes of pens- 1000 packages
- Coloring books- 1000 for children
- Drawing paper- 1000 packages
- School desks- 100, Kindergarten to Senior in High School
- Knapsacks/backpacks- 300
- Pairs of black & brown school shoes (both for boys and girls)- 300 pair, sizes 7-10 (adult sizes)
- Soccer balls- 100

Medical Needs

- Walking canes-50
- Walkers-12
- Wheelchairs-12
- Boxes of Adult diapers-100 boxes
- Dressing supplies (gauze all sizes, band-aids, adhesive tape)-500 boxes
- Ace wraps- 500 packages

- UNO boots-40
- Spacers for inhalers-200
- Nebulizers-200
- Plastic organizers for medicines for diabetics and HTN patients-100
- Disposable gloves (especially sizes 7, 7 ½, 8)- 1000 pairs
- Sterile linens- 200
- Surgical blouses-200
- Disposable scalpels-300
- Masks-1000

Outreach Needs

- Adult diapers-50 packages
- Children's diapers-200 packages
- Bed sheets (twin and double bed)-300
- Curtains-200
- Baby clothing (both boys and girls)-2000

2016 Summer Camp Schedule at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center

Registration is now open! To register or to learn more, visit gasperriverretreatcenter.org, call (270) 781-2466 or email gasperriver@hotmail.com.

May 30th to June 3rd

Eucharistic Life Camp
Age 18 and over

June 5th to June 10th

Expedition I – 5th & 6th Grade
Quest I – 7th & 8th Grade

June 12th to June 17th

Explorer I – 3rd & 4th Grade
Camp LIFE I – High School

June 19th to June 24th

Expedition II – 5th & 6th Grade
Quest II – 7th & 8th Grade

June 26th to July 1st

Camp LIFE II – High School
Made For More Camp
High School Men

July 3rd to July 8th

Camp LIFE III (large camp)
High School

July 10th to July 15th

Explorer II – 3rd & 4th Grade
Expedition III – 5th & 6th Grade

July 17th to July 22nd

Quest III (large camp)
7th & 8th Grade

July 24th to July 29th

Expedition IV – 5th & 6th Grade
Quest IV – 7th & 8th Grade

July 31st to Aug. 5th

Explorer III – 3rd & 4th Grade
Camp Lolek – High School
Emphasis on Theology of the Body; "Put out into the Deep!"

Dec. 29th to Jan. 1st

Christmas/New Year's Camp
8th Grade & High School

2016 Sophia Award Nominations Sought:



Pope Francis has named this a “Jubilee Year of Mercy” and has asked us all to be mindful of showing God’s mercy to others. Do you know of someone in your parish who is sixty-five or older and extends God’s mercy to those around them? We would love to honor her/him with a Sophia Award!

Who is eligible? Anyone sixty-five or older who has not previously received a Sophia Award is eligible for nomination (lay person - individual or married couple, member of a religious community or an ordained deacon or priest). A person can be nominated on past outstanding contributions (living or deceased) and can be homebound.

I/We Nominate: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Parish: _____

I/We believe this person should receive the Sophia Award because:

Signature: _____

Feel free to use additional paper explaining your nomination!

Please submit this form by **July 15, 2016** to: Cathy Hagan, McRaith Catholic Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301-2130.



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Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Grant Information

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a national social justice program of the United States Catholic Bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations, and through transformative education of the non-poor. Each year in November, the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky participates in the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection. From that collection, a percentage of monies are retained to provide grant funding to local organizations which meet CCHD criteria. Catholic Charities administers and allocates the grant funding. To apply, please send a brief narrative of your organization, budgeting information, how your organization would meet the CCHD criteria of systemic change, what community organizations your group receives support from, and whether your organization's policy-making board has one-third low-income members (if your board does not contain one-third of its members who are low-income also include an explanation of why this is not so). Applications for grant funding must be received by **May 20, 2016** so that grants can be awarded on or before **June 20, 2016**. The grant is a non-renewable and must be applied for each year. Three years is the total number of years any one group can receive this grant. Each year several grants are awarded averaging between \$800-\$1200 each. The grant application is a little shorter and a little more simplified to complete this year.

Criteria:

1. The applicant's project must be within the thirty-two counties which comprise the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro. These counties include: Fulton, Hickman, Graves, Ballard, McCracken, Carlisle, Calloway, Marshall, Trigg, Lyon, Livingston, Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenburg, Todd, Logan, Simpson, Allen, Warren, Butler, Edmonson, Grayson, Ohio, Breckinridge, Hancock, Daviess, McLean, Henderson, Union, Webster, and Crittenden.
2. The applicant project's policy making board must be at least one-third low-income. If this is not the case, the applicant must explain why the board does not have setting low-income board members. (Low-income board members do not include those considered voluntarily poor such as clergy, religious sisters, students, VISTA volunteers, etc.)
3. The applicant project's efforts must seek to benefit a poverty group.
4. The applicant project must seek to create institutional or systemic change by changing the structures that keep people poor and powerless.
5. CCHD will consider favorably only those projects which demonstrate respect for the dignity of the human person. CCHD will not consider projects or organizations which promote or support abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, or any other affront to human life and dignity.
6. The activity for which funding is requested must be consistent with the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
7. Projects should generate cooperation and solidarity among and within di-

verse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.

8. Projects should document that as a result of CCHD funding there are possibilities of generating funds from other sources or of moving towards becoming self-supporting within the time lines established in the proposal.

For more information or to apply, contact Richard Murphy, director of the Office of Social Concerns for the Diocese of Owensboro, at (270) 683-1545 or richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

Tri-Parish Old Fashioned Picnic

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Grayson Springs*

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*St. Benedict
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Saturday July 2nd 2016

Midway Opens at 2pm until 10pm

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2016 Parish Picnic Schedule for the Diocese of Owensboro

Editor's Note: Don't forget to attend the International Bar-B-Q Festival in downtown Owensboro on May 13 and 14, 2016! A number of our parish cooking teams will be represented there. We hope to see you!

May 21

Carmel Home, Owensboro
Picnic starts at 8 a.m.; serving at 11 a.m.

May 22

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Serving at 11 a.m.

June 4

Precious Blood, Owensboro
Booths open at 3 p.m.; Serving at 4 p.m.
St. Joseph, Leitchfield
Serving at 3 p.m.

June 11

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Serving from 4-9 p.m.
St. Pius X, Owensboro
Serving at 4 p.m.

June 18

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
Serving at 3 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
Serving at 3 p.m.

June 25

St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly
Serving at 5 p.m.

July 2

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
Games begin at 3 p.m.; serving at 4 p.m.
St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel
Serving at 3 p.m.
St. Denis, Fancy Farm
Serving at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

July 9

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Serving at noon
St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
Booths open at 3 p.m.; serving at 4 p.m.

July 16

St. Charles, Bardwell
Begins 10 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; supper 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; raffle drawing 9 p.m.
St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
Serving at 4 p.m.

July 23

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
Serving at 4 p.m.
Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Serving at 4 p.m.

July 30

St. Paul, Leitchfield
Serving at 3 p.m.

Aug. 2

St. Martin, Rome
Drive-through picnic 5 p.m.

Aug. 6

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Serving at 11 a.m.
Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Serving from noon-4 p.m.

Aug. 20

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Serving at 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Aug. 21

St. Pius X, Calvert City
Serving at 3 p.m.

Aug. 28

Rosary Chapel, Paducah
Serving at noon

Sept. 9-10

Holy Name of Jesus Fall Festival, Henderson
Friday 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sept. 10

St. Agnes, Uniontown
Serving at 4:45 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Serving at 11 a.m.

Sept. 11

Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Booths open at 10:30 a.m.; serving at 11:30 a.m.; picnic ends and raffle drawn at 3 p.m.

Sept. 17

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Serving from noon-5 p.m.
Christ the King, Madisonville
Serving from 4-8 p.m.
St. Columba, Lewisport
Serving at 4 p.m.

Sept. 18

SS. William and Lawrence, Philpot
Serving at 11 a.m.; St. Lawrence picnic grounds
St. Leo, Murray
Serving at noon

Sept. 24

St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Honeyfest Chicken Dinner, silent auction and raffle
Immaculate, Owensboro
Raffle and barbecue cookout 2-4 p.m.

Sept. 25

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Serving at 11 a.m.

EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA MAYO, JUNIO Y JULIO 2016

- MAYO 1** 10:30 a.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia Preciosísima Sangre, Owensboro
- MAYO 3** 10-2:00 p.m. ● Día del Presbiterio, P. Paul Check, Courage – Centro Católico McRaith (MCC)
6:30 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, Owensboro
- MAYO 4** 8:00 a.m. ● Misa Escolar – Escuela Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
6:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia San Leo, Murray
- MAYO 5** 10:00 a.m. ● Mass, Pastoral Visit, Prison Ministry – Fredonia
- MAYO 7** 5:30 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah
- MAYO 9** 6:00 p.m. ● Evento Pre-VOCARE – Parroquia Santo Espíritu, Bowling Green
- MAYO 11-12** Reunión Provincial, Louisville, KY
- MAYO 14** 1:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia San Francisco de Asís, Guthrie
5:30 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia Cristo Rey, Madisonville
- MAYO 15** 11:00 a.m. ● Confirmación – Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro
3:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia Santa María del Bosque, Whitesville
- MAYO 16** 9:45 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC
1:30 p.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC
- MAYO 18** 6:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia Santa Ana, Morganfield
- MAYO 19** 4:00 p.m. ● Hora Santa, Cena y Visita con Sacerdotes – Hogar de las Carmelitas, Owensboro
- MAYO 20** 6:00 p.m. ● Graduation – Trinity High School, Hines Center
- MAYO 21** 11:00 a.m. ● Ministerio de Acólito del Diaconado Permanente – Catedral
7:00 p.m. ● Graduación – Escuela Preparatoria de Santa María, Paducah
- MAYO 22** 10:00 a.m. ● Confirmación – Capilla Santísimo Sacramento, Owensboro
- MAYO 28** 10:00 a.m. ● Ordenación Sacerdotal – Catedral de San Esteban
5:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia Santa Rosa de Lima, Cloverport
- MAYO 29** 8:30 a.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia de San Pablo, Leitchfield
2:00 p.m. ● Graduación – Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro, Centro Deportivo (Sportscenter)
- JUNIO 4 - JULIO 29** Programa de Inmersión al Español – Colegio Católico México Americano, San Antonio, Texas
- JUNIO 12-17** Asamblea Especial de la Primavera del USCCB – Orange County, CA
- JULIO 17** 1:30 p.m. ● Misa, Instalación de la Superiora Congregacional, Hermanas Ursulinas del Monte San José, Maple Mount, Hermana Amelia Stenger, OSU
- JULIO 31** 5:30 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson

Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

'Amoris Laetitia – La Alegría del Amor'

Algo que vale la pena hacer, vale la pena hacerlo incluso si sale mal.

Piénsenlo. Si alguien agarra unas pinturas y va a explorar su creatividad, no tienen que crear una obra comparable con la Capilla Sixtina de Miguel Ángel para que valga la pena. Si alguien disfruta del canto, no tienen que vender más álbumes que Frank Sinatra o Elvis Presley para que tenga valor y que sea agradable. Si alguien puede rebotar una pelota de básquet no tienen que lograr el nivel de Michael Jordan para pasarla bien.

Esto podría ser mi resumen de la Exhortación Apostólica sobre la familia del Papa Francisco, *Amoris Laetitia*, la Alegría del Amor. El matrimonio y la familia tienen valor, incluso cuando se hacen mal. Ahora la palabra problemática es “mal”. Tal vez mejor debo usar “no perfectamente”. Si el matrimonio tiene valor, aún tiene valor cuando no se realiza perfectamente.

El documento del Papa Francisco sobre el matrimonio y la familia nos viene como una reconfirmación que los hombres, las mujeres, los niños, y la sociedad reciben un bien aun cuando cada matrimonio y familia no son perfectos según algún manual. Esto tiene mucho sentido: la mayoría de nosotros somos esposos, esposas, madres, padres, hermanas, hermanos y a muy pocos de nosotros nos han acusado de ser ‘perfectos’. El matrimonio y la vida familiar están desordenados y muchas veces marcados por la imperfección. Vamos al corazón del asunto: el matrimonio y la familia muchas veces son marcados por el pecado. Personas en las relaciones más íntimas



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de la vida y amor se lastiman, se decepcionan, se hieren uno al otro. ¡El Papa Francisco entiende eso! Habla por parte de la iglesia y más importante todavía habla por parte de Jesucristo. Él nos promete que hay gracia en la vida matrimonial que puede superar nuestros defectos.

Tal vez la Iglesia a veces ha puesto expectativas que no aceptan a lo ordinario. Todos sabemos de una tendencia en nuestra cultura de salir corriendo cuando todo no nos parece. En la relación matrimonial esto ha significado matrimonios fracasados y familias rotas cuando tal vez sólo se ocupaba alguna pequeña cirugía, como tragarse el orgullo, o conceder un poco de misericordia y de perdón.

Amoris Laetitia será la fuente de la enseñanza de la iglesia sobre el matrimonio por mucho tiempo venidero. Es muy apropiado porque el Papa Francisco saca su enseñanza de los Evangelios de Jesucristo. Él ha resumido de una forma espectacular las voces de los obispos y los expertos quienes participaron en los dos Sínodos de la familia que se llevaron a cabo en el 2014 y 2015. En estos encuentros las vidas de personas verdaderas, ordinarias e imperfectas fueron consideradas. El Papa Francisco ahora toma de estos discursos una llamada de encontrarse a las personas donde están y respetar sus consciencias. Recuerda a los pastores (sacerdotes) que la iglesia debe asistir a las personas en formar bien sus consciencias pero no

Asignaciones Sacerdotales de la Diócesis de Owensboro para 2016

PÁRROCO

McCarty, P. Joshua: Párroco, Parroquia de San José, Central City, Kentucky, efectivo el 5 de febrero del 2016.

Buckner, P. Mark: Párroco, Parroquia de Santa Isabel, Curdsville, Kentucky mientras sigue como Párroco de la Parroquia Santa María Magdalena, Sorgho, Kentucky, efectivo el 14 de junio del 2016.

Thomas, P. John: Moderador Sacerdotal con los poderes y facultades de un Párroco para atender a las responsabilidades canónicas de la Parroquia San Francisco de Asis del Condado de Todd, Kentucky, efectivo el 24 de marzo del 2016.

VICARIO PARROQUIAL

Az Cuc, P. Basilio: Vicario Parroquial de la Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville, Kentucky y ayudante en el Ministerio Sacramental en la Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis en el Condado de Todd, Kentucky, efectivo el 14 de junio del 2016.

Barrera, P. Julio: Vicario Parroquial de la Parroquia de Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro, Kentucky mientras sigue como Director de la Formación de los candidatos hispanos para la Oficina Diocesana del Diaconado Permanente, efectivo el 14 de junio del 2016.

Bremer, P. Al: Vicario Parroquial de la Parroquia Santo Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville, Kentucky y ayudante en el Ministerio Sacramental en la Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis en el Condado de Todd, mientras sigue como Capellán en la Penitenciaría del Estado de Kentucky y el Complejo Correccional de Kentucky Occidental, efectivo el 14 de junio del 2016.

Dennis, P. Jaime: Vicario Parroquial de la Parroquia la Santísima Madre, Owensboro, Kentucky, efectivo el 14 de junio del 2016.

Udoh, P. Emmanuel: Vicario Parroquial de la Parroquia la Santísima Madre, Owensboro, Kentucky, efectivo el 14 de junio del 2016.

reemplazarlas.

La Iglesia Católica siempre ha invertido mucho en el sacramento del matrimonio y en la vida familiar que fluye de este sacramento. El Papa Francisco reconoce sin embargo que a veces la Iglesia ha presentado un ideal de una forma tan directa, que los

que no logran este ideal no se sienten bienvenidos ni animados a buscar ser entendidos ni apoyados en la iglesia. En un esfuerzo noble de defender el matrimonio, tal vez hemos sido demasiado rápidos en juzgar los fracasos de los demás. Él denuncia a los que usarían la ley moral como si estuvieran “tirando

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pedras a las vidas de la gente.” Seguramente es una imagen apta cuando recordamos el pasaje del Evangelio con la mujer encontrada en el adulterio, donde Jesús invita a los que no tengan pecado tirar la primera piedra.

El Papa Francisco, sin diluir para nada el ideal natural y sagrado del matrimonio, insiste que la iglesia responda con compasión, sensibilidad y misericordia a cualquier persona cuya vida no ha concurrido a estos ideales. Los pastores y la gente tienen que ver que todos se sientan bienvenidos, y que hay un lugar en la Mesa del Señor para todos los que quieren estar. Admite que aun en ocasiones nuestro lenguaje nos ha traicionado. “ya no es posible decir que todos los que se encuentran en alguna situación así llamada «irregular» viven en una situación de

pecado mortal.” En otras palabras, podemos buscar formas de responder a la gente sin clasificarlos tan fácilmente.

Así es que absorbamos con emoción la enseñanza y el espíritu del Papa Francisco. Este no puede ser un documento del papa más publicado y guardado en una biblioteca. ¿Podemos nosotros los sacerdotes y buenos católicos acoger a los que se han sentido juzgados o condenados? ¿Podemos dar esperanza a los que tienen matrimonios que no han alcanzado sus propios ideales pero que se han mantenido fieles? ¿Puede la iglesia fortalecer otra vez la gracia dada en el matrimonio? Algo que vale la pena hacer, vale la pena hacerse mal. Pero no tenemos que quedarnos en el mal. No tenemos que ser Miguel Ángel, Frank Sinatra ni Michael Jordan para encontrar vida y el

bien en todo lo que hacemos. Que la iglesia llame a todos los hombres y mujeres casados al ideal del que escribió el poeta Robert Browning:

¡Envejeced junto a mí!,
todavía nos aguarda lo mejor,
el final de la vida, el origen del principio:
nuestros tiempos están en Su mano,
y Él dice: “Todo lo he ordenado;
la juventud solo muestra una parte; confiad en Dios:
mirad el todo sin temor”.



Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

El primer seminarista de Owensboro se gradúa del seminario de Indianápolis

Este Mayo, Corey Bruns se gradúa del Seminario Menor Simón Bruté en Indianápolis, Indiana. Él es un seminarista de la Diócesis de Owensboro y es el primer seminarista de la diócesis que se gradúa de este seminario menor.

Corey es un trillizo de sus papás Larry y Sue Bruns, quienes criaron a Cory y a sus hermanos trillizos Brody y Emily, y sus dos hijos mayores Adam y Nathan en la fe Católica. Corey recuerda que cuando estaba muy pequeño fingía celebrar la misa y usaba el mantel de la mesa para sus vestimentas.

En el quinto grado Corey empezó a rezar sobre el sacerdocio y en el onceavo grado aplicó y fue aceptado en el seminario menor por parte de la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Cuatro años después él ha tenido muchas experiencias maravillosas, tal como trabajar en el ministerio parroquial y servir la Misa en la Conferencia Nacional de la Juventud Católica en Indianápolis. Este otoño, Corey continuará su proceso de discernimiento en el Seminario y Escuela de Teología de San Meinrad en el sur de Indiana.

Por favor oren por Corey y todos los seminaristas de la Diócesis de Owensboro mientras tratan de discernir la voluntad de Dios. ♦



Corey Bruns (en medio) ayuda al Diácono Matthew Keyser preparar al Obispo William F. Medley para consagrar el altar de la capilla en el Campamento Juvenil y Centro de Retiros Católicos de Gasper River el verano pasado. Foto de archivo.

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La Diócesis de Owensboro agradece al Padre José Carmelo Jiménez Salinas, director espiritual del Ministerio Hispano, por sus 10 años de servicio a nuestra comunidad. El P. Carmelo celebró 10 años de servicio el 29 de Abril.

Las Parroquias de Santa Susana y de Santa María y San Santiago se juntan para convertirse en San Francisco de Asis



Un grupo de parroquianos anglos e hispanos se juntaron en el sitio futuro de la Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis el 28 de marzo del 2016.

El Jueves Santo, 24 de marzo, el Obispo Medley firmó formalmente un decreto que juntó a las Parroquias de Santa Susana y la Parroquia Santa María y Santo Santiago del Condado de Todd a ser una sola, con el nombre de la Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis.

Los miembros de las dos parroquias escogieron crear la nueva parroquia después de que un incendio destruyera la Parroquia de Santa María y San Santiago en febrero del 2015. Los parroquianos también tomaron esta decisión basada en la membresía de la parroquia que ha crecido más de la capacidad de los edificios de las iglesias y la colaboración ya existente entre las dos parroquias.

El Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez, coordinador de la vida parroquial de la Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, mencionó que el número de parroquianos anglos había estado creciendo, pero el número de parroquianos hispanos era aún más alto todavía.



Ed Slack, quien donó el terreno para el nuevo sitio de la iglesia, habla con el Obispo Medley durante una visita al sitio el 28 de marzo del 2016.

Una parte de eso, dijo, es porque “estamos acogiendo muy bien a la gente nueva.”

La nueva parroquia fue nombrada San Francisco de Asis en honor al santo y también por el nombre

“La Misericordia en las Manos de Jesús y la Inmigración en nuestras Manos”

Conferencia de la Inmigración basada en la Doctrina Social Católica

3 de junio del 2016
7:00 p.m.
Universidad de Brescia
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Obispo José Arturo Cepeda
Arquidiócesis de Detroit

Patrocinado por:
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Adentro de la iglesia de Santa Susana. La membresía de la parroquia ha estado creciendo más allá de la capacidad de las instalaciones de la iglesia pequeña.



Una estatua de la Santísima Virgen María y un letrero pequeño son las únicas cosas que se quedan de la iglesia quemada de Santa María y San Santiago.

del Papa Francisco. Fue inspirado por un sacerdote local de Glenmary, P. Frank (Francisco) Ruff, quien sirve a la comunidad católica allí.

La nueva parroquia eventualmente tendrá su lugar en una iglesia nueva en Guthrie, construida en terreno donado generosamente por parroquianos Ed y Dorothy Slack. La construcción todavía no

ha empezado.

Leobardo López, un líder en la comunidad hispana de la parroquia, dijo que fue “muy triste” cuando la iglesia se quemó el año pasado, pero que está emocionado por tener la nueva iglesia.


“Dios nos ha dado su fuerza,” dijo Leobardo. “Dios es el que manda lo que hay que hacer.” ♦

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

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

Los miembros de la junta que responden a las alegaciones de abuso sexual en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Mr. Ken Bennett (Presidente), Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, Mr. Tony Kraus, Mr. Michael Marsili, Ms. Kelly Roe (Vice-Presidente), y Ms. Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy sirve como enlace entre el Obispo y la Junta de Revisión Diocesano. La seguridad de nuestros niños es la responsabilidad de cada Cristiano.



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 y
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 Al
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 Por la Imposición de Manos
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 En la
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 Seguida de la ordenación



**Usten está invitado(a) a una
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Padre Basilio Az Cuc
 el domingo 29 de mayo a las 11:30 a.m.**

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 511 2nd St., Henderson, KY, 42420

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Parroquias con Misas en Español

Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

13th & Madison Streets, Beaver Dam, KY 42320
Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

Jueves – 6:30 p.m.

Sábados – 7:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

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

Parroquia de Santa Susana, Elkton

Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220

Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335

Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

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

Parroquia Santa María y Santo Santiago, Guthrie

Sábados – 6:00 p.m.

313 3rd Street, Guthrie, KY 42234

Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335

Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420

Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172

Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Contacto: Padre Julio Barrera (270) 885-8522

Parroquia San José, Leitchfield

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

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

Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

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

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066

Contacto: Hermana Eloisa Torralba (270) 356-0339

Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road,
Morgantown, KY 42261

Contacto: Padre Juan René
(270) 903-8070

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street,
Murray, KY 42071

Contacto: Padre Eugene Batungbacal
(270) 753-3876

Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y
10:30 p.m.

609 East 4th Street,
Owensboro, KY 42303

Contacto: Hermana Pilar Hinojosa
(706) 936-3525

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

3er. Jueves de Mes 8:30 a.m.
(Capilla Hospital de Lourdes)

5645 Blandville Road,
Paducah, KY 42001

Contacto: Hermana Esther Ordoñez
(270) 816-0657

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

296 West 6th Street,
Russellville, KY 42276

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

Parroquia Cristo Rey, Scottsville

Cada Primer Martes de Mes – 7:00 p.m.

298 Bluegrass Drive, Scottsville, KY 42164

Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree

Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.

Jueves – 12:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455

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Jerry & Carolyn Crowder, 52
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Michael & Jane Ciarkowski, 5
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Khup Thang & Hau Cing, 5

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Daniel & Janet Hartline, 55

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Terry & Mary Hall, 25
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St. Edward, Fulton

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‘Home away from home’



Above: Corey Bruns directs the brass quartet at Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis. **Right:** Corey, Emily and Brody Bruns are triplets and were raised to love their Catholic faith. Photos courtesy of Corey Bruns.

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First Owensboro seminarian to graduate from Bruté reflects on ‘blessed’ experience

BY COREY BRUNS, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I still remember when I got the phone call from the diocese Office of Vocations, letting me know that I was accepted as a seminarian and that I needed to apply to Marian University and Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis.

I had never heard of the school before and was a little worried about where I would be going. I was going into “unchartered” waters and would be, as Bishop Medley joked with us on his first visit to the seminary, “The Guinea Pigs.”

Bruté, as we refer to it, is in an old Carmelite

Monastery in Indianapolis. The sisters had left the seminary an immense “Fortress of Prayer” in the Castle on Cold Spring Road – the building truly looks like a castle – when they moved out. Their prayerful spirit still seeps out from the stony walls and hallways of what is now Bishop Bruté.

Fed by the prayerful spirit of its former residents; the Carmelite Sisters who cared for the property, and now enriched by the nearly 40 men who study there each year, Bruté and Marian have become my home away from home.

A faith-filled family

I was born a triplet in Quincy, Illinois to my par-

ents Larry and Sue Bruns.

My triplet siblings, Brody, Emily, and I have two older brothers: Adam and Nathan who are married with children of their own. My family moved to Nebraska when I was in second grade where we lived for a year before moving to Marion, Kentucky, which has been our home ever since.

Being a triplet has definitely been interesting. We were in the same classes until seventh grade and now we go to three completely different schools. My sister will be joining the FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) Missionaries this

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Sister Mary Matthias Ward returns to lead Retreat Center

After serving in elected community leadership, parish and campus ministry, directing a retreat center in New Mexico and serving the sisters in Maple Mount, Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU, is once again director of the Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.



Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU. Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

Sister Ward served as Center director previously in 1983, when Mount St. Joseph Academy closed and the sisters decided to convert the campus into a retreat center.

She replaces Sister Ann McGrew, OSU, as director, who served in the role since 2010. Sister McGrew is the new director of novices for the Ursuline community.

This year Sister Ward celebrates 62 years as an Ursuline Sister of Mount St. Joseph.

"I still believe people hunger and thirst for peace and time alone," said Sister Ward in a recent press release from the Mount. "I believe the Center can offer that. Maybe during this Year of Mercy people will feel that hunger and thirst more."

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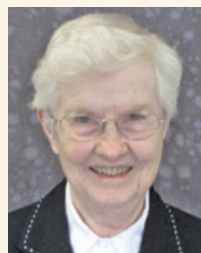
Ursuline sisters celebrate jubilees of religious life

Editor's Note: Seven Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph are celebrating jubilees of religious life in 2016. Please feel free to send Jubilarian congratulations to Mount St. Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.



**Sister Pauletta
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Native of Curdsville
75 years



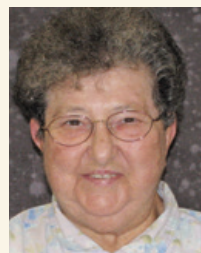
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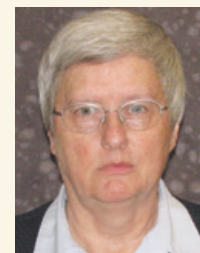
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60 years



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50 years



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Native of Louisville, Ky.
50 years



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Keller**

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40 years

'Home away from home' ...

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summer and my brother works in the tech department at Western Kentucky University.

We had very different interests growing up, but the one thing we shared has always been our faith. Well that, and when Mom would dress us up identically as kids...

My mom always encouraged my brother and me to consider a vocation to the priesthood when we were little. The three of us loved to play Mass and I have many fond memories of my orange-white checkered tablecloth-turned-chasuble!

While we lived in Nebraska my family would often make Holy Hours, as we filled the time that we used to spend visiting with my grandparents. Later after moving to Kentucky, we continued that practice of dedicating an hour or so a week in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

It was there in Adoration when I was in the fifth



Corey Bruns, middle, helps Deacon Matthew Keyser prepare Bishop William F. Medley to consecrate the chapel altar at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center last summer. File photo.

grade after the invitation of a priest that I really started to think and pray about the priesthood.

Later in the seventh grade I decided that I really felt called to discern a priestly vocation. As a junior in high school, I started the application process for seminary, was accepted and was the first of two to be sent to the new college seminary our diocese now uses.

Growing campus

Four years later, the four-hour trips from Marion to Indy are no longer as long as they used to be.

Bruté has grown immensely to accommodate the growing numbers of men, with the additions of a new dorm wing and dining room three years ago. Marian University, where I have gone to school, has and continues to grow as well, with new buildings popping up all over campus.

My class size hasn't really changed from high school with consistently 20 or so students on average in each class at Marian.

Most of the professors are very active in our seminary community, helping with formation conferences, attending events, and giving feedback on our performance to the formation staff. I have memories of many of them giving their cell number to us the night before a test so that we could call them with a list of questions we needed clarified.

Since the seminary is on Marian's campus, I have

been able to take other classes that interest me, such as organ and voice lessons, music and history classes.

'Laboratory of love'

At the seminary I have had a ministry assignment each year, working with the poor in downtown Indy, and for the past two years working with the RCIA and adult ministries at St. Joan of Arc. Since Indy is a "Convention City" the seminarians get a lot of hands-on experience assisting at events such as the National Catholic Youth Conference, and serving Masses for visiting church dignitaries as well as visiting football teams.

We recently held a celebration at the seminary for donors as a way of thanking them for their continued support of our mission of forming men for the priesthood in the spirit of Bishop Bruté.

In his remarks at the end of the evening, Archbishop Tobin, the Bishop of Indianapolis, remarked how another bishop who sent his men to Bruté was visiting with him and telling him how much he appreciated the formation his men received there. He commented that he sent to other college seminaries but his favorite was Bruté, because the men there were so "normal."

Marian and Bruté have done an excellent job with the formation staff at Bruté in forming us into being well-rounded "normal" men of God.

Fr. Bob Robeson – the seminary rector – always calls the seminary a "laboratory of love." It's a place where men can come and be challenged and encouraged to become the best that God is calling them to be, by a faculty and staff who truly love them and have their best interests at heart.

I feel very blessed to have been able to spend the past four years in formation at Bishop Bruté and to be graduating with a degree from Marian University. Bishop Bruté has truly become one of the premier college seminaries of the Midwest; first and foremost because Archbishop Buechlein and Fr. Bob established it 11 years ago as primarily a House of Prayer.

I'm incredibly thankful to Bishop Medley, Fr. Jason McClure, Fr. Andy Garner, and Dr. Fred Litke as well as the good people of the Diocese of Owensboro for allowing me to live and grow here over the past four years.

I'm proud to be a Marian Knight and a Son of Bishop Bruté and am looking forward to continuing in discernment as I attend St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in the fall.

Corey Bruns writes from Indianapolis, where he will graduate from Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in May. ♦



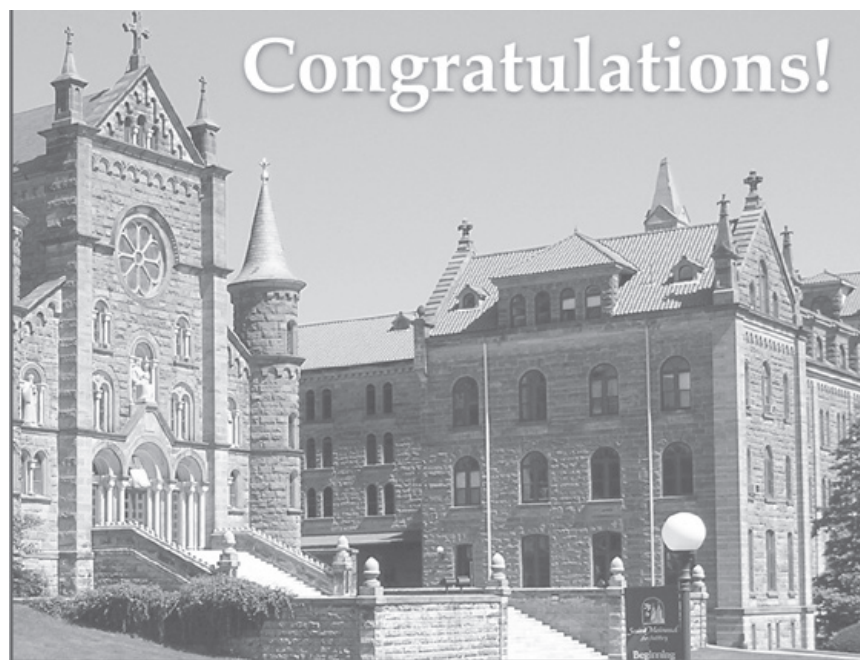
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Ashley Dunn
Jack Elliott
Timothy Emmons
Allanay Ford
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Daniel Howard
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Kyle Johnson
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Emily Meredith
Kristin Merges
Gabrielle Milliano
Joshua Nelson
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Ashton Paschall
Brandon Quarles
Gavin Rupp
Isaac Sanders
Hannah Shaw

Allison Shields
Kelly Stewart
Cole Urhahn
Hannah Waltmon
Anna Wilson

Trinity High School, Whitesville

Ariel Lynn Aud
Mikaelyn Brooke Aud
Savannah Brooke Barnett
Molli Caroline Beatty
Lauren Elaine Beyke
Joseph Blake Booker
Jacob Lyons Boue
Madison Rene Buck
Justin Thomas Cecil
Noah Gene Cox
Brent Jacob Graham
Terry Ray Hamilton
Daniel Joseph Hardesty
Nolan James Howard
Allen Jacob Howe
Codey Michael Mattingly
Blake Ray Midkiff
Drew Michael Mills
Cecilia Anne Morris
Daniel Scott Morris
Reuben Sheen Morris
Ayriel Alexandra Payne
Haley Janel Payne

Michael Joseph Roberts
Kaylee Erin Russelburg
Dakota Ellis Wathen
Lindsey Elizabeth Wright

Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro

Hanna Lynn Adkins
John Alan Augenstein
Raychel Nicole Bahnick
Morgan Ann Ballard
Rebecca Elizabeth Ballard
Matthew Joseph Beaven
Mikayla Rachelle Berry
Rex Robert Berry
Jackson Edward Bittel
Clare Marie Bivins
Joseph Tomas Boarman
John Mark Boarman
Jack Taylor Boarman
Robert Leonid Boswell
Charles Andrei Boswell
Lauren Marie Brown
Matthew Ryan Caldwell
Eva Kathleen Cash
Evan Georgios
Christodoulou
Mary Keaton Clemens
Michael Alan Clore
Jeremy Tyler Crowe
David Alexander

Danhauer
Haley Marie Davis
Amy Michelle Dickens
Triston Bailey Druen
Madeleine Marie Edge
Nolan Robert Elder
Charles Payton Ford
Kathleen Marie Fulkerson
Jonathan David Garner
Aslynn Shea Gasser
Juan Raymond Gonzalez
Marcus Antonio Good
Jack Henry Cecil Hagan
Sarah Elizabeth Haleman
Daniel Trajan Hamilton
Jess Isaac Hamilton
Caroline Margaret Hayden
Jacob Andrew Hayden
Chandler Matthew Head
Samantha Marie Horsley
Hannah Elizabeth Hutchinson
Emma Katherine Hyland
Daniel Paul Jacobs
Logan Virginia Jenkins
Sara Elizabeth Johnson
Jonathan Randall Johnson
Natalie Teal Jones
Haley Nicole Kase
Ashlyn Drew Kirkendoll
Lindsey Nicole Klump

Christopher Keith Krampe
Samantha Elyse Krampe
Kelby Marie Krampe
Lucy Michael Kurtz
Gavin Joseph Laboy
Claire Elizabeth Lewis
Emily Rose Linn
Anna Margaret Lopez
Brandon Eugene Lynn
Emily Ann Marshall
Elizabeth Catherine Mattingly
Noah Thomas McCormack
Emma Elizabeth McFarland
Nicolas Ryan McGehee
Brittany Mareena McGovern
Andrew Taylor McIntosh
Elijah Wade Miller
Olivia Grace Miller
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Lydia Elizabeth Mills
R. Davis Mitchell
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Nolan Michael Mullican
Michaela Dawn Murphy
Cameron Lee O'Bryan
Cameron David O'Nan
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Morgan Elaine Wiley
Katlyn Elizabeth Winnecke
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These include students from public schools, homeschool, private non-Catholic schools, and Catholic schools outside the Diocese of Owensboro.

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Katie Elder
Ethan Feezor
Meredith Fickey
Taylor Greeson
Roman Harris
Lane Kennemore
Hogan Mills
Kenzie Murphy
Nathan Nelson
Devin Spillman
Blake Thomas
Callie Thomas
Lindsay Thomas
Lindsey Whitlock

St. Edward, Fulton

Megan Hightower
Ivan Ochoa

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Alexander Barna
Keegan Breese
Zackary Canestrini
Patrick Caruthers
Charli Jo Doss
Teri Doss
Caitlyn Fontenot
Ryan Ginithan
Karson Grizzard
Timothy Hayden

Alexandria Hobbs
James Kortz
Will Myre
Kaitlyn Pruemer
Caroline Smith

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Caitlin Jones
Marcus Keller
Michael Lewis
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Savanna Mills
Peh Meh
Logan Sapp

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David Gipson
Beth Isbell
Noah McGovern
Margaret O'Bryan
Parker Ogle
Megan Payne
Joseph Phillips
Lauren St. Clair

Nathan Taylor
Hallie Terrell

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Benjamin Edward Thome

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Courtney Klueppel
Isabella Martine Mauldin
Alexander James Wynne

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Rebecca Higdon
Jessica Robinson
Kristen Tilford

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Julian Vickers
Taylor Volk
Michelle Wilkerson
Aylin Zapata

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Heidy Zamora

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Jacob Osborne
Connor William Powell
Haley Robey
Janet Rodriguez
Andrew Douglas Spader
Jeffrey Payton Spader
Savannah Marie Trussell
Fabian Adolfo Villegas
Casey James Walsh
Grace Goodin Wilson
Kaylee Marie Wilson
Samuel Knieri
Jonathan Stringer

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady

Mary Hinton

Tyler Haycraft
Elizabeth Dowell
Morgan Tivitt
Dorey Moorman
Sonja Moorman

St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel

Chad Critchelov
Garrett Shultz
Cody Critchelov
Matthew Ballman
Cia Taylor

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

John Michael Smith
John Robert Murphy
Allie Schadler
Caleb Murphy
Hallie McCarthy

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Emily Knott
Kelsey Mattingly
Monica Smith
Katie Thomas

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Sarah Denise Arnold
Samuel Earl Bland
Katelyn Marie Fentress
Byron Michael Flood
Cassidy Adair Flood
Taylor Rachelle Flood
Annie Rose Garrett
Lukas Guy Glenn
Veronica Jo Hess
Sarah Lynn Horsley
Jordyn Marie Jarboe
Landon Lee Kasey
Luke Thomas Loughran
Mikah Nicole Masterson
Kathryn Paige Mattingly
Cody Dale Mingus
Alyssa Niko Morrison
Logan Taber Muse
Jessica Shannon Noblett
Bryan Tanner Priest
Matthew McKay Rhodes
Liana Claire Roberts
Whitney Layne Simpson
Lucia Ellen Rose Taylor
Tonya Jo Tivitt
Wanda Jean Vansickle
Taylor Luke Williams

SS. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville

Christian Barefield
Joseph Baxter
Jeremy Crawford
Charles Fiscella
Jordan Kelly
John Langhi
Wyatt Langhi
Christina Ligibel
Isabella Mauldin
Jake Means
Christopher Pape
Dominique Piffiko
Emmanuel Schmidt
Matt Shelton
Jenna Shouse
Austin Stevens
Aleysa Venegas
Paul Rush
Aisha Cruz
Mayelin Montiel-Juarez

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Courtney McGinnis

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Izak Atherton
Morgan Elizabeth Barnett
Christopher Bartimus
Matthew Bartimus
Seth Boone
Blakely Clark
Gage Crabtree
Tre Gonzalez
Miranda Greenwell
Marlena Hadden
Trey Hamilton
MaKayla Hicks
Tanner Holbrook
Lauren Reagan Laumas
Joshua Melton
Brooke Merkel
Kayla Marie Nall
Alyssa Nichols
Emily Oberst
Thomas Roth
Ethan Schrecker

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Thomas Cameron Baker
Alexandra Marie Davis
McKenzie Duvall
Dylan Michael Fulkerson
Tori Howard
Brittney Johnson

Cathedral Preschool builds new playground



Dee Dee Baur, first Cathedral Preschool director, and Larry Lyon, longtime advocate. Photos courtesy of Cathedral Preschool.

Thirty years ago Fr. Ed Bradley and Dee Dee Baur took a huge step in faith which led to the opening of Cathedral Preschool. Initially it was intended to encourage young families to become members of St. Stephen Cathedral but throughout the years the preschool continues to serve families of all faith traditions.

It began with a small staff teaching only 4-year-olds and has now expanded to include 3, 4, and 5-year olds with a dedicated staff of 11 and more than 100 students.

Larry Lyon was on staff at St. Stephen Cathedral those 30 years ago and worked there for 26 years before leaving. He did not “officially retire” because he remains very devoted in supporting the preschool in various ways. He has become invaluable when a need arises.

It became necessary to replace the playground equipment that was installed in 1987. A combina-

tion of various fundraising events, generous grants from The Michael E. Horn Family Foundation, The Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, donations and support from many St. Stephen parishioners and preschool families and friends made it possible to finance the playground and installation.

In January 2016 the work began and today the new playground is a beautiful sight to behold. The children enjoy the play area and it brings such joy to hear their laughter and watch them play.

On Monday, March 28, the preschool staff, students and their families and friends celebrated the official opening of the playground with a blessing and prayer lead by Fr. Jerry Riney, rector of St. Stephen Cathedral and Fr. Suneesh Mathew, associate pastor.

Dee Dee Baur and Larry Lyon were asked to perform the ribbon cutting after which they were shown the plaque naming the new playground, “The Larry Lyon and Dee Dee Baur Playground.” ♦



Fr. Jerry Riney, rector of St. Stephen Cathedral, and associate pastor Fr. Suneesh Mathew while Cathedral Preschool staff stand by.

Nine-year-old wins state K of C free throw



Photo courtesy of Bruce Farley, Sr.

On March 12 Evan Farley, son of Bruce Jr. and Tara Farley and grandson of Bruce and Patricia Farley (Holy Name Council 1320), all of Henderson, won first place in the state Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Contest in the nine-year-old division. Evan’s competition began first by winning locally then continued winning the district and regional reaching the state competition at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Louisville. Evan hit 23 of 25 shots after a five-shot warm-up.

Bruce Farley Sr. writes: “This may also have been the best that day in the entire competition of age groups 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 (both boys and girls) though it could not be confirmed. Evan is a lefty and besides basketball Evan also likes baseball and video games and attends Spottsville Elementary.” ♦

Indulgences and the Year of Mercy: Part 2 of 2

BY FR. KEN MIKULCIK, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Editor's Note: The following is the second half of a two-part series on indulgences, in light of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy and Pope Francis' emphasis on mercy and reconciliation. The first half ran in our April issue.

How are indulgences connected to the Year of Mercy?

Pope Francis states simply in his Bull of Indiction: "A Jubilee also entails the granting of indulgences." This is what we expect from any Jubilee year. Most especially, however, with a Year of Mercy, we expect the Church to extend this grace for the conversion of sinners. The Holy Doors at the six designated parishes of the diocese are for us doors of mercy as we seek conversion of heart and our Heavenly Father's embrace.

Pope Francis made the connection in this way in his Letter of September 1, 2015: "...I dispose that the Indulgence may be obtained in the Shrines in which the Door of Mercy is open and in the churches which traditionally are identified as Jubilee Churches. It is important that this moment be linked, first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy. It will be necessary to accompany these celebrations with the profession of faith and with prayer for me and for the intentions that I bear in my heart for the good of the Church and of the entire world."

For those who cannot enter a Holy Door, Pope Francis offers another path in the same letter:

"Living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial, receiving communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer, even through the various means of communication, will be for them the means of obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence."

Immediately following this he remembers especially those who are incarcerated: "They may obtain the Indulgence in the chapels of the prisons. May the gesture of directing their thought and prayer to the Father each time they cross the threshold of their cell signify for them their passage through the Holy Door, because the mercy of God is able to transform hearts, and is also able to transform bars into an experience of freedom."

The Letter emphasizes how the indulgence is connected to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy: "I have asked the Church in this Jubilee Year to rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us. Each time that one of the faithful personally per-

forms one or more of these actions, he or she shall surely obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. Hence the commitment to live by mercy so as to obtain the grace of complete and exhaustive forgiveness by the power of the love of the Father who excludes no one."

Is it true that you can obtain an indulgence for souls in purgatory?

Yes. The Holy Father put it this way in his Letter: "Furthermore, the Jubilee Indulgence can also be obtained for the deceased. We are bound to them by the witness of faith and charity that they have left us. Thus, as we remember them in the Eucharistic celebration, thus we can, in the great mystery of the Communion of Saints, pray for them, that the merciful Face of the Father free them of every remnant of fault and strongly embrace them in the unending beatitude."

Fr. Mikulcik serves as Defender of the Bond in the Diocese of Owensboro's tribunal, as well as pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Browns Valley. ♦

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Hurting from abortion? Know someone who is?

Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing weekend retreats for women and men suffering from the effects of abortion. The next retreat is **May 13-15, 2016, at Bethany House in Dickson, TN**. For more information, contact Jennifer at 931-242-5506 or Debbie at 270-570-4717 or debbie@hopeafterabortionky.com

www.hopeafterabortionky.com ● facebook.com/hopeafterabortionKY

Dear Cursillistas: Cursillo is blooming and growing!

BY MARY HAGAN, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

We are having a Cursillo weekend for all those who have made a Cursillo – it’s called a Cursillo de Cursillo. It will be held at the Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center from Dec. 1-4, 2016. Have you checked out our Leader’s Manual and been to Leader’s School and Ultreta lately? Members of our weekend teams need to be going to both. Our Leader’s Manual tells us about Pre-Cursillo, our three-day Cursillo weekend, and our Post-Cursillo after the weekend for the rest of our lives. It talks

about our Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year we will have Fr. Tom Buckman, our spiritual advisor, giving a 10-minute talk on our pope’s encyclical at each Leader’s School and we are blessed to have him with us. He will be our spiritual advisor for both weekends. Our member numbers are growing at the School and Ultreyas. Come and check it out and renew the joy of Cursillo.

Mary Hagan is lay director of the Diocese of Owensboro’s Cursillo movement. ♦

Cursillo de Cursillo

Cursillo de Cursillo is for Catholics who have already made a Cursillo, but who wish to re-live the experience. Register for our local Dec. 1-4 Cursillo de Cursillo at cursillo-owensboro.org.



Learn More

To learn more about the Cursillo movement in the Diocese of Owensboro, email Mary Hagan at haganm95@yahoo.com, call her at (270) 240-4778 or write to P.O. Box 222, Owensboro, KY, 42303. You may also visit natl-cursillo.org and cursillo-owensboro.org. Owensboro Leader’s School is the first Monday of the month at Blessed Mother Parish Hall at 7 p.m. and the Ultreya is the fourth Monday of the month at the same place and time. Hopkinsville Leader’s School is at SS. Peter and Paul on the third Sunday of the month from 2-3 p.m. with Ultreya following. All Cursillistas are invited and encouraged to come to hold on to their joy and love of Jesus Christ.

2015-2016 Nomination Form for Diocese of Owensboro Catholic School Educator of the Year

The Catholic Schools Office and Principals Association are again asking for nominations for Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year. The winner will be announced at the dinner following the annual Professional Development Day. Anyone, with the exception of an immediate family member, may nominate an educator for the award. All information concerning nominees will be kept confidential, including the name of the person submitting the nomination.

The educator must currently be employed in the Diocese of Owensboro and must have taught for a minimum of five years in the Diocesan Schools. The outstanding Catholic School Educator must be a role model as an outstanding human being; have a major influence in the lives of students; show concern with the faith development as well as the physical, mental and emotional development of students; and encourage students to improve their abilities and talents.

The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2016. A committee will serve as judges. All nomination forms should be mailed to the Catholic Schools Office, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301-2130.

Nominee _____

Address _____

School _____

Subjects, Grades Taught _____

On an accompanying sheet of paper, please comment on your nominee’s performance in the following categories:

1. Why should this person be honored as Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year?

2. Describe this person’s commitment as an educator.
3. How has this person helped students become better people?
4. How is this person a Christian role model for the students? Give an example.
5. Is the educator active in the community and Church, apart from the school-related activities? If so, give details of his or her involvement.
6. How well does the nominee relate with professional colleagues and parents of the students?

Nominated by: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Relation to educator _____



Year of Mercy

JUBILEE YEAR 2015-2016



DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO
2016-2018 Pastoral Plan
& 2015 Annual Report

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A Message from the Bishop

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, proclaimed by Pope Francis, is a very special time for the Church. It is an opportunity to meet the real needs of people in our communities while experiencing the mercy of God in our own lives. The theme of this jubilee year is “Merciful like the Father.” We have received so much mercy, why should we not extend mercy to others?

Everything we do as a diocese in western Kentucky should always reflect the mercy of God. My hope is that this booklet will share with you the vision we have for the Diocese over the next three years as outlined through our strategic Pastoral Plan. We want to represent the Church as being “merciful, open and welcoming to all.” We also believe in fostering a sense of discipleship “among Catholics of all ages.” Finally, our Pastoral Plan outlines ways for us to provide resources demonstrating the “dignity of the human person and the importance of the family.”

The fiscal and spiritual responsibility of the people of our diocese is taken seriously. We realize that in order for true evangelization to take place, opportunities must be provided for ministries and offices to thrive and extend mercy to those they come in contact with daily. Our programs and ministries are a direct reflection of those in our Church who share their time and talent, ensuring the Church’s mission to be a light to the world.

It is with my deepest sincerity that I thank you for making the Catholic Church of western Kentucky a flourishing example of God’s mercy and love.

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro



STATISTICAL OVERVIEW OF THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO January 1 – December 31, 2015

Personnel		Parishes	
Cardinal	0	Number of Parishes	79
Archbishop	0	With Resident Pastor	
Bishop	1	under direction of diocesan clergy	39
Auxiliary Bishops	0	under direction of religious priests	9
Retired Bishops	1	Without Resident Pastor	
Total number of Diocesan Priests of your Diocese	69	administered by priest	30
Diocesan Priests of your diocese active in your diocese	54	in the care of permanent deacons	1
Diocesan Priests working or studying outside your diocese	2	in the care of professed men religious	0
Diocesan Priests in Foreign Missions	0	in the care of professed women religious	0
Retired Priests, sick or absent	13	in the care of lay people	0
Religious Priests resident in your Diocese	17	miscellaneous pastoral teams, etc.	0
Total Priests in your Diocese	90	completely vacant	0
Extern Priests resident in your Diocese	11	Missions (Canon #516)	0
Ordinations		Other Pastoral Centers with permanent assistance	0
Diocesan Priests (of your diocese no matter where they are ordained)	2	New Parishes created	0
Religious Priests (ordained in your diocese)	0	Reduction of the number of parishes due to closing or consolidation	0
Transitional Deacons (of your diocese no matter where they are ordained)	2	Number of full-time Professional Ministry Personnel (in addition to priests and deacons)	
Permanent Deacons (ordained in your diocese)	0	Brothers	0
Total number of Permanent Deacons in your diocese	24	Sisters	9
Total number of Brothers	0	Lay Ministers	56
Total number of Sisters	156		



Welfare

Number of Catholic Hospitals	1
Number of in-patients and out-patients assisted annually	243,878
Health Care Centers, Ancillary Care Systems, Medical Centers, Sanitoriums, Hospices	0
Number of in-patients and out-patients assisted annually	0
Homes for the Aged, Chronically Ill, or Invalids	2
Number assisted annually	225
Residential care of children (Orphanages)	0
Number assisted annually	0
Day Care Centers	2
Number assisted annually	150
Specialized Homes for substance abuse, physically abused children or adults, pregnant women, runaway youths	1
Number assisted annually	17
Special Centers for Social Services and Assistance (hotline centers, food distribution, homeless centers, legal services, counseling)	3
Number assisted annually	20,969

Vital Statistics

Receptions into the Church	
Infant Baptism (infants up to age 7)	862
Minor Baptism (those between ages 7-17)	118
Adult Baptism (18 and over)	93
Received into Full Communion	198
First Communions	879
Confirmations	925
Total Marriages	332
Catholic	204
Interfaith	128
Deaths	580
Total Catholic Population	50,673
Total Population	886,477

Educational

Diocesan Seminaries, Theologates & Colleges	0
Students from your diocese in the above institutions	0
Students from other dioceses in your diocesan seminary	0
Students of your diocese in other seminaries (either within or outside your diocese)	6
Total Seminarians	6
Colleges and Universities	1
Total full-time and part time Students	1,021
High Schools, Diocesan and Parish	3
Total Students	663
High Schools, Private	0
Total Students	0
Elementary Schools, Diocesan & Parish	14
Total Students	2,654
Elementary Schools, Private	0
Total Students	0
Religious Education Programs (Students in C.C.D.)	
High School Students	825
Elementary Students (includes PreK-8)	2,824
Total Students under Catholic Instruction	7,993
Full-time Academic Teachers in Diocese	
Priests	2
Brothers	0
Sisters	13
Paid lay teachers	314



Diocese Response to Sexual Abuse

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People provides a comprehensive framework for addressing allegations of sexual abuse and for creating safe environments in parishes and schools, and it directs all sexual abuse policies and procedures in the Diocese of Owensboro. In 2013, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops audited our diocese and as was determined in each previous audit, our diocese was found to be fully compliant with all elements of the Charter.

Prevention/Education

1,372 employees and volunteers completed safe environment training during the past fiscal year. (7/1/2014- 6/30/2015)

Trainings are offered in an online format and are available daily at any time. Go to www.rcdok.org/safe.

Sexual Abuse Review Board

The Review Board reviews past and present cases and monitors the implementation of our sexual abuse policies.

Victim Assistance and Outreach

The victim assistance coordinator, Rita Heinz, meets and assists victims/survivors. She can be reached by calling 270.852.8328 or emailing rita.heinz@pastoral.org. The Diocese continues to offer counseling assistance and other support to victims/survivors.

Cooperation with Civil Authorities

Any report or suspicion of child abuse is reported immediately to civil authorities, and the Diocese cooperates fully with any investigation.

Sexual Abuse Expenditures

We pledge to be accountable for the financial cost of sexual abuse. The following summarizes funds expended from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Counseling fees and support for victims/survivors	\$0
Legal Fees	\$0
Prevention/Education/Background checks	\$33,399
Total	\$33,399

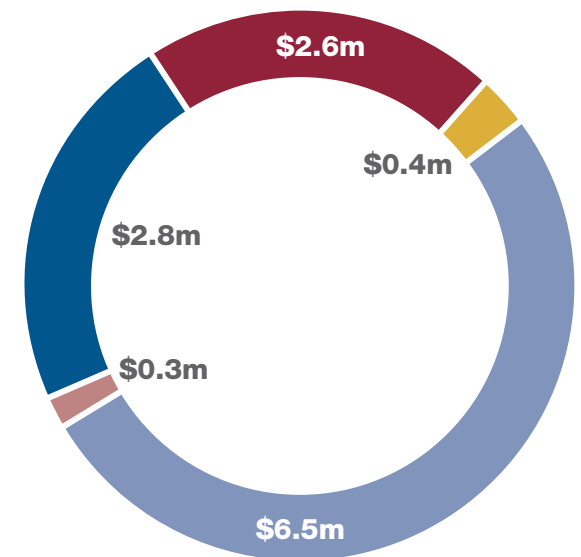
Report on Finances

Diocese of Owensboro – June 30, 2015

Catholic Pastoral Center & Affiliates Operations

Operating Income

- Parish assessments of \$2.8 million represent a key income source of the Diocese. The Christian faithful of western Kentucky are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for the works of the apostolate and of charity, and for the decent support of ministers (Canon 222).
- The Disciples Response Fund is an annual appeal that invites donations from the faithful to provide support to the Church for various programs and ministries provided by the Diocese. The total of \$0.4 million is included in the contributions, bequests and grants portion of the operating income.



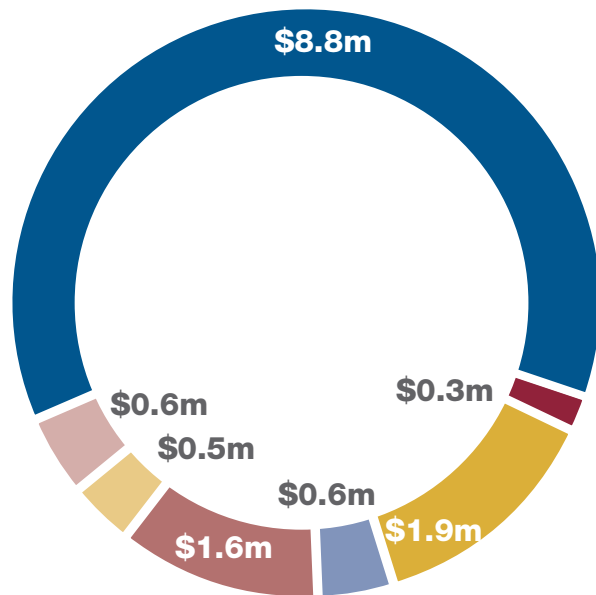
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Parish Assessments	\$2,838,520
Contributions, Bequests & Grants	\$2,631,052
Investment Income	\$374,367
Program & Service Fee Income	\$6,526,919
Other	\$278,358
Total Operating Income	\$12,649,216

- Investment income of \$0.4 million net of fees includes interest and dividends earned and reinvested into the Diocese of Owensboro's investment portfolio.
- Donations, grants and bequests of \$2.6 million include unrestricted and restricted gifts to the Diocese from generous benefactors.
- Other income of \$0.3 million includes interest earned on loans to parishes and other miscellaneous income.

Catholic Pastoral Center & Affiliates Operations

Operating Expenses



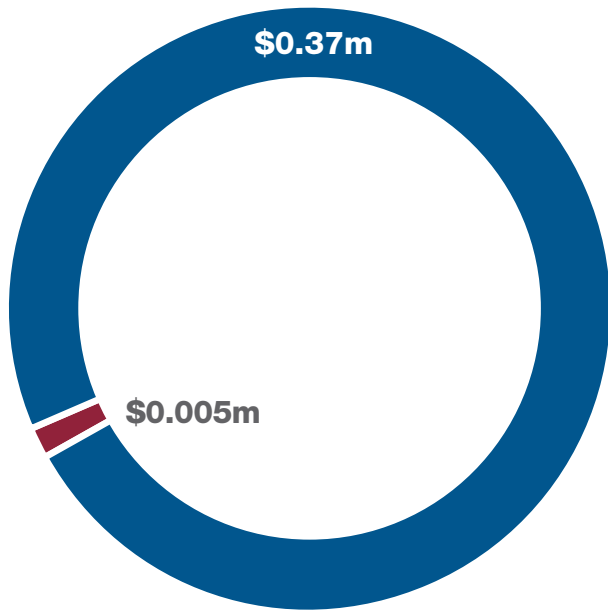
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Diocesan Programs	\$8,805,842
Interest paid on parish deposits	\$287,687
Program Service	\$1,882,174
Other	\$604,309
Grants	\$1,597,616
Retired Priests	\$501,925
Seminarian Formation	\$625,938
Total Operating Expenses	\$14,305,491

Diocesan program expenses of \$14 million for the various services, activities, and ministries include the following:

- Catholic Schools Office – Oversees the development of the instructors and academics throughout our seventeen Catholic schools in the Diocese. \$0.29 million
- Campus Ministry – Supports the campus ministries at Brescia University, our only Catholic university in the Diocese as well as Murray State University and Western Kentucky University. \$0.5 million
- Communications – Supports the printing and distribution of the Western Kentucky Catholic newspaper along with television ministry. \$0.28 million
- The Worship Office serves the diocesan community through liturgical education and training of Catholic lay leaders. \$0.24 million
- The Office of Hispanic Ministry works to identify and meet the pastoral needs for our Hispanic community within our Catholic community. \$0.48 million
- Retired Priests and Other Clergy expenses are primarily the annual cost of priests pensions and health insurance. As of June 30, 2015, the Diocese had 9 retired priests receiving a pension. \$0.5 million
- Seminarian education expenses totaled \$0.62 million. For the fall 2015 semester, the Diocese had 7 seminarians in formation for the priesthood. Two seminarians were ordained into the priesthood in May 2015.
- Grants made to Catholic organizations. \$1.6 million
- The Tribunal Office works to resolve issues of justice, primarily related to marriage according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. \$0.36 million
- The Vocation Office facilitates and coordinates the development and formation of those called to priesthood and religious life. \$0.68 million
- The Religious Education Office provides resources, spiritual formation for DREs located in our parishes and schools throughout the diocese. \$0.15 million
- The Diocese, through program services, supports the Catholic Schools Food Service program and Bishop Soenneker Personal Care Home. \$0.94 million

NOTE: Net Operating Expenses for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, include \$3.7 million of salaries, wages & taxes and \$4.4 million of Diocesan Benefit Plan expenses which were offset by premiums received as operating income and do not reflect \$0.26 million of non-cash expenses.



As of June 30, 2015

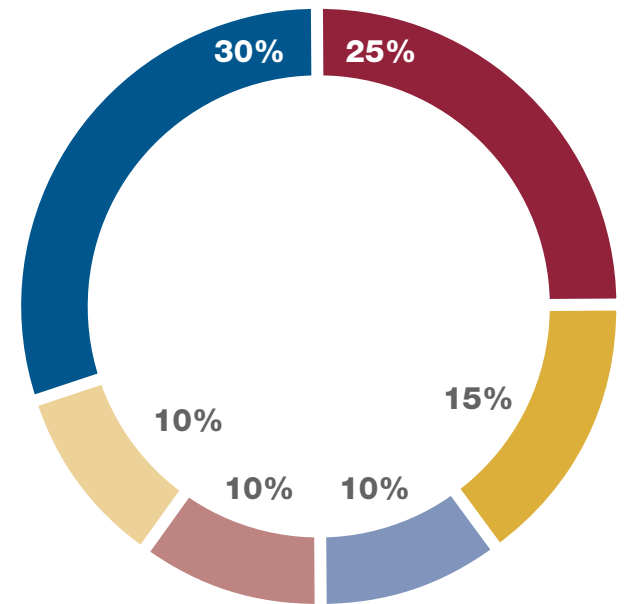
■ Pledges Received	\$371,172
■ Pledged but not Received	\$5,594
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Total Pledged	\$376,766

Campaign Goal:	\$400,000
Pledged:	\$376,766

Catholic Pastoral Center & Affiliates Operations

Disciples Response Fund Annual Appeal

The DRF annual appeal was established in 1993; “as a way to present the needs of the Catholic Church to the faithful and then allow the Church to do as much as the people’s generosity allows.” The dollars raised support seminarian education, religious education, retired priests, outreach to the poor, and support of our parish endowments.



Where does the money go?

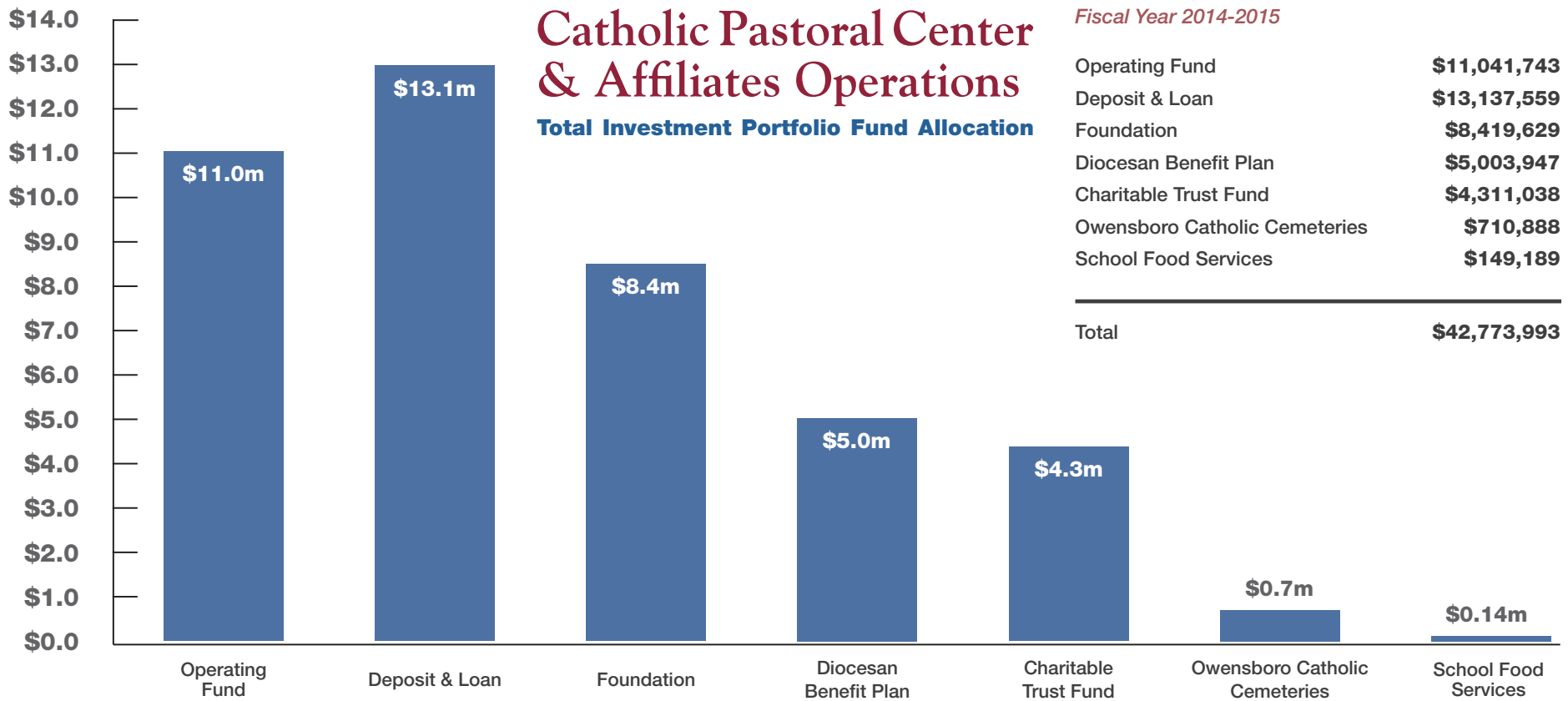
■ Seminarian Education	30%
■ Religious Education	25%
■ Outreach	15%
■ Poor & Indigent	10%
■ Parish Endowment	10%
■ Retired Priests	10%
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Total Pledged	100%

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

1 Peter 4:10-11

Catholic Pastoral Center & Affiliates Operations

Total Investment Portfolio Fund Allocation



Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Operating Fund	\$11,041,743
Deposit & Loan	\$13,137,559
Foundation	\$8,419,629
Diocesan Benefit Plan	\$5,003,947
Charitable Trust Fund	\$4,311,038
Owensboro Catholic Cemeteries	\$710,888
School Food Services	\$149,189
Total	\$42,773,993

Independent Auditors' Report

Diocesan Finance Council, Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying combined financial statements of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro (Catholic Pastoral Center and Affiliates) (Diocese) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the combined statements of financial position as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related combined statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the combined financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these combined financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the combined financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the combined financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the combined financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness

of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the combined financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro (Catholic Pastoral Center and Affiliates) as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 21 to the financial statements, the 2014 financial statements have been restated to correct a misstatement. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matter

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of

forming an opinion on the combined financial statements as a whole. The combining statements of financial position and the combining statements of activities on pages 27-30 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the combined financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combined financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the combined financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combined financial statements or to the combined financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements as a whole.

Riney Hancock CPAs PSC
Owensboro, KY
December 16, 2015

Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc.

Assets	2015	2014
Cash & cash equivalents	10,032	21,955
Due from Diocese	86,837	
Investments:		
Seminarians	5,983,924	5,608,120
Religious education	516,391	519,003
Outreach	257,554	261,000
General	458,557	391,111
Held for annuity obligations	819,469	944,710
Catholic Charities	207,270	200,000
Seminarian Endowment Challenge	176,464	122,580
	8,419,629	8,046,524
Assets held for others:		
Cash and investments:		
Bishop Soenneker Home	120,265	116,099
Blessed Sacrament Chapel	13,237	12,778
Christ the King School	40,041	-
Christ the King Trust	39,821	-
Christ the King, Madisonville	347,768	343,249
Diocesan Catholic Schools	1,115,524	1,076,934
Gasper River Scholarships	103,588	100,000
Holy Name School	1,198,299	1,137,339
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville	43,965	43,418
Owensboro Catholic High School	5,757,982	5,776,056
Owensboro Catholic Schools	1,318,249	1,319,961
Parish endowments	1,283,329	1,239,251
Sisters of the Lamb of God	28,764	26,858
St. Alphonsus Cemetery	156,812	152,039
St. Ann Catholic School	176,902	171,518
St. Charles Cemetery, Bardwell	26,086	25,183

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors, Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc.

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc. as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Statements of Financial Position • June 30, 2015 & 2014

Assets held for others:	2015	2014
Cash and investments:		
St. Columba, Lewisport	44,887	44,343
St. Denis Cemetery	70,449	69,147
St. Edward	35,583	36,336
St. John, Sunfish	109,844	85,086
St. Joseph School, Bowling Green	562,662	574,193
St. Joseph, Bowling Green	35,650	34,415
St. Joseph, Central City	273,935	278,243
St. Mary Trust, Henderson	52,074	-
St. Paul, Princeton	12,317	12,511
St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro	24,922	24,059
St. Romuald Cemetery, Hardinsburg	210,189	202,097
St. Romuald School, Hardinsburg	28,470	27,484
St. Sebastian Cemetery	6,804	6,937
St. Thomas More, Paducah	1,079,636	1,024,352
Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville	285,468	277,079
Due from Diocese for parish endowments	37,476	-
	14,694,493	14,291,099
Total assets	23,210,991	22,359,578
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Due to Related Party	-	13,908
Annuity obligations	323,073	376,370
Assets held for others	14,694,493	14,291,099
Total liabilities	15,017,566	14,681,377
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted (board designated), temporarily, and permanently restricted	8,193,425	7,678,201
Total liabilities and net assets	23,210,991	22,359,578

The full audits reports may be found at www.rcdok.org/audit

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 10 to the financial statements, the 2014 financial statements have been restated to correct a misstatement. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matter

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of assets held for others on page 15 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Riney Hancock CPAs PSC
Owensboro, KY
December 22, 2015

A message from Bishop Medley ... Continued from page 4

classifying them.

So let us absorb Pope Francis' teaching and spirit. This cannot be just another papal document published and relegated to collecting dust on a library shelf. Can we as pastors and good Catholics reach out to welcome home those who might have felt judged or even condemned? Can we bring hope to those whose marriages have not lived up to their own ideals but who have stayed the course? Can the Church invigorate again the grace imparted in matrimony?

Anything worth doing is worth doing poorly. But we don't have to settle for poorly. We don't have to be Michelangelo, Frank Sinatra, or Michael Jordan to find life and goodness in everything we do. May

the Church call married men and women to the poetic ideal of which Robert Browning wrote:

"Grow old with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made:
Our times are in his hand
Who saith, A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half; trust God: see all, nor be afraid!"



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

Places of pilgrimage in the Diocese of Owensboro

It's now the Year of Mercy and you are welcome to visit the six pilgrimage sites in our diocese! They are:

Year of
Mercy
JUBILEE YEAR 2015-2016

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
610 Locust Street, Owensboro
Contact: Michael Bogdan, (270) 852-8327

Marian Shrine at St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
434 Church Avenue, Bowling Green
Contact: Parish office, (270) 842-2525

Chapel of Mercy, St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah
5645 Blandville Road, Paducah
Contact: Lois Bell, (270) 534-9000

St. Mary of the Woods Parish, McQuady
4711 Highway 105 S, Hardinsburg
Contact: Sister Mary Agnes, (270) 756-2093

Fathers of Mercy Chapel of Divine Mercy, Auburn
806 Shaker Museum Road, Auburn
Contact: Fr. Joel Rogers, (270) 361-9613

Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel, Maple Mount
8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount
Contact: Sister Mary Matthias Ward, (270) 229-2011

Out of consideration for the places of pilgrimage, pilgrims are asked that if more than 8-10 pilgrims are visiting, contact the site first to ensure that they can accommodate your group.

¡El Católico de Kentucky Occidental ahora se ve diferente!
Aparte de otros cambios de diseño gráfico, ahora se encuentra la sección en español en medio del periódico, en vez de atrás.