

Cathedral Offers Rose Window Commemorative Ornament



This commemorative ornament is engraved on the back with the following text:

"Rose Window"
1st in a Series
Dedication of the Altar and
Blessing of the
Renovated Cathedral
Diocese of Owensboro
75th Jubilee
2012

As St. Stephen Cathedral celebrates the blessing of its newly renovated interior and dedicates a new altar, the Parish presents this **first in a series of collectors' ornaments**. The "Rose Window" faces the East and reflects the morning sunlight in some fascinating ways on the new cream marble flooring of the center aisle.

The "Rose Window" Ornament comes in a lovely gift box with display window. Available now for \$20.00, plus \$1.25 shipping. Prepaid orders only, make checks payable to: St. Stephen Cathedral. Mail order to: St. Stephen Cathedral, 610 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301. Please provide a correct address if the ornament is to be shipped to a different address than listed on your check. Ornaments may also be purchased at the Parish Office during normal business hours and available during the Cathedral Open House on December 8 after the Diocesan 75th Anniversary Mass.

You are invited to come anytime and pray with your diocesan family at St. Stephen Cathedral!



Western Kentucky Catholics!

You're invited to a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the 1937 founding of the Diocese of Owensboro.

On Saturday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception,

Holy Mass will be offered at the Owensboro Sportscenter at 11:00 a.m. Immediately following, the celebration continues at the River Park Center in downtown Owensboro and will include food, crafts for children, tours of the Bluegrass Museum, Christmas Carolers, and performances by the Kings Highway Band, Sarah Hart, and Josh Blakesley. Also, the newly renovated St. Stephen Cathedral will be open for tours. This will be a great event for the entire family and everything is free of charge. Please come join us as we celebrate 75 years of God's blessings in our diocese!

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Blessing Of Renovated Cathedral

Bishop William Medley presided at the dedication of the altar and blessing of the renovated St. Stephen Cathedral Church on Nov. 18, 2012. The January, 2013 Western Kentucky Catholic will carry more pictures from this historic day happening in the year of the 75th Jubilee celebration of the Diocese of Owensboro. Also, look online at www.rcdok.org/photos.

Mel Howard photo

The Diocese of Owensboro Called To Jubilee And Celebrate 75th Anniversary



Most Reverend
William F.
Medley, Bishop
of Owensboro

"And holy is your name through all generations! Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen."

Holy is Your Name
by David Haas

My Dear Friends,
On December 9, 1937 Pope Pius XI issued a decree establishing the new Diocese of Owensboro, to encompass the thirty-two counties of western Kentucky. The city of Owensboro was identified as the see city, in recognition of the historic settlement of thousands of Catholic pioneers in Daviess County over the preceding century. Even today almost half of the Catholic population of our diocese resides in Daviess County.

Throughout the past several months the diocese has been observing a Jubilee Year in recognition of the 75th anniversary of this event. Our Jubilee will continue with several more events through the Chrism Mass to be celebrated on Tuesday, March 26, 2013.

The pinnacle of our celebrations is upon us. On December 8, 2012, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, our church from across all of the diocese will gather at 11:00 a.m. at the Owensboro Sportscenter to give praise and thanks to God for all the blessings our local church has received from God's gracious hands. It is altogether fitting that we celebrate on the feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the United States of America, for we have counted on Our Lady's intercession throughout these many years.

Our hope and expectation is that representatives of all 79 parishes of the diocese will be on hand for the Jubilee Mass. Our celebration will be complete when young and old, lifelong Catholics and new converts, descendants of pioneer Catholics and new immigrants, men and women, boys and girls, and people of all races are gathered around the table of the Lord.

It is an extraordinary blessing that our jubilee is observed during the Year of Faith proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI to advance the New

Evangelization, a call for countries with deep traditions of Christianity to rediscover the vibrancy of the life and message of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. If we as Catholics are to know Jesus we must encounter him in Word and Sacrament and in the People of God, all of our sisters and brothers.

I am especially pleased to anticipate the presence of children, youth and young people in our Jubilee Mass. The work of the Gospel will very soon be theirs. They will be called to work in the vineyard and assure that the name of Jesus continues to be praised. They will be the ones to plan the 100th anniversary jubilee in 2037 and bring their children and grandchildren together to inspire and encourage them to a future shaped by the love and message of Jesus Christ!

The celebration will continue at the River Park Center with activities for everyone, young and old! Lunch and refreshments will be served, craft stations will be set up for the children, there will be Christmas caroling, a photo booth for creating memories, free tours of the Bluegrass Museum, the Kings Highway band will be playing and the celebration will conclude with a concert by Sarah Hart and Josh Blakesley. The newly renovated St. Stephen Cathedral will also be open

for visits.

In our hearts on this day we will invoke the names of those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, Bishop Francis Cotton, the first Bishop of Owensboro who served from 1937 until his death in 1960 and Bishop Henry Soenneker, bishop from 1961 until 1982. Their names are but two of thousands that could be spoken in gratitude for their contributions of building up the Body of Christ. These are priests and religious and faithful men and women who have made a difference in simply living their faith and praising God.

It is an extraordinary blessing that Bishop John McRaith will celebrate with us. Bishop from 1982 until 2009, he called the diocese to jubilee in 1987 to observe the 50th anniversary and still blesses us by his presence, witness and prayer today.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend William F. Medley,
Bishop of Owensboro

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Bishop Medley's Calendar for December

December 1	1:00 p.m.	200th Anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Louisville, KY
December 2	9:30 a.m.	Mass/New Pastor Installation, Fr. Jojo Joseph, Sacred Heart, Russellville
	2:00 p.m.	Mass, Bowling Green Faith Formation Gathering, Aquinas Center, WKU, Bowling Green
December 3	2:00 p.m.	Installation, Archbishop Joseph William Tobin, Archdiocese of Indianapolis
December 6	9:00 a.m.	CCK Meeting, Louisville
December 8	11:00 a.m.	Jubilee Mass and Celebration, Owensboro Sportscenter and Riverpark Center
December 11	5:30 p.m.	Catholics at the Capital, Regional Meeting, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
December 12	7:30 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, Sts. Joseph and Paul
December 13	9:00 a.m.	School Mass, Owensboro Catholic 4-6 Campus
December 14	6:00 p.m.	Vespers/Social in honor of Bishop John McRaith - 30th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination
December 17	9:30 a.m.	Priests' Personnel Board Meeting, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
December 18	10-2	Paducah Office Day, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
December 19	8:30 a.m.	Finance Council Meeting, CPC
December 25	12:00 a.m.	Christmas Midnight Mass, St. Stephen Cathedral
December 29	11:00 a.m.	Mass, Discernment Retreat, St. Margaret Chapel, Henderson

Quo Vadis Retreat

The Vocations office for the Diocese of Owensboro will host a QUO VADIS vocations retreat on December 29, 2012 at St. Margaret's Chapel in Henderson.

The retreat will be a full day of discussions and information from the vocations office with specific talks given by seminarians. Lunch will be included, Mass with Bishop Medley, and time for questions and answers with Fr. Andy Garner (Director of Vocations) and Bishop Medley.

The retreat is offered to all young men 18 years of age and older who feel that they have received a call from God to a vocation in the Church. Since space is limited, high school seniors will be invited to attend as space allows.

Any men who plan to attend should contact the Vocation office to reserve space: Dr. Fred Litke, Associate Director of Vocations. fred.litke@pastoral.com. 270-748-0038 (mobile).

John 13:36-37

36 Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

37 Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

**DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO
75TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012**

MASS

(SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

11:00 A.M. OWENSBORO SPORTSCENTER
1215 HICKMAN AVENUE, OWENSBORO, KY 42301

SAINT STEPHEN CATHEDRAL OPEN HOUSE

610 LOCUST STREET, OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY 42301

AFTER MASS COME SEE OUR NEWLY RENOVATED
TO 3:00 P.M. SAINT STEPHEN CATHEDRAL

RIVERPARK CENTER

101 DAVIESS STREET, OWENSBORO, KY 42303

AFTER MASS LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS
TO 3:00 P.M. CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN
PHOTO BOOTH
TOURS OF BLUEGRASS MUSEUM
CHRISTMAS CAROLERS
QUIET SPACE FOR VISITING

1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. KINGS HIGHWAY IN WOODWARD CAFÉ
(BLUEGRASS BAND)

3:00 P.M. SARAH HART AND JOSH BLAKESLEY
CONCERT IN CANNON HALL

PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARKING GARAGE (ACROSS FROM THE
RIVERPARK ENTRANCE). THE PARKING GARAGE AND ALL EVENTS AT THE
RIVERPARK CENTER AND BLUEGRASS MUSEUM ARE FREE.

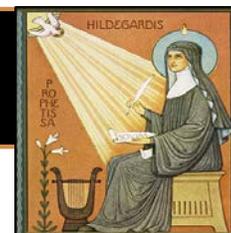


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St. Stephen, pray for us.

Join us for a Women's Retreat

**RECOGNIZING GOD:
Insights from Saint Hildegard,
Doctor of the Church**



March 1-3, 2013

Retreat Director: Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU



Sister Cheryl

On Oct. 7, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI named Saint Hildegard of Bingen a new Doctor of the Church. Hildegard joins three other women and 31 men whose life and writings are recognized as worthy teachers ("doctors") for the universal Church. Hildegard, a 12th-century Benedictine nun, was a visionary, philosopher, physician, musician, abbess, preacher, mystic, artist and church reformer. Among the many lenses through which people of faith could examine Hildegard's life and writings, this retreat weekend will focus on how and where she learned to recognize God in her life and in the Church and world as a whole.

Retreat begins at 7 p.m. Friday and ends after lunch Sunday. Fee: \$175 for residents or \$120 for commuters. Deduct 10% if paid in full by Feb. 1, 2013.

Note: Limited scholarships are available. Contact Sister Ann McGrew: 270-229-0200

To register, contact Kathy: (270) 229-0206 • kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org
Find a brochure online at www.ursulinesmsj.org under Conference & Retreat Center



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Immaculate, Owensboro

Parish of the Immaculate (The Immaculate) was carved out of a 10-acre cornfield in a southwest neighborhood of Owensboro in 1954. The first Mass was celebrated on August 22, 1954; the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the 100th anniversary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. The parish had 200 families when the combined church, school, rectory and sisters' residence opened.

The four room school was staffed by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph. First year enrollment totaled 166 pupils and doubled within five years. The Immaculate School became Owensboro Catholic Middle School in 1989.

Four priestly vocations and two vowed religious women have come from the families of Immaculate Parish; the late Fr. Peter E. Lauzon ordained in 1979, Fr. Ray Goetz ordained in 1981, Fr. Tony Jones (current pastor of The Immaculate) ordained 1989, Fr. Randy Howard ordained 2001, Sr. Jean Fuqua became a member of the Sisters of Providence and

Celebrating 75 Years Of Parish Life In Western Kentucky



Sr. Mary Jo Curtsinger of the Congregation of St Joseph of LaGrange, IL. Fifty-eight years after the first Mass, Parish of the Immaculate thrives with 843 families.

Parish of the Immaculate
2516 Christie Place
Owensboro, KY 42301-4925
270-683-0689

<http://www.immaculateparish.org/>

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Join Us for the March for Life 2013

Forty years ago, on 1-22-73, the infamous Roe v. Wade decision was delivered by the US Supreme Court. Since that decision was made, over 54 million children have died in their mother's womb from legally allowed abortion in this country. Each year since that fateful decision, people that value life as holy and from God, have gathered in Washington to march through the streets to signal all three branches of government, that life is sacred from womb to tomb and needs to be safeguarded. We have a summons from Jesus, Himself to be His hands and feet -- to respond to His challenge to do His work on earth. You can join us this year to deliver this message in person.

Plan for the Trip:

The Gospel of Life Committee is working to set up a bus trip to and lodging in the Washington D.C. area to allow those interested in going to the March for Life to make their voices heard. Arrangements for travel will likely be with Toby Tours Bus Lines that will provide a late model bus or buses with bathroom facilities and with passenger capacity of either 47 or 55 people. The size of the bus or buses to be booked for the trip will

be based on those making reservations by December 10, 2012. Please note that the final balance due should be paid by, January 10, 2013.

The group will depart from the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro on Wednesday night at 8:00 PM on January 23, 2013, and arrive in Washington on Thursday afternoon on the 24th in time to check in at the hotel, freshen up and visit the convention in progress. The group will likely be staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington on Capitol Hill where the Convention takes place. On Thursday evening the group will go to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Mass for Life, and then return to the hotel that night.

The morning of January 25th, the group will attend the pre-march Kentucky Congressional Breakfast. After this, the group will go to the March for Life in the late morning for a rally and the March begins at 1:00 PM. The group will stay the night of Friday, January 25 at the Hyatt. Some may have an interest in attending the March for Life's fundraising event called the Rose Dinner. Arrange-

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

On July 12, 1966 land for the present St. Anthony of Padua Church was purchased from Mrs. Dorothy Thompson. In the summer of 1967 Mass was offered in the open air. In 1968 a pavilion was built to accommodate Catholics who lived or vacationed in the area. During this time Mass was celebrated year from the Sunday of May until Labor Day. It was called "the open air Mass."

In the fall of 1985 the pavilion was enclosed and the following year finishing touches were made. Since Christmas 1986, Mass has been offered every Sunday.

Two Glenmary Sisters have been of service to the parish, conducting a mission program to the surrounding area. With one hundred parishioners, the parish primarily serves tourists. The church is located at the northern end of the "Land between the Lakes" (Kentucky and Barkley Lakes), a resort area in Western Kentucky.



The Catholics of St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Grand Rivers are united as a faith-filled community to give honor and glory to God, to aid each other and others on the journey of salvation and to share the Good News of the Gospel.

St. Anthony Parish
1518 J. H. O'Bryan Ave.
Grand Rivers, KY 42045
270-362-7121

http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=115

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 6 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day

ments can be made to attend this event; however it will be at a cost beyond what the trip cost is listed. Please see below for details on the Rose Dinner.

The next morning January 26, 2013, the group will depart for some sightseeing of some of the monuments in the D.C. area at 8:00 AM, and about 10:00 AM will head for home. It is estimated that the group should arrive back in Owensboro in the very early morning of January 27, 2013.

Consider Making Plans and Getting your Name on the List.

To insure an accurate count for the number of rooms to reserve, make room assignments and to determine the size of the bus to take, please register by December 10, 2012. The total cost per adult is \$300, and for youth age 18 or below, it is \$250. This cost includes round trip bus fare, two nights at the hotel with multiple occupancy, and the Congressional Breakfast. It does not include the cost of other meals and miscellaneous items. The cost for the Rose Dinner (\$85) is an option for those going on the trip also. Please advise the planning team in your correspondence with your registration payment that you are planning to go to the Rose Dinner

so that your ticket may be purchased in advance. If a person plans go the night of the Dinner without preordering a ticket, then it will cost \$100.

The Gospel of Life Committee may have some scholarship money available. Anyone wishing to go on the March for Life, but is unable to pay the full amount can contact the Diocesan Office at the number below. Those wishing to apply are asked to write a note to explain their circumstances briefly and their Pastor is asked to confirm the need with a note as well to the Diocesan Office list below.

If you believe that you would like to be part of this pilgrimage of faith, fellowship and exercise of citizenship, then please send a check payable to the Diocese of Owensboro for \$50 per registration and mail it to: Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, Attention: Richard Murphy on or before 12-10-12. All travelers are asked to have their final payments in by January 10, 2013.

Let's go make our voices heard for the unborn to recognize their most fundamental right.

For information, contact Richard Murphy at 1-270-683-1545.

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

The foundation of St. Francis Borgia Parish is built on the passion and desire of the Catholics living in Sturgis in the late 1940s. With the support of the founding families, the parish became a reality. On September 30, 1952, St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church was dedicated. Initially, St. Francis was a mission of St. Ann in Morganfield. In 1962, Father Leonard Reisz became the first resident pastor, also serving St. Ambrose in Henshaw and St. William in Marion. The buildings have grown as needed to house the many activities of a vibrant faith community. In 1963 a rectory was built for the priest to live in the community. A parish hall was built in 1968, and then expanded in 1986.

The community has grown with four hundred members being welcomed through the waters of Baptism, and 255 confirmed with the power of the Holy



Spirit. Ninety-Eight men and women have professed their love and entered into sacred matrimony. Eighty-six of our members have been entrusted into the hands of God, as they were laid to rest.

St. Francis Borgia Parish
1317 North Main Street
Sturgis, KY 42459
270-333-2806

http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=126

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 9 a.m.

St. Pius Tenth,

Calvert City

The first Mass for St. Pius X was on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 1953 by Father Thompson, in the local American Legion Hall. The land for our present church was purchased on March 31, 1954. On September 5, 1954, Bishop Francis Cotton officially dedicated St. Pius X Catholic Church. A total of twenty-five visiting priests helped the Bishop celebrate Mass that Sunday morning. The original church had a permanent school through 8th grade with twenty-five students. Sisters from the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth provided the teaching.

Currently, we have a weekly Faith Formation for Youth program staffed by lay volunteers as catechist and youth ministers. However, our parish still has sisters in attendance from the Ursulines, Glenmary, and Sisters for Christian



Community.

St. Pius Tenth Parish
775 E. Fifth Avenue
Calvert City, KY 42029-0495
270-395-4727

<http://www.stpiusx.us/>

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary of the Woods

7th Annual Christmas Bazaar & Salad Luncheon at St. Mary of the Woods Parish Hall, Whitesville, Ky. on Saturday, Dec 1 & Sunday, Dec 2; 8:30am – 2pm Sat 8AM – 1PM Sun. Salad Luncheon 11:00am—12:30pm Sat. Serving all types of fresh salads, soup, Christmas cookies or pie for Dessert, Iced Tea, Lemonade or Hot Coffee. Adults \$5.00; Children \$2.50. Religious items including rosaries, statues, Bibles, Angels, Nativity Sets, Wreaths, Christmas Ornaments, Scarves, Tie Blankets, Afghans. teachers gifts, Stockings, pillows, candles, stuffed animals, snowmen, jewelry, Baby Quilts, Baby Items, many other Christmas items.

St. Leo, Murray

In the 1930s, Catholic workers at the local Civilian Conservation Corps began attending Mass at the camp's recreation hall. When the camp closed in 1939, weekly Mass for local Catholics moved to the home of the Fenton family. When military units came to Murray and the number of Catholics attending Mass grew, Mass was held at various locations on the campus of Murray State University. With the help of a grant from the Catholic Church Extension Society and the hard work of the pastor and parishioners, St. Leo Catholic Church was completed and founded 1943.

In 1963, the parish constructed a three hundred seat church to accommodate its growing faith community, as well as a rectory. The original church was renovated to serve the Newman campus ministry which had been started at nearby Murray State University. Later, the Newman House ministry moved to a property across the street from St. Leo, the old church was converted to parish offices, and a Parish Hall was constructed. Today, St. Leo Parish is



a vital, growing faith community with 420 registered families. It is the only Catholic Church in Murray and draws in Catholics from nearby areas.

St. Leo Parish, a diverse Catholic community empowered by the Holy Spirit, is committed to worshiping God and providing spiritual development through liturgy, the sacraments, and evangelization.

St. Leo Parish
401 N. 12th Street
Murray, KY 42071
270-753-3876

<http://www.stleoky.org/>
Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Spanish
Sunday: 8 a.m., 11 a.m.

St. Pius Tenth,

Owensboro

In 1957 Sts. Joe & Paul Church community felt they had grown to the extent that the eastern portion of the parish should split and form a new church community. Thirteen acres of land were to establish this new church on the east side of Owensboro. The church celebrated its dedication and first Mass on December 27, 1957.

The parish has undergone much growth, including a grade school which operated from 1958 to 2004 (beginning as St. Pius Tenth Grade School then renamed Bishop Cotton Grade School in 1989). In addition to the grade school, the parish opened a Day Care Center in 1971. The current Day Care facility



cares for children from infants to Pre-school.

Many changes and renovations have taken place to the church and grounds over the years. On December 27, 2006 a new Parish Hall was dedicated. The building is host to many parish and community wide events as well as housing the parish administrative offices, youth room, and several smaller meeting rooms.

St. Pius Tenth Parish
3418 U.S. Highway 60 East
Owensboro, KY 42303-0653
270-684-4745

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 8 p.m.

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Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

St. Joseph Parish was organized through the efforts of the German Catholics in the community. The first German church was destroyed by lightning and was relocated on the corner of Fourth and Clay Streets. Fr. Haesley began saying Mass in the church in 1880.

On December 5, 1886 it was announced that St. Paul would be established. St. Paul's first appointed pastor was the Very Rev. Thomas Gambon. A temporary church was built on a lot at 4th & Pearl Streets, where members worshipped for the first time on Passion Sunday, March 26, 1887. The ground was broken on July 6, 1887 for the current place of worship at 4th & Bolivar Streets. St. Paul was dedicated on Jan. 13, 1889, by Bishop William George McCloskey of Louisville.

In 1948 St. Paul Parish and St. Joseph Parish combined their history and their families of faith under the direction of Msgr. Braun. In 1983, Bishop McRaith announced that only Masses for special occasions would be celebrated at St. Joseph Church. On Christmas 1984, St. Paul Church suffered a fire. After the fire, St. Joseph Church was again used for Mass until the re-dedication of St. Paul's on January 19, 1986. St. Joseph Church was razed in 1989. In 2003 Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish was privileged to begin sharing its table with a growing Hispanic community. Our fruits continue to be blessed, as we work in service and pray as one family with all of God's people.

Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish
609 East Fourth Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
270-683-5641
<http://www.stjpc.org/>

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon
(Spanish), 6 p.m., 10:30 p.m. (Spanish)



Sts. Mary & James, Guthrie

Sts. Mary & James Catholic Church was the fulfillment of a dream of James Reale, a railroad telegrapher. At his death, he left \$5,000 to be used in building a church in Guthrie. His only condition was that it be named Sts. Mary & James, the names of his parents. In 1908, Bishop William McCloskey bought the land on which the church now sits. The Glenmary Home



Missioners began working in the area in 1942 when they took over Sacred Heart Church in Russellville. In 1947, Father Robert Healy was assigned as curate to Russellville with the mission of evangelizing south Todd County. In 1949 Father Healy began building the present church. Many of the building

materials were taken from two old army barracks from Ft. Campbell. The church was built by the work of parishioners and Catholic railroad employees. Sts. Mary & James Catholic Church was dedicated on March 9, 1950, with Bishop Cotton and Glenmary founder Father William Bishop present.

In 1957, the house next door to the church was purchased for the priests, serving also as a hall and convent. A rummage house was built in 1958 and clothing sales were held on Fridays. Clothes were sold at a very low cost or given free. With donated funds, in 1964 the Church purchased the marble statue of Mary from Italy. In 1995, Sts. Mary & James joined with other area churches and began having an ecumenical services the fifth Sunday of each month. The church helped sponsor a thrift store called the Second Hand Rose and a street picnic was started in 1997.

Sts. Mary & James Parish
313 Third Street
Guthrie, KY 42234-0325
270-483-2571
<http://www.stsmjchurch.org/>

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 8 a.m.

Join us for the Year of Faith

To help us celebrate more fully the Year of Faith, Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center is offering an opportunity to study the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Below are the dates.

- Jan. 10 (first session)
- Feb. 14
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13
- Aug. 8
- Sept. 12
- Oct. 10
- Nov. 14
- Dec. 5

Study the
Catechism
with us!

Second Thursday of each month

Note: We will not meet in July.

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

First session \$15 - includes book and lunch

Other sessions \$10 - includes lunch

LEADERS: Sister Ann McGrew, OSU
Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU

To register, call
Kathy McCarty
(270) 229-0206
or email
kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org



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When: December 29st through January 1nd

Where: Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp, Bowling Green, Kentucky

Who: High school students (8th – 12th grade) **Cost:** Only \$75

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Looking for Something to do Over Christmas Break?

Things are going wonderfully here at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center. We're wrapping up the busiest fall retreat season we've ever had, we're working on plans for a new lodge and a new Giant Swing Activity and we're preparing for our third annual Christmas/New Year's Camp.

Each year the camp has grown by leaps and bounds. We're expecting well over seventy campers for this year's camp. It's a wonderful way to end one year and start the next. We do lots of camp activities, plus experience Adoration, daily mass and reconciliation. This year we're focusing on Christmas movies-The Little Drummer Boy, Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer and Charlie Brown Christmas and what we can learn from them. We have a gift exchange and tons of fun with other young people from all over the diocese and country!

This camp is open to all high school aged students plus 8th graders. It's a great opportunity to meet and get to know some of the kids who will be attending Camp LIFE's the next summer. The cost is only \$75 and the camp runs from December 29th at 4:00 pm until January 1st at 1:00 pm. Simply download a Camp LIFE form off the website, www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org, fill it out and send it in. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 270-781-2466. One parent shared with me how wonderful it was knowing that on New Year's Eve with all the temptations out there, that their child was at camp celebrating the sacraments and having a great time! Don't miss out and start 2013 off in an amazing way!

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Sister Sharon inducted into Owensboro High School Hall of Achievement

Sister Sharon Sullivan, J.P. Fentress (center) and Tommy Thompson smile as their new plaques hanging in Owensboro High School are unveiled at a ceremony at the school on Oct. 19. Larry Vick, Owensboro Public Schools superintendent, said, "We think it inspires our students to walk by the Hall of Achievement to



see what's possible." MSJ Photo

Sister Sharon Sullivan says her life was shaped by her church, her family and her beloved Girl Scouts. On Oct. 19, standing before a crowd of well-wishers, she added a fourth factor in her development – her years as a student at Owensboro High School.

Sister Sharon, congregational leader of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, was one of six graduates of the Owensboro, Ky., school inducted into the Hall of Achievement during a ceremony in the school's media center. The school created the award in 2001 to recognize alumni who have "distinguished themselves through service to others as well as through excellence in their fields."

A plaque with Sister Sharon's picture now hangs in the school, and reads: "Elected congregational leader of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in 2009, she has been an Ursuline since 1982. At Brescia University from 1984-2010, she coordinated the special education program, chaired the School of Education, and served as vice president of academic affairs. Appointed by the governor to the Kentucky's State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children, she was twice elected its chair.

"A lifetime Girl Scout, she served on the Kentuckiana Girl Scout Council Board and received the "Thanks

Badge," a national volunteer recognition award. She holds a Ph.D. from Purdue University and earned its School of Education Outstanding Dissertation Award. Throughout her life, she has been active in environmental and advocacy efforts."

Sister Sharon graduated in 1965 with more than 400 students, one of the largest classes in school history. She moved from Houston when she was 13 after her father was offered a job as an officer with Texas Gas Transmission Corp. in Owensboro. Among the groups she was involved in were the German Club, the Junior Historical Society, National Honor Society, Math Club, Junior Investigators, Future Teachers of America and the Rose Curtain Players. She was also a National Merit Finalist.

The other members of the induction class were J.P. Fentress, class of 1950; the Rev. LaMont Jones Jr., class of 1984; State Rep. Tommy Thompson, class of 1966; the late Phil Sayre, class of 1967; and the late Franklin Joseph Neubauer, class of 1929. Since the inception of the Hall of Achievement, 51 graduates have been inducted.

After the ceremony, the inductees were given a tour of the school, and entertained by students in various fine arts groups.

**St. Thomas More, St. Mary,
and Lourdes Hospital
Generously Assist Rotary
with Hurricane Sandy Relief**



St. Mary student Gavin Rupp, in truck with Rotarian Debbie Wattier stacking the boxes; loading, Justin Jones of Electric 96-9, and Nick Black from 93.3 WKYQ.

By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - The parishioners of St. Thomas More and Lourdes Hospital joined to assist the Rotary Clubs of the Purchase Area, led by Murray and Paducah, to help those in need after the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy. The Rotary Club of Murray collected items beginning Sunday and moved the trailer to Paducah on Wednesday to finish the job of filling it with needed items. Parishioners and hospital workers purchased and boxed necessities and delivered them to the tractor trailer on lot C of the Carson Center, Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Rotarians and community members, such as St. Mary student, Gavin Rupp and St. Thomas More staff member Donna Tarantino received the items and stacked them for maximum capacity. Wednesday's effort netted 8,000 pounds and \$5,000, and the total collection from Murray and Paducah was 25,000 pounds of goods and nearly \$10,000 of donations that were sent to the Freeport Rotary Club in New York to distribute to those who had lost everything. At 5 p.m. on Wednesday, the truck left the Carson Center parking lot in Paducah and arrived on Friday morning in Freeport New York where the goods were provided to those in need.

DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO ANNUAL MASS COUNT -- 2012		2012 POPULATION	2012 ANNUAL MASS COUNT	2012 ANNUAL % MASS COUNT	2011 ANNUAL % MASS COUNT	DIFFERENCE 2011 TO 2012
Blessed Mother	Owensboro	2369	1461	61.67%	61.73%	-0.06%
Blessed Sacrament	Owensboro	103	67	65.05%	71.30%	-6.25%
Christ the King	Madisonville	650	350	53.85%	73.52%	-19.68%
Christ the King	Scottsville	137	113	82.48%	77.97%	4.52%
Holy Cross	Providence	41	16	39.02%	53.19%	-14.17%
Holy G. Angels	Irvington	210	197	93.81%	59.49%	34.32%
Holy Name	Henderson	3861	1583	41.00%	37.78%	3.22%
Holy Redeemer	Beaver Dam	176	217	123.30%	115.63%	7.67%
Holy Spirit	Bowling Green	3185	1358	42.64%	45.14%	-2.50%
Holy Trinity	Morgantown	52	101	194.23%	111.59%	82.64%
Immaculate	Owensboro	1902	1094	57.52%	53.28%	4.24%
Immaculate Conception	Earlington	105	46	43.81%	34.90%	8.91%
Immaculate Conception	Hawesville	315	121	38.41%	45.40%	-6.98%
Our Lady of Lourdes	Owensboro	1970	1015	51.52%	54.94%	-3.41%
Precious Blood	Owensboro	854	428	50.12%	52.84%	-2.72%
Resurrection	Dawson Springs	83	52	62.65%	64.52%	-1.87%
Rosary Chapel	Paducah	150	96	64.00%	61.04%	2.96%
Sacred Heart	Hickman	59	35	59.32%	51.28%	8.04%
Sacred Heart	Russellville	369	173	46.88%	56.86%	-9.97%
Sacred Heart	Waverly	195	100	51.28%	55.79%	-4.51%
St. Agnes	Uniontown	752	467	62.10%	62.77%	-0.67%
St. Alphonsus	St Joseph	558	283	50.72%	53.58%	-2.86%
St. Ambrose	Henshaw	87	52	59.77%	55.10%	4.67%
St. Ann	Morganfield	1036	505	48.75%	42.56%	6.19%
St. Anthony	Axtel	485	431	88.87%	64.61%	24.26%
St. Anthony	Browns Valley	424	215	50.71%	61.24%	-10.53%
St. Anthony	Peonia	195	163	83.59%	80.00%	3.59%
St. Anthony of Padua	Grand Rivers	76	78	102.63%	105.75%	-3.12%
St. Augustine	Grayson Springs	98	77	78.57%	73.47%	5.10%
St. Augustine	Reed	131	89	67.94%	47.65%	20.29%
St. Benedict	Wax	129	94	72.87%	70.54%	2.33%
St. Charles	Bardwell	173	131	75.72%	79.77%	-4.05%
St. Charles	Livermore	75	60	80.00%	92.75%	-12.75%
St. Columba	Lewisport	229	71	31.00%	34.78%	-3.78%
St. Denis	Fancy Farm	160	86	53.75%	67.65%	-13.90%
St. Edward	Fulton	76	63	82.89%	75.68%	7.22%
St. Elizabeth	Clarkson	157	141	89.81%	71.24%	18.57%
St. Elizabeth	Curdsville	165	140	84.85%	98.33%	-13.48%
St. Francis Borgia	Sturgis	187	99	52.94%	51.43%	1.51%
St. Francis de Sales	Paducah	1250	1107	88.56%	93.25%	-4.69%
St. Henry	Auora	201	171	85.07%	84.09%	0.98%
St. Jerome	Fancy Farm	1184	736	62.16%	61.36%	0.80%
Sts. Joseph & Paul	Owensboro	1457	1125	77.21%	74.51%	2.71%
St. John Baptist	Fordsville	67	57	85.07%	89.74%	-4.67%
St. John Evangelist	Paducah	782	419	53.58%	54.66%	-1.08%
St. John Evangelist	Sunfish	58	54	93.10%	78.33%	14.77%
St. Joseph	Bowling Green	2422	943	38.93%	53.01%	-14.08%
St. Joseph	Central City	252	195	77.38%	75.22%	2.16%
St. Joseph	Leitchfield	448	294	65.63%	68.35%	-2.72%
St. Joseph	Mayfield	980	720	73.47%	73.25%	0.22%
St. Jude	Clinton	70	41	58.57%	63.51%	-4.94%
St. Lawrence	St Lawrence	358	269	75.14%	74.71%	0.43%
St. Leo	Murray	902	695	77.05%	63.06%	13.99%
St. Mark	Eddyville	109	107	98.17%	96.36%	1.80%
St. Martin	Rome	245	207	84.49%	82.56%	1.93%
St. Mary	LaCenter	184	103	55.98%	59.22%	-3.24%
St. Mary Magdalene	Sorgho	686	410	59.77%	60.12%	-0.35%
St. Mary	Franklin	258	212	82.17%	73.21%	8.96%
St. Mary of Woods	McQuady	236	207	87.71%	126.76%	-39.05%
St. Mary of Woods	Whitesville	2193	1146	52.26%	46.92%	5.33%
St. Mary & St. James	Guthrie	154	105	68.18%	79.20%	-11.02%
St. Michael Archangel	Oak Grove	959	549	57.25%	65.11%	-7.86%
St. Michael	Sebree	271	110	40.59%	58.94%	-18.35%
St. Paul	Leitchfield	364	267	73.35%	82.26%	-8.91%
St. Paul	Princeton	110	81	73.64%	84.82%	-11.19%
St. Peter	Stanley	352	177	50.28%	56.82%	-6.53%
St. Peter	Waverly	551	258	46.82%	53.61%	-6.79%
Sts. Peter & Paul	Hopkinsville	1685	815	48.37%	45.90%	2.46%
St. Pius Tenth	Calvert City	309	221	71.52%	63.11%	8.41%
St. Pius Tenth	Owensboro	1143	636	55.64%	38.22%	17.43%
St. Romuald	Hardinsburg	1500	585	39.00%	37.53%	1.47%
St. Rose	Cloverport	415	183	44.10%	41.23%	2.86%
St. Sebastian	Calhoun	249	125	50.20%	60.09%	-9.89%
St. Stephen	Cadiz	289	181	62.63%	66.33%	-3.70%
St. Stephen Cathedral	Owensboro	1255	613	48.84%	54.59%	-5.75%
St. Susan	Elkton	168	138	82.14%	85.33%	-3.19%
St. Thomas More	Paducah	2111	1012	47.94%	48.77%	-0.83%
St. William	Knottsville	1049	871	83.03%	92.58%	-9.55%
St. William	Marion	142	78	54.93%	66.14%	-11.21%
DIOCESAN TOTALS		49397	28091	56.87%	56.88%	-0.01%

She's a Great Gal and I Love Her

By Edie Keeney

PADUCAH, Ky. - Bill and Carol Baugh have been married 35 years. They met through a mutual friend several years after Bill's wife was killed in an accident. From their first meeting it was like they were meant to be together. Bill worked for the railroad in Paducah. Carol worked as an office manager and later as an executive secretary for Heublein also in Paducah. The couple moved to Memphis where Carol was an event manager for the Memphis District Digital Equipment Company and Bill continued at the railroad.

They both retired and returned to Paducah 1996. Carol and Bill joined St. Thomas More Church where Carol was active in the choir. They began volunteering to deliver meals to shut-ins for Martha's Vineyard and they continue to do this. Bill volunteered to keep the pharmacy computer running at St. Nicholas Family Free Clinic. Together they attended classes, and became Master Gardeners. They were active in the group projects and also used their new knowledge to work magic in their yard. Several years ago it became apparent that Carol was having problems. She would become confused easily, she couldn't remember things and she wasn't able to do the needlepoint and the stained glass projects that she had been so good at. She didn't have the energy go places and to do the things that were so much a part of her. This just wasn't Carol.

This was in the late 1900's or early 2000 that Bill noticed Carol's inability to remember certain things. This memory fault crept up on them. It happened that Four Rivers was doing a double blind study for a memory drug and Carol joined the program. The extent of her memory loss was determined. Later she got the drug and she is now taking it, it is one of the well known drugs.

Bill explained, "At this time in Carol's life, she remembers almost nothing of what she hears or does. We now play a game trying to get her to remember where the garage door controller is in the car when we leave to go somewhere. She seldom remembers but it excites her when she finds it and the door closes." He went on to say, "Carol remembers things but there is no way to make a judgment about what or when she is going to remember



Bill and Carol Baugh.

Edie Keeney Photo

something. Two nights ago I needed something and she had put it away. She is inclined to put stuff in our car so I checked there and found it. I never know where I will find things; what she does is never consistent. I do all of the cooking and she washes the dishes. Sometimes I find that she has put dirty dishes in the cabinet and occasionally she takes a load of dishes from the cabinet and runs them through the dishwasher. Who knows? I cannot leave Carol alone. She is beginning to wander around now and I do not leave her alone. I have to know where she is, even when we are at home, I have to know where she is."

"The reality is, I have to take care of her and that is what I want to do. She is a great gal and I love her! She is a happy person and that is what I want for her. When we get up in the morning I ask her how she is and she tells me. 'I am a happy person,' and that makes my day. She is a lot like a child. Everything is new to her and it makes her happy even though she has seen it or done it before. It gives me a moment of great happiness to see her happy. But it also makes me sad to see her deteriorate. She enjoys being with people; she may not join in but she enjoys being around people. She will often join in on a conversation at the end of the last sentence but everybody accommodates. I've learned to just take everything one day at a time."

The History of the Good Book Store in Paducah

By Edie Keeney

PADUCAH, Ky. - Located next to the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church was a small building that in 1949 would become the Information Center serving the area Catholics. There was a lending library, and also an inventory of a small number of rosaries, metals, First Communion and Confirmation gifts that could be purchased. The center was open 2-3 hours weekdays and was staffed by volunteers. This provided a needed service in the area for many years.

As the years passed the population of Paducah grew. There was concern when it was known that an "Adult" book and movie store was opening. Mary Lou Joseph saw that there was a need for a larger Christian presence in Paducah. She went to the St. Francis parish council and proposed an expansion of the Information Center. She renamed the center "The Good Book Store". She filled it with Catholic and Christian books and an inventory of religious products. She offered cards, religious plaques, metals, special occasion gifts, information about the Catholic Church, etc.

In the early 1990's the Good Book Store moved to a larger building located at 310 Broadway. Pat Gregory worked along with Mary Lou and in 1997 she and her husband, Charlie, purchased the store and further expanded the inventory. Many individuals came in seeking information about the Church; inactive Catholics and non-Catholics. It continued to be a source for information about the Church. About 50% of purchases were from non-Catholics. The Good Book Store was relocated to 310 Broadway in the early 1990's and David and Jeanne Grief purchased it in 1997. They operated it in that location until the Labor Day weekend in 2007 when a wall from an adjacent store gave away and fell on their store. They were unable to reopen. The inventory that was left was brought to their home and stored in their basement. After the Good Book Store closed there was a void in the area for being able to purchase good religious articles.

David and Jeanne are members of Rosary Chapel. There was a discussion at the church about needing to place an order from a Catholic supply store. When Jeanne saw the list of items that were go-



Jeanne Grief standing in the Rosary Gift Store which is located in a room at the back of Rosary Chapel's parish hall. Jeanne was the last owner and operator of the Good Book Store before it closed. She is responsible for makes available and oversees the Catholic and Christian merchandise of the Rosary Gift Store.

Edie Keeney Photo

ing to be ordered she realized that the majority of the things were stored in her basement along with many other Catholic and Christian products. The Rosary Gift Shop involved from that conversation. In October 2010, The Rosary Gift Shop began in a small area of a room in the back of the Parish Hall and was stocked with the inventory from the Good Book Store. It now occupies the entire room and offers a wide range of rosaries, books, cards, anniversary and wedding gifts, First Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts, prayer books, framed pictures and gifts for all occasions. It is a small store but individuals from all over the area can find something to fill any need. Special orders are handled.

The Rosary Gift Shop at 711 Ohio Street is open from 10 AM to 2 PM weekdays, after all Masses and church activities and is staffed by volunteers. One half of the income is spent on restocking the shop and the other one half goes to Rosary Chapel.

Father Uwem Enoch commented, "To be able to provide for the needs of the Catholic community here in Paducah and the area is a blessing. When Children have their First Communion and Confirmation families have a place to buy appropriate gifts to celebrate the occasion".

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Waiting for us*



An Advent Parish Mission



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Immaculate Parish, Owensboro invites all to begin the Advent season with an Advent Mission, entitled *Waiting for the God Who is Waiting for us*. The Mission will take place Sunday, December 2 through Tuesday, December 4. The Mission will begin at 6:30pm every evening at Immaculate Church (2516 Christie Place, Owensboro) and end with refreshments and fellowship each night in the Parish Family Center. Childcare will also be provided for children all three nights. All parishioners and guests are invited to attend the Mission.

The Mission will be led by Fr. Jim Marchionda, OP. Fr. Jim, besides being a dynamic speaker is also a composer and performer. He will add his musical touch by singing (and leading us in singing) as he touches our hearts as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Father Jim's unique ministry successfully combines preaching with a professional career in sacred music. Father Jim's music on CD's will be available each night following the Mission.

You will hear some of his music throughout the Mission, but especially at the December 4th, Tuesday evening Prayer Concert featuring Fr. Jim and the Immaculate Choir and musicians. You don't want to miss these three nights of music, message and prayer at Immaculate's Advent Parish Mission.

The theme for Sunday December 2 will be *God is Waiting for You*. On Monday, December 3, Fr. Jim will talk on *Waiting for God our Hope*. The Mission will culminate on Tuesday, December 4 with Fr. Jim preaching and singing with Immaculate's musicians in *Waiting: From Advent to Christmas and Beyond* at the Prayer Concert.

For more information, please contact Diane Willis, Director of Faith Formation at Immaculate 683-0689.

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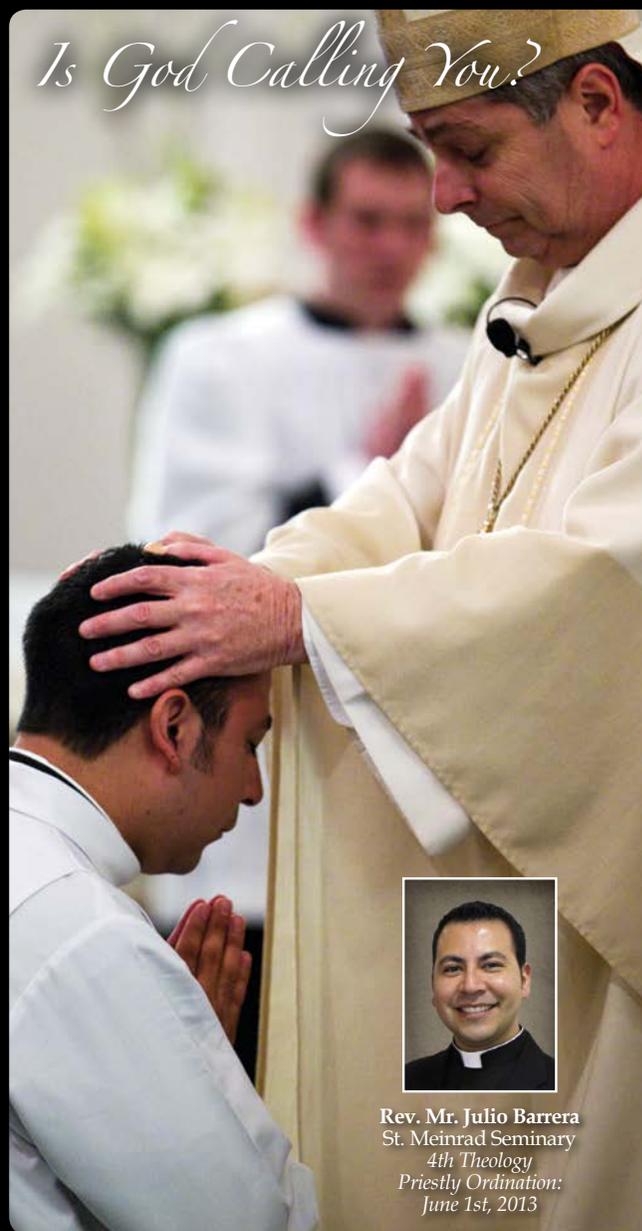
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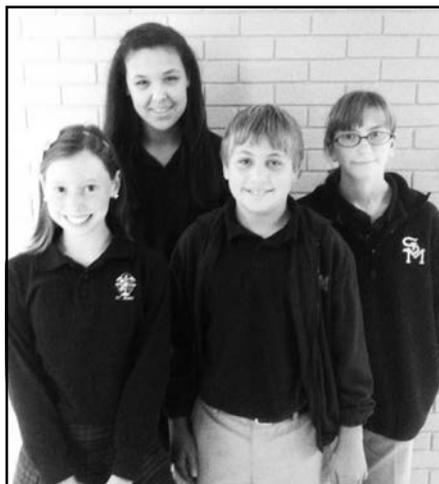
Paducah Rotary Club Recognize St. Mary Schools Students for 4-H Activities

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By Jackie Hopper

PADUCAH, Ky. - At their weekly meeting, the Paducah Rotary Club recognized Paducah area students who had excelled in 4-H activities. Four St. Mary Middle School students and six St. Mary High school students were recognized for their accomplishments.

St. Mary Middle School students pictured at right: Megan Morrow, Thomas Brown, Karina Romero, and Ellen Brown. Not pictured Keagan Keplinger and Ellie Vaughn. Jackie Hopper Photo



St. Mary High School 4-H participants are: Sally Ballard, Katie Clark, Matthew Osterhaus, Ginny Ross, Emily Tashjian, and Olivia Romero. Not pictured Anna Wilson. Jackie Hopper Photo

Sam Meier Makes Two Presentations in Diocese About Protecting Families From Pornography



Sam Meier speaking at presbyteral meeting at CPC Nov. 20, 2012. Mel Howard photo

OWENSBORO, Ky. - "Good Catholic parents don't believe good Catholic kids use porn today."

Sam Meier, MA, LPC, with My House Freedom from Pornography Initiative - Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, spoke at Brescia University Nov 19, 2012 about "Strengthening Intimacy in Marriage and Protecting Families From Pornography." Since 2007, Sam has served in a full-time office at the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas with a freedom from pornography initiative called As for Me and My House. Sam is a licensed professional counselor who trained and worked at one of the most well-known counseling centers for

pornography and sexual addiction in the United States. He has written a guide for Catholic recovery groups for pornography addiction which is being used in four dioceses.

Sam and his wife, Beth Meier have given presentations and trainings about pornography at conferences throughout the country, and have

provided several workshops for priests and seminarians. They have written an article about pornography for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and have been interviewed by numerous Catholic organizations and publications. Sam and Beth graduated from the University of Dallas, and have been blessed to take several classes at the Theology of the Body Institute. They have been married for ten years, and are the proud parents of two sons.

Sam Meier also spoke with the Presbyterate of the Diocese of Owensboro Nov. 20 in the Catholic Pastoral Center about strengthening families and the evils of pornography in a marriage. Priests say that they frequently hear in the confessional about Catholics' struggles with pornography. "Access to pornography is



Above, Father Richard Meredith and other participants listen to Sam Meier describing the changing faces of a pornography actress in one year's time. Mel Howard photo

everywhere in this American culture, particularly online," Meier said, "The sin of pornography is overwhelming Catholic men," he continued, and gave listeners many resources for safeguarding computers, iPads, iPhones and other electronics with wireless internet access from pornography. He advocated that men's groups steeped in the "Theology of the Body" as taught by Pope John Paul the Great be formed and supported in parishes, and that part of a men's

group's safeguarding their spirituality be a monitoring of one another's online activities using such programs as CovenantEyes.com.

Fr. Richard Meredith said that in the confessional he frequently warns Catholics that "There are people out there who are watching what you are looking at online. The FBI uses this as a method of investigation these days." Some online watchers are looking for ways to make money from people's human desires.

But, desire is not all bad. For example, Father Meredith said he admires today's youth who are channeling their community service from their "desire to be a gift for the good of another. This clicks in us," he said, "as truth, a deep truth that is deeper than any human desire." This sign of the times could become a way through the struggle with pornography, Meier said, if people can see desire as a way to be gift for good for one another rather than use desire as a way to exploit persons.



Sam Meier addressing the presbyterate at the CPC on November 20, 2012. Mel Howard photo

12 December, 2012

By Debi Hopkins

Sorgho Area Churches Work Together For Weekend Food Program

SORGHO, Ky. -There is an endeavor at St. Mary Magdalene Parish, in Sorgho, that has “evolved” into something quite worthwhile. With Fr. Mark’s encouragement, Debi Hopkins applied for and received a grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), for \$1200, to assist the Weekend Feeding Program at West Louisville Elem. School.

Here is what that is all about:

Most schools in our area have implemented a Weekend Feeding Program. As it became apparent to teachers that children were coming in on Mondays, underfed and hungry, the realization was that their primary meals are eaten at school. The Family Resource Center at the schools screens the families in need, using the Federal School lunch guidelines, and helps them make nutritional ends meet for their children. Each child covered by the program takes home a bag of easily prepared foods/ready-to-eat wholesome foods, on most Fridays. The cost per child is approx. \$100 per school year.

For West Louisville Elementary (WLES), Pleasant Grove Baptist Church solicits funds for the program through their Sunday school classes, and the Ursuline Sisters have made a contribution this fall, as well. The grant we received at St. Mary Magdalene “covered” 12 children, but wanting to add to that, we collected \$1,000 from parishioners. Happily, this is an ecumenical effort, as well, since we have joined forces with Pleasant Grove Baptist. One unexpected outcome already is that some of the retired Sisters have started visiting the school to pack the bags of food. They are delighted to be back in a school environment, even for a short time, making a difference to children. The “ripple effect” of the good being done here truly feels like that “kingdom of God stuff” that we all strive for, but seldom feel we have been successful in.

So, the question on the mind of many is: Do we believe that children really do go hungry in our midst? We know making changes involves money, but....

How can we affect change if we are only throwing money at the problems? Those are complex questions, and finding answers soon becomes overwhelming. A basic Christian tenet is to “feed the hungry.” Catholic teaching tells us to feed the hungry, while finding ways to meet the needs, if possible, right at the level we/



Churches around West Louisville Elementary School on KY Hwy 56 west of Sorgho are joining together to help families in need, not just during Christmas, but all year long. WLES Family Resource Program coordinator Heather McCarty, left, works with the church communities to send home with 41 students hygiene or food baskets on Fridays. Some of the church volunteers gathered at the school Nov. 9 to discuss the program. From left, Ms McCarty, Fr. Mark Buckner, St Mary Magdalene Church, Bro. Ken Stone, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Debbie Hopkins, St. Mary Magdalene Church, Sr. Pauletta McCarty and Sr. Mary Sheila Higdon, Mount Saint Joseph Ursuline Sisters. Mel Howard Photo

they are. Catholic bishops addressed this very issue, over 25 years ago, when the pastoral letter, Economic Justice for All was drafted, “The search for more human and effective ways to deal with poverty is not limited to short term reform measures, but rather includes a variety of creative efforts to fashion a system of income support that protects the basic dignity of the poor” (EJFA 215). 10 years ago, Catholic Bishops wrote the pastoral reflection, A Place at the Table, noting “Many people are struggling. They have jobs or farms but may lack the income, health care, and other benefits to raise a family in dignity. They are working hard but not getting ahead.” 10 years later, has anything changed for the better?

How often do we wish we could “do something” worthwhile alongside our separated brothers and sisters in other denominations? How often do we think we

aren’t helping enough in our own neighborhoods? Here in western Daviess County, we may not be solving these complex problems by our modest efforts, but great public schools like West Louisville Elementary are facing the challenges of rural poverty head on. They are working incrementally to empower struggling families with the skills to: manage money, properly feed and clothe children, and keep their homes and children clean. These are life skills that most of us take for granted. It takes time for these skills to take hold and affect change.

In the meantime, there are mouths to feed, and basic needs to fill. Talk to the Family Resource office at your neighborhood school. They should know first-hand who is hungry, poorly dressed, living in a house with no heat, and so on. If that school is well-served, God bless them.

Now, call another one. When you find the needs that you think your parish community, prayer group, or service organization can help with, that’s great, but don’t stop there. Call the (Protestant) church down the road and ask the good reverend if he thinks his congregation could join forces with some Catholics on a “project”, and one “right here in the neighborhood.” If he (or she) says “No, I don’t think so.” then,....call another one. Are their people you know who are sitting at home, bored, and feeling under-utilized? Is there a way for them to assist with helping others? There is enough need in the local area to keep us all very busy for a very long time. Consider first checking with your nearest school, working outward, and then with the nearest churches. Looking for ways to immediately meet needs, and gradually affect change, alongside our separated Christian family, and other Faiths, incorporating the “human resources” right in our midst.... that is the Catholic Way, if ever there was one.



Sister Pauletta McCarty and Sr Mary Sheila Higdon sort donated canned foods making sacks ready to go home with students from West Louisville Elementary School on Fridays. The sacks each contain 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, and 2 drinks for the student and family to share during the weekend. Mel Howard Photo



Sisters Susanne Bauer, left, Mary Gerald Payne, center, and Catherine Barber grab bags to begin filling them with food on Oct. 22. MSJ Photo

By Dan Heckel

SORGHO, Ky. - October 23, 2012 - Ursuline Sisters who live or work at the Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse are volunteering their time about every three

weeks at nearby West Louisville Elementary School to bag nutritional food for students to take home.

The Ursuline Sisters donated \$500 toward the effort, joining St. Mary Magdalene Parish and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in supporting the program. There are 42 students who are sent home a bag of food each Friday that contains two breakfast items, two snacks, four lunch items, one fruit and two drinks, one of which is milk, said Heather McCarty, Family Resource Center coordinator at the school.

Different sisters volunteer their time when the opportunity arises, and they all enjoy being back in a school. "I could just stay here all day," said Sister Susanne Bauer, one of the sisters who volunteered on Oct. 22. The other sisters serving that day were Sisters Julia Head, Catherine Barber, Mary Gerald Payne, Eva Boone and Pauletta McCarty, who was the oldest



Sister Julia Head gives the "thumbs up" sign to the sisters bagging food for the program. MSJ Photo

sister at 91. She got to sit in the chair and tie up the bags when they were full.

Only about a half dozen sisters could volunteer at a time, because it's a small room where the food is stored. The program, now in its third year, runs entirely on donations, McCarty said.



Sister Eva Boone, right, talks with Sister Pauletta McCarty as Sister Pauletta ties a full bag..MSJ Photo

Sister Sharon Sullivan, congregational leader of the Ursuline Sisters, wants those in western Daviess County to know that the sisters at the Motherhouse would be interested in volunteer opportunities that arise. Reprinted with permission from <http://ursulinesmsj.org/news/motherhouse-sisters-volunteer-at-nearby-elementary-school>

First Annual Diocesan Family Day – What Great Fun!

By Tami Urcia

October 20th dawned cool and cloudy for the first annual Diocesan Family Day but that did not deter the spirit of the participants. With fall colors in full swing and a camp fire burning quietly, adults and children alike couldn't help but enjoy the beauty of the riverside property. Held at Gasper River Catholic Camp and Retreat Center, this event was created to give families an opportunity to spend time together in a wholesome atmosphere. Whether enjoying a running relay, a good old fashioned sack race, or jumping rocks on the river, there were smiles all around. The fun was intertwined with a prayer of family commitment, the rosary, and/or Stations of the Cross.

To end the day, Bishop Medley came to say Mass and enjoy a potluck cookout. During the offertory, each family brought up a river rock symbolizing what they wished to offer to God, whether it be a joy, a sorrow, a struggle or a triumph. Parents usually brought small, round ones while children proudly toted large, jagged ones. Each one represented the family



Families listen to Ben Warrell talk about camp right before Mass.

that chose it. One gentleman showed me the rock he had chosen. It was small but was worn on one end so that it appeared to have two levels. "We chose this one because this side represents me and the other side my wife," he said.

During free times, families enjoyed ladderball, hiking around the grounds or simply watching their kids run around

happily. "Thank you so much for organizing this," said Amanda Reffitt. "My husband and I were just talking and there is no place we would rather be today than right here."

Next year's event



Danny May (front) and Matt Carrico help their young sons during a sack race.

is scheduled for September 28, 2013 at Gasper River. Come on out and enjoy the day together!

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At the Mid-South Catholic Leadership Conference Nov. 4 - 7, 2012 at Lake Barkley State Park and Conference Center, Catholic Pastoral Center Staff presented forums for personnel in Catholic Schools, Parish and Diocesan Catechetical Leadership, and Youth Ministry. The conference is coordinated by Karen Jarboe, Office of Catholic Schools. Diocesan Office of Music Director Mike Bogdan planned and provided the music for the conference.

In the photo at near right, Jim is leading a forum of principals and/or superintendents.

In the photo at right top center, Melinda Prunty is leading a forum of youth ministers.

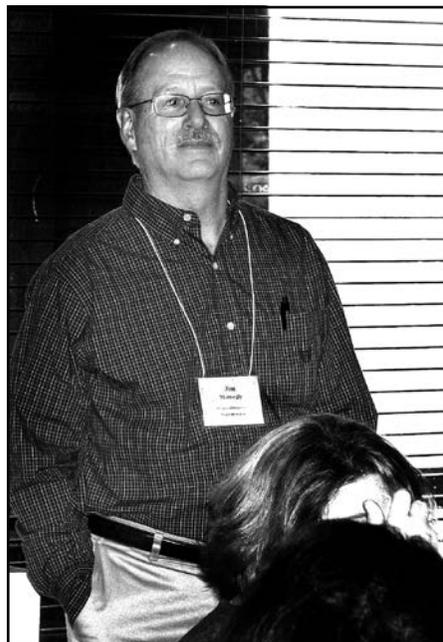
In the photo at top far right Elaine is leading a forum of catechetical leaders at the diocesan level.

In the photo at bottom left, Danny May presented a workshop called "To Tweet

or not to Tweet" about social media. He shared best practices and examples of parishes using social media.

In the photo at bottom right, Workshop participants at the bottom right were listening to Danny's presentation. Some of the faces in this audience listening to Danny May's talk were Charlie Hardesty (Youth Ministry, Henderson), Elaine Robertson, (Diocesan DRE), brothers Drew and Nicholas Hardesty (Dres from Our Lady of Lourdes and Blessed Mother parishes in Owensboro), Tami Urcia (Family Life Office Director), Rose Wheller (DRE, Holy Name Paris, Henderson), Deacon Matthew Keyser and Bishop. Terry Steib (Bishop of Memphis, Tn., One of the conference's dioceses represented as sponsors or participants: Birmingham, Evansville, Knoxville, Louisville, Memphis, Nashville, Owensboro, and Lexington.)

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Sixth Annual
MEN WHO COOK

Benefit Gala

Saturday, February 23rd, 2013
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club - Owensboro, KY
Nominations/Tickets/Info: (270) 686-8401

All Proceeds benefit the ministry of the Glenmary Sisters



St. Mary Student Delaney Honor By Visit With Astronaut Terry Wilcutt

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PADUCAH, Ky. - One of St. Mary High School's student's artwork has been selected as the Challenger Learning Center's Official 10th Anniversary Patch. Congratulations to Sophomore, Delaney Bell, whose artwork was chosen from more than 100 entries and will now be produced in patch form.

As the winner of the contest, on Friday, October 19, St. Mary received a visit from Kentucky's only astronaut, Colonel Terry Wilcutt. Colonel Wilcutt who recognized Delaney and shared his experiences in space with the student body. Col. Wilcutt shared a personal video he had made during his travels to SkyLab on one of his four missions.

Pictured are Delaney Bell, Dr. Angela Farmer, Director of SMSS, Col. Terry Wilcutt, and SMHS Art Teacher, Sue Hein. Submitted by Jackie Hopper



Brescia University Bound

St. Mary High School, Paducah, student, Nicole Burks, signs letter of intent to play golf for Brescia University in Owensboro. In her sophomore year the St. Mary girls' team won the ALL A Regional Tournament. Since then, Nicole has been the only member of the girls team coached by her father. In 2011 she qualified for the All A State Tournament. In the picture, seated left to right, Dave Ballou, Brescia Golf Coach, Nicole Burks, Todd Trimble, Instructor Golf Complex; standing are Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Burks. SMHS Photo

Advent Day of Prayer Dec. 13, 2012

An Advent "Day of Prayer" will take place Thursday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers, the Advent Prayer Day will help deepen one's faith as together we celebrate this holy season. (Note: Advent begins Dec. 2 and continues through Christmas Day.) The \$15 fee includes lunch.

To register, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@ma-plemount.org. Find out more about the Center at www.ursulinesmsj.org

Catholics @ the Capitol:

Paducah Regional Meeting

Tuesday,

December 11

5:30pm - 8:00pm

**Lourdes Hospital
Board Room - 2nd Floor
Marshall Nemer Pavilion
1532 Lone Oak Rd
Paducah, KY**

Issues to be discussed:

- ♦ Life-affirming Health Care for all
- ♦ Women Have a Right to Know
 - ♦ Religious Liberty
- ♦ Abolish the Death Penalty
- ♦ Parents Right to Choose the Best Education Suited for Children
 - ♦ Immigration
 - ♦ Tax Reform

*Heavy hors d'oeuvres
will be served*



The evening will focus on Catholic social teaching as it relates to critical issues likely to be discussed in the upcoming Kentucky General Assembly. Catholic laity, students, and clergy are invited to participate in a constructive dialogue with their legislators. The legislators representing the following counties have been invited to attend this Paducah Regional Gathering: Ballard, Carlisle, Caldwell, Calloway, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, and Trigg. If you live in one of these counties please make an effort to attend.



Organized by:



Submitted by John Cecil

"The heart cannot feel what the eye has not seen". I heard this Haitian phrase but I did not fully understand what it meant until recently. Sts. Joseph and Paul parish in Owensboro began a twinning program with St. Joseph's Church in Lalomas, Haiti. This was brought about with the help of the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas in Nashville, TN. PTPA is a non-profit organization that matches churches in the US and in other parts of the world. Six members of our parish were called by God to travel to Lalomas, Haiti to help obtain a better understanding of their needs. The team consisted of Fr. Carl McCarthy, Lee Franey, Tara Boling, Lavidia Mischel, Dyan Damron, and me (John Cecil).

I began researching the history of Haiti and discovered that Haiti is 80% Catholic. They share an island with the Dominican Republic and it is the poorest country in the Americas. Haiti is mostly a farming country. Their crops consist of sugar cane, corn, rice, beans, sweet potatoes, bananas, plantain, mangoes, avocados, pineapples, watermelons, almonds, coconut, okra, peanuts, tomatoes, and a variety of spices. They also raise cows, goats, pigs, turkeys, and guinea hens. In spite of having a large variety of food products, they are unable to produce enough food to support themselves.

Team Haiti departed from Nashville around 6AM on Friday September 21. I was about to begin an experience of a lifetime. Although three of our team members had been on similar trips in the past, no one could prepare me for what I was about to encounter. I was prepared for some hardships--- no air conditioning, cold showers, very different food, drinking only bottled water and communication barriers.

We flew from Nashville to Miami to Port-au-Prince. As we were landing in Port-au-Prince, I could tell we were no longer in the US. Everything seemed run-down. Fr. Carl warned us that the airport would be chaotic and it was that and more. There were people everywhere telling us what to do. Fr. Eveneau, the pastor of St. Joseph's Church, met us at the airport. Thankfully we made it safely out of the terminal. Our first destination was the Matthew 25 house. PTPA operates the Matthew 25 house in Port-au-Prince where missionaries working with



Sts. Joseph and Paul Team Haiti decided to walk up a nearby mountain in Lalomas, Haiti and these children tagged along. Back row L to R: Fr. Eveneau, Fr. Carl McCarthy. Middle: Children of LaLomas; Front L to R: John Cecil, Dyan Damron, Lavidia Mischel. Submitted Photo

the twinning program are invited to stay. The name, Matthew 25, comes for Matthew 25:40 "I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least ones, you did it for me". As we traveled to the Matthew 25 house, I soon realized that we were in a whole different world. The streets were filled with cars, trucks, busses, and motorcycles. The sidewalks were filled with people selling their wares. Vendors were selling clothes, shoes, food, fruits and vegetables, water, soft drinks, juice, ice, motor oil, and gasoline. Other vendors offered a variety of services---haircuts, car washes, air for tires, and tire repair. There was someone making and selling furniture. There were people wearing suits and ties while others had on casual clothing. Nothing seemed out of place here on the streets of Port-au-Prince.

Although the streets were two lanes and in very poor condition it was nothing for a motorcycle to pass on either side of our van. If someone stopped in the road, those behind him would blow their horns and pass making the street three cars wide. Cars and trucks passed within inches of each other but never touching. There was never a horn blowing in anger, everyone took the congested traffic in stride. The cars, trucks, busses and motorcycles were constantly moving. When a driver came to an intersection, he just pulled out and kept going. There were no stop signs or traffic lights. It was overwhelming to see so much traffic and so many people.

After about 15 minutes, we arrived at the Matthew 25 house. We were greeted by Sr. Mary who has been running the house for many years. It is a place for a warm meal, a cold shower and a bed.

Many people pass through the Matthew 25 house on their way to minister to the needs of Haiti.

Because the Matthew 25 house sits so close to the street it became difficult to sleep with all the noise. Headlights would constantly shine through the windows. The cars sounded like they were coming through our room.

Saturday morning we left for Lalomas which is in the Northern part of Haiti across the mountains. We were traveling in a truck and a van. Both were loaded with the six of us and Theresa Patterson from the twinning program. We also had our suitcases and extra luggage loaded with school supplies. The trip out of Port-au-Prince was much the same as our trip from the airport to the Matthew 25 house. Cars, truck, busses, motorcycles and people everywhere. Once we got out of the city the roads were better. We passed through several small towns and the streets were the same poor condition as in Port-au-Prince. Cars, trucks, busses and motorcycles were bumper to bumper. In the smaller towns, there was a central area for the Market where people were selling goods. Eventually we left the

main road and headed up into the mountains where there were no

paved roads. I saw some of the most beautiful mountain scenery but this was offset by the rutted, washed out and very rough roads. Haiti is very rocky and these rocks do not make for smooth traveling. We saw very little traffic after we got off the main highway. After getting over the mountain, we had to stop occasionally so Fr. Eveneau could pick the best path through the washed out, rutted road. We crossed several shallow rivers where we would see children

playing and adults washing their clothes. There were several places where the road was only wide enough for one vehicle because of large mud holes. We had almost reached our destination, when we came upon a mud hole that covered most of the road. We got out lightening the load; Fr. Eveneau made it across with his four wheel drive truck, but the van was not as fortunate. It got stuck in the mud. It wasn't long before a crowd gathered to watch and offer advice. This was their excitement for the day. It took us eight hours to travel 180 miles to arrive at the St. Joseph's rectory. After we unloaded the truck and van, Fr. Eveneau went to move his truck and discovered that the clutch had gone out. By the grace of God, we made it to our destination.

Inside the rectory there were two rooms with bunk beds, a kitchen with a table and chairs and a few cabinets. There was no stove or refrigerator. They cooked out back on charcoal. Someone brought ice for the cooler from a nearby town so we could have

chilled water to drink. The only other furniture was white plastic lawn chairs.

Fr. Eveneau lives at St. Joseph which is his largest church, but he cares for nine chapels in the surrounding country side. From the outside, St. Joseph's Church is a nice building compared to the surrounding buildings. The inside was well kept. The pews were park benches, steel rafters could be seen overhead and the floor was concrete. The Stations of the Cross were pictures that had been copied and laminated; a couple of small statues completed the scenery. A generator provided the church with electricity. Their faith was obvious. The church was a place of joy for them. They understood the concept of coming to church in their Sunday best. God is a very important part of their lives. Their Sunday Mass consisted of so much praying; singing and dancing that Mass would last for two to three hours.

We spent two days visiting five of the nearby chapels. The only other vehicles we encountered were motorcycles. Everyone else traveled on foot. The roads got narrow and more rutted with shallow rivers to cross, we had to park the vehicle and walk about ten minutes to get to two of the chapels. Only two of the chapels we visited were actually buildings. The other chapels did not qualify as good picnic shelters. They all took pride in their chapels, and they wanted to make a good impression. Word had spread that we were coming so a group of people were waiting for us at each chapel. These chapels also served as classrooms.

At one chapel, they had taken rocks and made walls. The roof was rusted tin and there was the usual dirt floor. School had not started in Haiti but they were concerned that they were going to have more students and not enough benches. Wow, the walls were falling down, and the roof had holes in it, but their main concern was not enough benches. They certainly recognized the importance of education. Fr. Eveneau has approximately 2000 students in his schools. The teachers make \$100 a month when Fr. Eveneau can afford to pay their salary. Students are not turned away because they cannot pay tuition. Many children travel a long way each day. Some do not attend because they are needed at home to work. Some do not attend because they cannot afford a uniform.

We visited several families near St.



Team Haiti at Cecil home in Owensboro: Back roll L to R: Lee Franey, John Cecil, Fr. Carl McCarthy; Front roll L to R: Lavidia Mischel, Tara Boling, Dyan Damron. Submitted photo

Joseph's Church. They grow their own food and sell what they can to buy what they can't grow. They told us that they usually eat two meals a day, sometimes one meal, and some days there is no food. They sleep on the ground. When it rains a lot, everything gets wet. They took us to an area where they were processing sugar cane. They had two cows going in a circle turning the press extracting the juice from the sugar cane and they were cooking it nearby.

Everyone made us feel welcome. They really appreciated that we came to see them. Our objective this trip was to give them hope.

Since returning home, I have been filled with many mixed feelings and emotions. No one should have to live like that. Life is not easy for them but I could see that they had great joy. Their faith was obvious. How else could they keep

going? God is very close to the people of LaLomas, Haiti.

I came home a changed person. I knew there would be hardships but I also knew that I would be coming back home. The hardships were only temporary for me. I am sure the Haitians saw us as rich people but I never felt any resentment from them.

I went on this mission trip because God called me to go. I did not go to change the Haitians, but I went to try to understand them. Now I am asking the question, what's next? What am I supposed to do with what I saw and experienced? What is God expecting me to do with these feelings and emotions? What CAN I do?

I struggle every day with issues that now seem trivial compared to the problems I saw in Haiti. They sleep on the ground, and sometimes they have nothing to eat. They have to walk everywhere they go.

Many have shoes that are too small or worn out. They were overjoyed that we were there and that we took time away from our jobs and our families to come to see them. They invited us to come back again.

With God's help we will give hope to the people in Haiti.

You have heard the saying, "Give a man a fish, he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime". By supporting Fr. Eveneau and his school, we will be feeding the Haitians for a lifetime.

"The heart cannot feel what the eye has not seen"

Parish Twinning Program of the Americas

By Tara Boling

"Whatever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me."- Matthew 25:45.

In October 2011, the parish of Sts. Joseph and Paul, in Owensboro, KY, joined the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas (PTPA). Sts. Joseph and Paul parish was "twinned" with St. Joseph parish in Lalomas, Haiti. Twinning with St. Joseph parish has provided us at Sts. Joseph and Paul parish the opportunity to experience joy in a mutual enriching relationship.

The PTPA is a non-profit, Catholic organization focused on creating lasting sister parish relationships between parishes in the U.S. or Canada and parishes in countries of the Caribbean and Latin America (primarily Haiti). PTPA first began its parish outreach with Haiti in 1978. In 1999, the program expanded to twinning with parishes in other Caribbean, Central, and South American countries, as well as Mexico. The current Executive Director of the PTPA is Theresa Patterson. Serving as Executive Director, since 1978, Theresa has made 101 trips and counting to Haiti. According to the PTPA website, the word "twinning" was chosen to describe the program because it implies a close relationship. When twin parishes come together, real personal relationships form between individuals and communities.

The PTPA's mission is to develop

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and maintain linkages of Catholic parishes, institution, and individuals in North America with parishes and institutions in the Caribbean and Latin America; encouraging prayerful solidarity, empowering our sisters and brothers in the Caribbean and Latin America; providing resources and support in religious, educational, medical and economic areas; promoting awareness among Catholics of the injustices present and our gospel call to respond concretely; assisting North American parishes to develop models for outreach to their sister parishes (<http://www.parishprogram.org/mission>). PTPA emphasizes forming Christian bonds of love and support, encouraging solidarity with the people of developing countries in their struggle for democracy, justice and peace (<http://www.parishprogram.org/sister-relationships>).

A unique experience of the PTPA is not only does the twin parish in the underdeveloped country benefit, but the North American parishes benefit, as well. Through being able to see and touch poverty, North American parishes have witnessed not only the physical needs, but also the humility, dignity, joy, patience and love of the people themselves. The relationship becomes a bridge whereby the love of God flows in both directions, as parishes learn to care, share, and pray for one another (<http://www.parishprogram.org/twinning>). A new awareness of the breadth of the Catholic Church and its mission throughout the entire world is developed. "It is ironic that while the Program's emphasis is to evangelize the people of undeveloped countries, it is they who evangelize us. Perhaps the most powerful and most significant lesson gained from working with church people of another culture is that they are truly living Gospel. Once you decide to join and walk with them in their suffering, you become enriched by their faith experience."- Theresa Patterson, Executive Director.

Editor's note: Parish Twinning Program of the Americas is currently recognized by the Diocese of Nashville in the "Official Catholic Directory", the United States Catholic Conference and the Office of the Secretariat of Latin America. The Program is recognized and commended by the Bishops of Haiti with their complete support and approval.

In its many years of existence, the PTPA has succeeded in becoming not only the largest Catholic-to-Catholic but also the largest citizen-to-citizen network linking countries of the Caribbean and Latin America with North America, but the largest citizen-to-citizen network as well. Source: <http://www.parishprogram.org/impact>

Through the PTPA, thousands of priests, church leaders, and lay people have discovered, despite potential differences of language, race, ethnicity, gender, culture and nation, we are one human family. The twinning relationship is not paternalistic, it is symbiotic. The relationship is about empowerment and the sharing of resources and people in ways that benefit everyone involved. Six missionaries, including myself, from Sts. Joseph and Paul Catholic Church visited our sister parish of St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Lomas, Haiti, September 21-28, 2012. Visits to the sister parish are encouraged. These trips can be a great joy, adventure, and an extraordinary learning experience. I can truly say it was a life-changing and eye-opening experience that will be with me through my lifetime. I also look forward to going back to visit our sister parish, again, in the near future. Through my experience I made connections and bonds I hope will last, my views of the global church and its place in the world has been broadened, I developed solidarity with the people of Haiti in their struggles and I had an opportunity to be involved hands-on, during the mission.

You are invited to join in this sharing relationship. A representative from your parish can contact the PTPA and request information by mail at Parish Twinning Program, 309 Windemere Woods Dr., Nashville, TN 37215, by fax at (615) 298-2253, or by email at parishprogram@aol.com. Once the decision to twin with a parish is made, information about how to establish a relationship and contact your sister parish is sent to you. Whatever a parish can give, regardless of how much or how little, is of tremendous help. Twinning with a parish from an undeveloped country is a great privilege; a sacred task, an opportunity to experience the joy of giving and receiving. It is answering the call to demonstrate and manifest God's love in action (<http://www.parishprogram.org/twinning>).

St. Stephen Religious Education Students Host its 13th Annual Holyween Party

CADIZ, Ky. - The preschool and elementary religious education student's participated in the 13th annual Holyween party after the October 28th Sunday Mass. The children selected a Saint which they prepared a report and made a costume to represent the Saint. At the party the report was read and the children wore their costume, while the parishioners tried to guess which Saint the children were. The parishioners voted for the best report, best costume and best overall. The best report was awarded to Lily Ballengee, the best costume was awarded to Luke Washer and Best overall was awarded to Anna Roeder. After the party there was a breakfast for those who attended.



Pictured front row Lily Ballengee, Luke Washer, Shane Wallace, Conner Wallace, Anna Roeder, Isabella Alexander; Back row Maela Washer (Catechist), Jennifer Roeder (Catechist), April Washer (Catechist), Morgan Alexander, Maeve Ballengee, Audrey Alexander, Gavin Alexander, Fr. Babu Kulathumkal Joseph, Donovan Washer (Parish Council President).



Commissioning

Owensboro Catholic High School Campus Minister Father Ed Bradley commissioned approximately 25 students as Eucharistic Ministers during an all-school Mass recently. Photo courtesy of Harold Staples and reprinted with permission from Catholic High Parentlines, October 16, 2012

Fr. Anthony Shonis Honored By Tri-County Labor Council

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Front Row Joshua Christian, Youth Recipient; at back, from left, Bill Putnam, County Magistrate, Patty Coomes, Alison Lundergan-Grimes, Sec. of State of Ky., John Coomes, Pres. Tri-Co. Labor Council, Fr. Shonis, Bill Londrigan, Pres. AFL-CIO, Kentucky. Submitted Photo

Saint Meinrad monk honored with three awards



Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN, has been named the recipient of three honors.

The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) gave its Lifetime Achievement Servant of Christ Award to Fr. Cyprian on July 21, during its conference in Indianapolis. Also receiving the award were Beverly A. Carroll of Baltimore, MD, and Jacqueline Wilson of Washington, D.C.

The Servant of Christ Award is a new award developed by the leadership of NBCC to recognize those who personify Christian servant leadership in the African-American community.

On December 3, Fr. Cyprian will receive the 2012 Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indiana Historical Society (IHS). The Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award is given to an individual who has made extraordinary contributions over an extended period of time to the field of history and/or the affairs of IHS.

The American Catholic Historical Association will honor Fr. Cyprian with the Distinguished Teaching Award on January 5. The honor is given annually to a college or university professor who has demonstrated a high commitment to teaching beyond the expected requirements of the position and, through his or her influence and skill, has promoted Catholic studies from one generation of scholars to another.

One of Fr. Cyprian's major projects, his 1990 publication [The History of Black Catholics in the United States](#), resulted from his search for the documents and stories of African-American Catholics.

In collaboration with others, he wrote or edited many other notable publications, such as [Taking Down Our Harps: Black Catholics in the United States](#) and [Stamped with the Image of God: African Americans as God's Image in Black](#).

Fr. Cyprian has traveled internationally, giving presentations on the development of monastic archives at monasteries in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Senegal and Togo. He also taught Church history at abbeys in Senegal and Nigeria. His commitment to historical education in Africa represents an effort to nurture

HENDERSON, Ky. - At its 16th Annual Community Service Awards Oct. 20, 2012, the Tri-County Council of Labor honored two Henderson area residents, 9-year-old Joshua Christian, a fourth-grader at Niagara Elementary School, and Fr. Anthony Shonis, Parochial Vicar for Holy Name Church, Henderson. The Labor Council presented a scholarship to Sean West, a senior at Henderson County High School, with a \$1,000 scholarship to Henderson Community College. The council holds this annual event to recognize adult and youth volunteers who donate numerous hours of community service.

Fr. Anthony Shonis Of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church has been a Catholic priest for more than 40 years and is a friend of labor, having been raised in the coal fields of northeastern Pennsylvania in a family of miners. His mother was a member of The International Ladies Garments Workers and his father a member of the Bakery and Confectionary Workers International who both retired on union pensions.

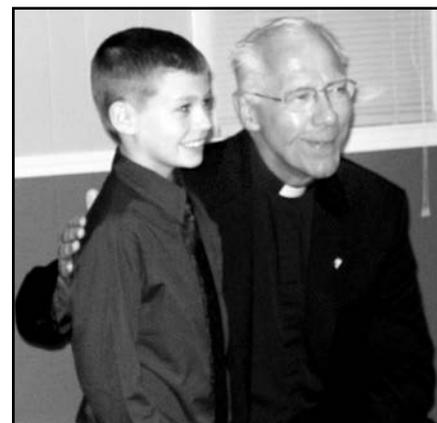
Fr. Shonis serves as the chaplain for the Rank and File Catholic, a newsletter

that connects the teachings of the Catholic Church with the struggles of labor. Shonis also is a board member of the Kentucky Institute of Labor, a think tank on labor issues in Kentucky. He currently is the Bishops' spokesperson for Building with Dignity, a program presented to each church before they begin a capital campaign for church construction.

Fr. Shonis is a founding member of Catholic Business Leaders for a Better World, which hosts four breakfasts a year to help Catholic business people connect their work with the social justice teaching of the Catholic Church. Each week he visits a parishioner at the their workplace and then meets with them in small groups to connect their work and their faith. Fr. Shonis speaks Spanish and helps organize the annual Spanish health Fair held each February. He is also heard each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. or WSON on "The Common Word," a round-table discussion with three Protestant ministers relating the Sunday Scriptures to daily life.

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Youth Contributes To His Community



Fr. Shonis and Joshua Christian receiving their award. Submitted photo

Joshua Christian, fourth grade student at Niagara Elementary was recognized by the Tri-County Labor Council for receiving the Youth Volunteer of the Year Award on Saturday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Elk's Club, Hwy 60 East, Henderson.

The annual Youth Volunteer of the Year Award is given to youth by the labor union to inspire other youth to contribute to their community. Some of the volunteer projects in which Joshua has participated are:

(1) In first grade he collected and sent over 1000 jars of peanut butter to Haiti after their massive earthquake; (2) In second grade he collected over 500 blankets for the local homeless people. He delivered them as well; (3) In third grade he collected over 1000 pairs of shoes for distribution to the needy in Appalachia. He called the project "Sho-eperbowl"; (4) This past summer he volunteered at the Humane Society where he walked and played with the dogs, cleaned the cat room and took pets to PetSmart on Saturdays to help with adoption.

Joshua is the son of Kim and Damon Christian of Henderson.

the roots from which has grown the community whose life he has chronicled.

Fr. Cyprian is professor emeritus of Church history at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

20 December, 2012 Owensboro Stands Up During Third Religious Freedom Rally

MORELAND PARK, Owensboro, Ky. - Having secured speakers for the third Owensboro Stand Up for the third Religious Freedom Rally, organizers Birgit Jones and Rachel Evans expected a letter from a U.S. Congressman to be read at the rally by one of his staff members.

Mrs. Evans said, "Moments before the October 20 noon rally started, she informed us that Congressman Brett Guthrie was on his way to our rally. We were certainly pleased that he had rearranged a full schedule to come join us."



Congressman Brett Guthrie speaking Oct 20 at the Religious Freedom Rally. Larena Lawson Photos

Rep. Guthrie told the crowd that he would continue representing his constituents by vigorously fighting against the HHS Mandate: "Rest assured I am doing my part in Washington to help overturn this destructive rule. As many of you know, I am a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Health Subcommittee which has held several hearings on this rule during which I have expressed my opposition. Additionally, I have co-sponsored the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, which would reverse this rule by allowing health plans to decline coverage of contraception when it conflicts with their religious beliefs. I will continue to hold the Obama Administration accountable and will continue to encourage my colleagues in Washington to do the same."

The other speakers were equally resolute in their various areas of expertise. They included:

- Fr. Mike Clark, Judicial Vicar for Diocese of Owensboro, who shared an excerpt of the Second Vatican Council document on Religious Liberty and also



At left, some of the 100+ People listening to Father Mike Clark (above) speak about Vatican II concepts from the 1965 Declaration on Religious Liberty. Larena Lawson Photos



Holding US flags, Tom Anderson



A woman praying that the freedom of religion be respected in the USA. Larena Lawson Photos



Sr. Frances Teresa of Carmel Home, speaking at the Religious Freedom Rally.

led us in the opening prayer.

- Jo Barron, of Wm. Barron Enterprises, gave an enthusiastic speech about

choose whether or not to continue to cover their employees with insurance, going against their religious convictions if they did and Sister Frances Teresa pointed out that Carmel Home has already discussed this with their employees who know that the Carmel Home will not go against their religious beliefs. Their employees may find themselves without insurance and have to pay for it themselves."

- Richard Hayden, pharmacist with King's Drug and Home Care addressed the adverse effects of chemicals in contraceptive drugs and abortifacient drugs that the HHS mandate will force us to pay for. He told about how many side effects they caused, which will only make matters worse for people who opt to take them because they're covered. Adverse heart conditions can be caused from contraceptives, not to mention their causing spontaneous abortions that people aren't aware of.

- Crystal Schrecker, Silent No More, shared her abortion story with the crowd of just over a hundred people in a moving testimony.

- Reverend Orville Wilhite, pastor of Holiness Church also shared some thoughts and then closed with a spirited prayer.

Before and after the rally the crowd was treated to patriotic and spiritual music provided by Wild Mountain Thyme, a hammer and lap dulcimer duo. Although the rally's attendance of 112 was down from the 350-400 seen at previous rallies, the speakers were inspirational.

God bless America!

A rally participant, Larena Lawson, commented, "... employers would have to



Student leaders chosen to talk with 8th graders about life at OCHS helped visiting eighth graders see the school Nov. 2, 2012. Bev Howard photo



Some of the future OCHS Class of 2017 show off their first class shirt provided by the school. Bev Howard Photo



Eighth grade students from Mary Carrico Catholic School, Knottsville, Owensboro Catholic Middle, Holy Name, Henderson, and from Burns Middle, Owensboro dug into lunch pizza provided by OCHS before leaving for their schools. Bev Howard Photo



Eighth graders from Holy Name School in Henderson were some of the prospective students who visited with OCHS students touring the school, meeting faculty and administration. The Holy Name group posed for a photo here just before returning to Holy Name School. OCS Photo

An OC Jacket for the Bishop

Mason Richardson, OCHS student Council president, gave Bishop William Medley a Catholic High jacket on Nov. 2, 2012 for his walking which he likes to do. Bev Howard Photo



Annual Collection Supports 34,000 Sisters, Brothers, Priests in Religious Orders

The 25th annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up December 8-9, 2012, in the Diocese of Owensboro. The parish-based appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington, D.C., and offers financial support for the day-to-day care of over 34,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Last year, the Diocese of Owensboro contributed \$33,266.59 to this collection. In 2012, the Sisters of the Lamb of God received financial assistance made possible by the national appeal. Additionally, religious who serve or have served in the diocese but whose communities are based elsewhere may also benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious.

The collection was initiated in 1988 by Catholic bishops of the United States. Proceeds are distributed to eligible religious communities to help underwrite retirement and health-care expenses. Nearly 95 percent of donations directly support senior religious and their communities.

Contributions to the 2011 appeal totaled \$27.4 million and enabled the NRRO to distribute \$23 million in financial assistance to 453 religious communities. Additionally, nearly \$2.9 million was disbursed to assist religious communities with the greatest needs and to support ongoing education in retirement and elder-care delivery.

Since the collection began, Catholics in the United States have donated over \$671 million to support senior religious. Despite the unparalleled generosity to the collection, religious communities continue to face significant challenges in meeting the high costs of care. Last year's distributions amounted to approximately \$907 per eligible religious. Yet the average annual cost of care for a senior religious stands at \$37,200 per person, while skilled care can exceed \$56,000. In 2011 alone, the total cost of care for women and men religious was over \$1.1 billion.

Religious communities are financially autonomous and thus responsible for the care and support of their elder members.

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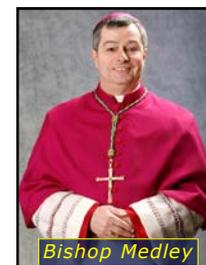
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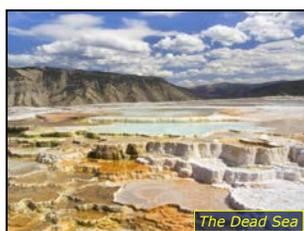
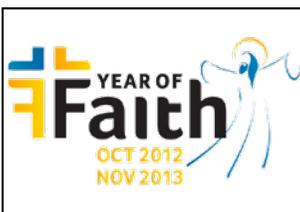
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REACH READING EXPANDS A CHILD'S HORIZONS

PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Mary High School students participated in the R.E.A.C.H Program (Reading Expands a Child's Horizons), a grassroots effort to get books into the hands of kids who may not have other opportunities of acquiring them.

St. Mary has chosen the G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) for this year's school theme. Each month we are taking one Gift of the Holy Spirit and focusing our daily prayers and monthly service projects on that theme. Our GIFT for September was "knowledge" and the Catholic Identity & Mission Committee and the high school Leadership Team thought this was the perfect service project to go along with the theme. Students collected 547 books to the Paducah Bank REACH box recently so that children all around the community can reach for new horizons through reading.

"While we often take owning a book for granted, numerous families in McCracken County do not have the funds to provide good reading material for their children. REACH has donated an average of 50 books each month to local families who would not otherwise have had access to something so valuable to their children's future.

Children who are read to at home are more prepared to begin school and thereby tend to be more successful students. Children with strong reading skills tend to be better behaved in school, and their attendance tends to be higher than children who struggle at lower reading levels.

Ladonna Butler approached the West Kentucky Chapter for Early Care and Education about starting a literacy program that provides children with books in high-traffic public spaces throughout McCracken County. She said, "We see kids enter school who have never even laid eyes on a book before. I don't want to give children just one book; I want to see them grow a library!"

REACH is currently focusing on children's literature, but Ladonna hopes to begin providing reading material for adults as well. Other local agencies have been crucial to the success of REACH. Paducah Headstart and the West Kentucky Community and Technical College have donated both labor and materials to build the REACH drop boxes and bookshelves. The Paducah Housing Authority has provided a storage space for the books that are donated.

Article compiled from information submitted by Jackie Hopper for St Mary School System.

Lourdes Associate Wins Patriot Award

(Wednesday, October 24, 2012) - Lourdes congratulates Laura Sumnlers, RN, Renal Vascular Services manager. Laura won the Patriot Award, a first in the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) series of awards. This is not an employer-wide award, but one that recognizes supervisors and bosses nominated by a Guardsman or Reservist employee for support provided directly to the nominator. The Patriot Award reflects the efforts made to support Citizen Warriors through a wide-range of measures including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families and granting leaves of absences if needed.

Laura accepted her award aboard the USS Chippewa on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at the Riverfront in downtown Paducah.



Pictured from left to right: Laura Sumnlers, Chaplain Kenneth Baldrige, (ESGR) and Leslie Green, LPN, USAF, the person who nominated Laura. Submitted cell phone image.



At left, Paducah Bank's Susan Guess, in center, SMHS Seniors Matt Zakutney, Nicole Burks, Ginny Ross, and at right, LaDonna Butler, founder of R.E.A.C.H. Posed with St Mary High School gift of books for the REACH Program. Photo submitted by Jackie Hopper

Advent Day of Prayer Dec. 13

An Advent "Day of Prayer" will take place Thursday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers, the Advent Prayer Day will help deepen one's faith as together we celebrate this holy season. (Note: Advent begins Dec. 2 and continues through Christmas Day.) The \$15 fee includes lunch.

To register, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org. Find out more about the Center at www.ursulinesmsj.org



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- ✦ Personal reflection time ✦ Questions and open conversation



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There is no cost to attend. Meals will be provided.

For more information or if you plan to attend, please contact Sister Martha Keller, OSU
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For young adult Catholic women, a chance to "Come and Serve" will be offered May 31-June 6 and a "Come and See" June 28-30.

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend January 18-20 call 270-683-1545 ext 346, or email: sherryvincent@insightbb.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org. Find us on Facebook: search Retrouvaille of Owensboro.

In top photo, student members of the Academy of Young Leaders discuss ideas for a skit they needed to perform about listening and seeking to understand. There were meeting in the Mount Saint Joseph gymnasium.

In bottom photo, High school students gather around their props as they discuss their skit during the Nov. 3-4 Academy of Young Leaders retreat at Maple Mount. MSJ Photos

Academy of Young Leaders Make Good Decisions At MSJ Conference and Retreat Center

The Academy of Young Leaders, 82 students from four high schools in Daviess County, Ky., came to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on Nov. 3-4 to support each other as leaders in their schools. Sophomores, juniors and seniors sign up in September, and the retreat at the Center is their first activity of the year. They eventually break down into six groups and do service projects in the community until spring break, said Langley Wetzel, program coordinator.

"They sign a contract to not use drugs and alcohol," Wetzel said. "It's about making good decisions, being role models. This allows them to have a support group." One of the projects the young leaders will do is a presentation on drugs and alcohol to middle school students.



Young Fancy Farm Catholics Know The Spirit and Gifts of Giving

December, 2012 25

FANCY FARM, Ky. - Some of the 9th grade St. Jerome Confirmation students spent the last weekend of their Fall Break on a service project with the Center for Student Missions (CSM) in Nashville, TN. The CSM organization serves as a host site for church groups or other organizations that wish to simply come and serve. They planned the weekend for us including our service work, travel within the city and where we were eating (which always included something unexpected and new).

We began on Saturday morning by working with Hands On Nashville, a group that supports a community garden located in the flood planes around the city. Our students worked to prepare that garden for next spring's harvest which will help feed families in the Nashville area that are a part of "food desserts." These are areas which do not have access to fresh foods or produce. We were surprised to see how many of these areas exist within and around such a big city.

That afternoon we helped with the annual AIDS walk in downtown Nashville. The later part of the afternoon was spent cleaning out storage for the church that hosted us. We concluded that day with a prayer tour of the city as a group. On Sunday we attended Mass at the Holy Name Catholic Church, where we were welcomed and made to feel right at home by the church community there. We attended their coffee and donuts social, which our students enjoyed so much they now want to bring it to our parish.

After Mass we welcomed and served those at the Belmont Soup Kitchen. This gave the students an opportunity to share and hear the stories of those being served there. It is so hard to put into words what our teens experienced in just two days, but I believe it was life changing. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and He was working through them. Thanks to

all that supported us in going and prayed for us while we were gone.

The students who



November 4, 2012: Saint Jerome Parish Confirmation of 2012 from left to right: Lindsay Thomas, Katie Elder, Meredith Fickey, Rylee Carrico, Kenzie Murphy, Callie Thomas, Lindsey Whitlock; Middle row: Bishop William Medley, Hogan Mills, Ethan Feezor, Lane Kennemore, Blake Thomas, Devin Spillman, Taylor Greeson; Top row: Nathan Nelson, Roman Harris, Jesse Dodson, Fr. Darrell Venters. Photos this page submitted by Sherry Jones

attended were Kenzie Murphy, Callie Thomas, Lindsey Thomas, Lindsay Whitlock, Rylee Carrico, Hogan Mills, Lane Kennemore, Ethan Feezor, Devin Spillman, Mer-

edith Fickey, Taylor Greeson. The adults included Freddy and Janet Wilson, Danny and Jennifer Thomas.

Submitted by Sherry Jones, Secretary, St. Jerome Church



Devin Spillman



**Lane Kennemore,
Rylee Carrico**



**Ethan Feezor,
Kenzie Murphy**



Lindsay Thomas, Lindsey Whitlock, Lane Kennemore (in back), Danny Thomas, Meredith Fickey

Luis J. Aju Appointed Director Of Youth And Young Adult For Hispanics

Luis J. Aju has been appointed as the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for Hispanics in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Diocesan Chancellor Kevin Kauffeld made the announcement on October 25, 2012. Mr. Kauffeld said, "This position was funded with a three-year grant and partnership with Catholic Extension. We are excited that he has joined our staff so please join me in welcoming Luis Aju Jr. He is eager to work with each parish, and can be contacted at 270-683-1545 ext. 332."

Duties and responsibilities of the Director of the Office are:

- Coordinate the development and implementation of youth ministry programs at a Diocesan level.
- Research, investigate, visit and gather data from other Dioceses throughout the U.S to create and establish programs throughout Western Kentucky in participation with Catholic Extension.
- Collaborate with other offices of the Diocese for appropriate planning, visioning and events.
- Participate in professional organizations throughout the nation for education, networking and professional development.
- Oversee, assist and coordinate the work of ministers with Hispanic youth in the parishes of the Dioceses of Owensboro in Western Kentucky.
- Recruit teams for diocesan events and gatherings.
- Assist conferences, conventions and meetings held by different National and Global Catholic Institutes and Organizations.

A graduate of Brescia University with two majors, Business Administration with emphasis in Accounting, and Spanish Language, Luis was born in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala and raised in different States of the US.

Luis played soccer for Brescia University and has recently worked in banking, but also with youth as a soccer coach at Owensboro Catholic Middle School. He has also worked with children in Costa Rica teaching English and at YMCA summer camps and after-school programs.

At 24 years old, Luis has gained lots of life experience. He said, "I have had an exposure to a very broad education



Luis J. Aju is the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for Hispanics in the Diocese of Owensboro. WKC Photo

and also a very broad understanding of my own culture and origin as well as the mix-culture that I have been able to grow up in. I also understand the struggles that our current Latino population faces in today's society as I have faced them on a personal basis."

A life lesson which Luis says he has gained: "To me, there are three major important aspects of life: family, faith and education."

Luis credits the example of two men in his life as having big influence on him: "I have had a great role model all my life and have seen his work flourish in different States of the U.S. and in Central America as well, my father, Luis Aju Sr. I have also recently been exposed to another great man who has done great things and whom I also look up to as well, Bishop John McRaith." Luis referred to Bishop John as a good friend, a close contact, and role model, "modelo a seguir," in Bishop John's level of humility and service.

The Western Kentucky Catholic (WKC) asked Luis how the Office of Catholic Hispanic Youth Ministry's may address its goals. He said, "I plan to create and establish programs throughout Western Kentucky for the young Hispanic population in our parishes that will become self-sustained in the future and will promote faith, education, health and cultural diversity.

"I will be in contact with the different Dioceses thought our nation and along

with the help of the staff and different departments that are here in the Diocese of Owensboro I will be able to make these programs come to life."

A lot of the programs for parishes, which Luis envisions "will promote the Hispanic cultural fundamentals," he said. "The culture is family-based, and religiously based. I believe that we as a Latinos have a lot to contribute to the community. We can do this by not holding one culture higher than the other but instead by learning from one another. However we must first embrace our own culture

before mixing it because if we don't we lose our own unique characteristics which make us different and unique. If we achieve this we can then "convivir" (co-exist.)

The WKC asked Luis whether discrimination is a continuing barrier for cultures living together and co-existing. He said, "People in cultures need to

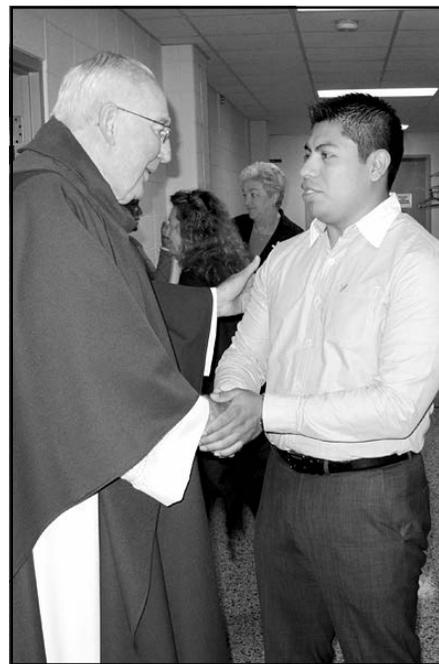


Luis J. Aju reads a book to the children to keep them entertained during an adult Hispanic retreat at St. Joseph and Paul so that the children's parents can better enjoy the retreat. September, 2011. Photo by Luis Aju Sr.

make sure that they know who they are. If one does not, then we might lose track of what we stand for and can give in to discrimination. It is wiser to show your education to someone who discriminates". Do Hispanics living in the USA need to learn to speak and write the English language, the WKC asked? Luis replied, "The first step is to learn how to communicate well in one's own language. If a person can't communicate in his own language, then he or she can't expect to communicate well in another language. Once again education is the key and for us Latinos here in the states we must learn to master both languages to help each other at work, school and in the community".

"In our Hispanic culture," Luis said, "we stand for welcoming everyone. With a strong faith as Catholics, we can promote the message that we are all welcome and equal in God's eyes."

Truly grateful for this new opportunity in his life to share his talents with this Diocese, Luis said, "I would like to thank Bishop Medley, the Diocesan Chancellor and the Directors of the Dioceses for giving me the opportunity to fulfill this new position and commit myself to help in the mission of the Dioceses of Owensboro".



Luis J. Aju greets his friend Bishop emeritus John J. McRaith after a Mass for diocesan staff on Oct. 31, 2012. Photo by Mel Howard

New Ministers of Praise at Holy Spirit Parish

December, 2012 27

Article and pictures by Jan Mott

BOWLING GREEN, KY. - Holy Spirit added eleven new ministers of Praise on Friday, Oct 26 at a special Mass in appreciation of all the ministers of praise. There were 67 ministers prior to the commissioning making 78 commissioned to pray for the needs of the parish. We are all called to pray for our church and pastor and the sick and other needs of our parish. So what makes these people different from the rest of us who pray for our church's needs. Ministers of Praise make a commitment to pray each day for our church. They also receive a newsletter from the pastor and/or staff periodically with specific prayer needs for the immediate future. Fr. Jerry Riney started this ministry in 1999 and through the prayers of these committed people and many others the parish has grown not only in numbers and a new location but also in active people in all the ministries of the church.

Carroll Hughes, newly commissioned minister stated "I moved here a few years ago and received the prayers and support of the church when I was in need. I am so happy to be able to give back through this ministry."

Others expressed similar feelings of gratitude for the help of the church when they were in need. Others who had been active in church ministry but found that they had to slow down because of health or age feel blessed to still be an active member able to give to the church by their prayers.

Nellie Cornett stated, "I had to tell Fr. Jerry that I have to give up some things I have done for years, the Epiphany meal and some other things, and then I was invited to join this ministry and it was an answer to my prayers."

The Mass was followed in the parish center by a wonderful lunch made and served by Holy Spirit staff. This meal has become an annual event that all the ministers of praise look forward to attending. Some come in wheel chairs and walkers,



Father Jerry Riney addresses parishioners during a wonderful lunch in the Holy Spirit Parish Center October 26 made and served by Holy Spirit parish staff and which has become an annual event that all the parish's ministers of praise look forward to attending.

some with the aid of caregivers and some still very capable who pick up others who need help so that all can enjoy the festive Halloween themed meal of eyeball soup and ghostly salad.



Bottom left photo is of Holy Spirit Staff responsible for coordinating the Halloween luncheon and serving the Ministers of Care. Bottom right photo: The newly commissioned Ministers of Praise. (Top row)Carroll Hughes, Cecil Phelps, Cacilda Phelps, Cynthia Gensler, Richard Gensler, Fr. Jerry Riney (Bottom row) Sue Hughes, George Cornett, Nellie Cornett, Carol Powers, Bobbye Brownyard, Leonard Golembiewski.



“Spectacular Women” Focus of Reflection Day at Mount Saint Joseph

Sister Ann McGrew, right, director of Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, leads the opening prayer in Conference Room B of the Center. From right to left are Muriel Gillim, Helen Gasser, Joan Bernosky and Ann Bender, a group of four card-playing friends from Owensboro who came to Mount Saint Joseph on Nov. 2 for a Reflection Day led by Sister Ann. The women learned about “Spectacular Women” of the bible. The final Reflection Day of this calendar year is Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The topic will be a continuation of “Spectacular Women” of the bible. The event fee is \$12 which includes lunch. MSJ Photo



Photo taken by RiverValley Behavioral Health Regional Prevention Center Staff while attending the 8th Annual Beacon Awards Banquet - October 29th, 2012

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Lighthouse Recovery Honors Richard Murphy with The Earl Loney Award

The Lighthouse Board Chair, Ken Stein, at right in the photo, and the Executive Director, Sandy Rich, center, gave the Earl Loney Award to Richard Murphy, the Owensboro Diocesan Social Concerns Director on October 29, 2012. The Earl Loney Award is based on a person contributing a high level of service to the Lighthouse Recovery. It is for mainly persisting through some tough times with others to help the organization carry out its mission. Mr. Murphy said that as he worked with Earl Loney, he came to know that “Earl sometimes did his job with \$.27 in the bank. He carried Lighthouse Recovery during those times. My job was much easier - signing a contract with the Recovery Kentucky Initiative to build Owensboro Regional Recovery, a \$4.4 million dollar facility and provide some oversight with others over its building and beginning its operation. We, J.D. Meyer and I, worked out an agreement with Audobon Area Community Services to be partners for this. I attended a lot of meetings.”

You find yourself alone with a curtain separating you from the influence and pressure of the outside world. Any knowledge of what happens within this small space will forever be a confidential matter between you and God. As you depart, you give your “amen,” your “let it stand,” to all that has happened during those precious moments during which you fulfilled your “sacred” duty.

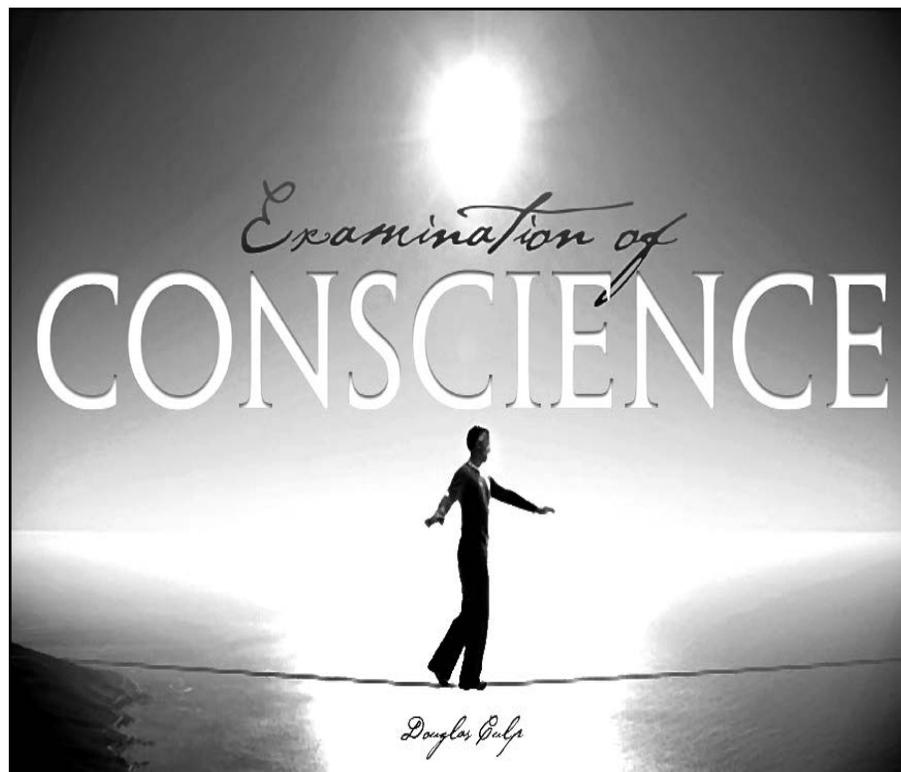
This scene plays out not only in the confessional, but also in the voting booth. And the “amen” you give is to your support of a promised course of action, i.e., a platform. Consequently, the effects of your decision, though perhaps not eternal, are nonetheless very real and will impact the lives of countless others. So with another election looming, we must take the opportunity to depart from our normal format. The following is more about asking questions than providing answers. In fact, the answers are for the reader to give. This piece is not for the faint of heart. If it is to have any value at all, it must be approached with humility and honesty. In return, it only promises to invite the reader on a journey of self-discovery that may prove to be affirming and perhaps uncomfortable at times, as the possibility exists that the reader’s beliefs and views may be challenged.

THE NECESSITY OF FORMING THE CONSCIENCE

The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (1778) defines conscience as a “judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed.” Conscience is that God-given law deep within our minds and hearts by which we are called to love and to do what is good and avoid what is evil. Conscience, then, orients and directs us to that good for which we were created, i.e., eternal life in communion with God.

The greatest challenge to accurately discerning and consistently choosing the good and avoiding evil is the reality of the Fall. The world is inherently disordered, due to sin. This means that our consciences can make erroneous judgments. For example, judgments based solely on a feeling about what we should, or should not do, can often be misleading. Further, we can sink into all kinds of disorder, when we mistake freedom for “doing whatever we want.”

The temptation is always to take a position, or view, first, and then look to the faith tradition to justify this position—to give it a rubber stamp. In such cases, the individual becomes the evaluator/former of the faith, rather than the faith acting upon and forming the individual. For this reason, the church teaches that our consciences



must be formed and informed. Unless our conscience is truthful, then our judgment of right from wrong will be distorted and marred by error. This formation, as the church asserts, must necessarily then take place in relation to the Word of God, who is the light and the truth, through the assistance of the Holy Spirit, and must be guided by the authoritative teaching of the church. Only such a “formed” conscience can guarantee freedom, because only such a “formed” conscience can confidently discern the good since it is grounded in the Truth.

STEP 1: WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

How do we know if our conscience is formed? Are we able to truly evaluate various political party platforms and positions through the eyes of faith or are we guilty of evaluating our faith through the eyes of these same platforms? It seems that the first step is to reflect on our own beliefs, to examine our own conscience. Consider the following questions:

- Is human life sacred? Why or why not?
- When does human life begin? End?
- Who has the right to end life? When? Under what circumstances?
- What is marriage? What is the purpose of marriage?
- What is your duty toward the poor and vulnerable? Society’s duty?
- Do humans have a right to life? To access to food, shelter, education, health care, and housing? To freedom of religion and family life?
- What is the purpose of work? What is its nature?
- What duty, if any, do you have toward workers and employers? Society’s duty?
- Who is your neighbor? Who isn’t your neighbor?
- Is war ever justified? If yes, when?
- What duty, if any, do you have toward the immigrant—documented or undocumented? Society’s duty?
- What duty, if any, do you have toward creation? Society’s duty?

STEP 2: WHAT DOES THE CHURCH BELIEVE?

How do your answers to these questions compare to the church’s teaching on these topics? The reader who is serious about forming his or her conscience will now have to research not only what the church teaches, but also will have to strive to understand why the church teaches what it does. For this work, two great resources are the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" and the USCCB’s "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" (both of which can be found at www.usccb.org).

STEP 3: THE DIFFERENCE(S)?

Honest inquiry now requires that you examine if, where, and how your beliefs differ from the church’s belief. If there are differences, why do you think they exist? What are the reasons that account for this distance between your beliefs and the church’s teaching?

STEP 4: WHAT TO DO IF THERE IS A CONFLICT?

If you find that there are real differences, what are you to do? Besides taking the results of your examination to your pastor, parish priest, or spiritual director, you might also want to consider giving the benefit of the doubt to the church. After all, the church’s teaching is based on its founder: Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Further, the Holy Spirit remains with the church and guards her from error on matters of faith. This is the church’s belief, and it reflects 2,000 years of shared belief rather than personal opinion.

Ultimately, each of us must answer the fundamental question: Are the church’s teachings on faith true? Do we believe that the church teaches the truth? Of course, our ability to accurately discern the truth depends on whether our conscience has been formed or not. If we have genuinely undertaken this examination, then we have indeed been forming our conscience. So, now must choose to allow the truth to form and inform us or live in a denial or contradiction that will allow us to continue to live in the illusion of truth. Which will we choose?

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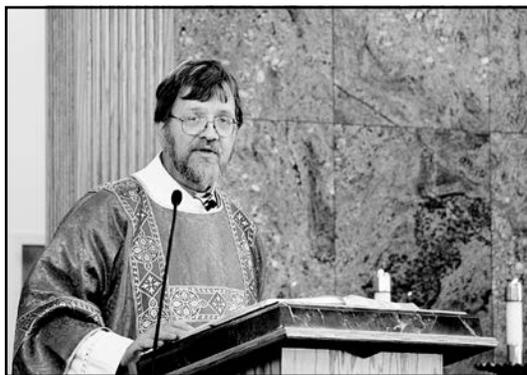
Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Owensboro - Can God Be Calling You?

The Diocese of Owensboro is calling forth men who are interested in service to the Church as a Permanent Deacon. The formation of permanent deacons is a five-year program. The first year allows interested men to meet and have the opportunity to ask questions. At the conclusion of the first year, application is made for the Aspirancy Year through which formal discernment and academic preparation is made. The next three years are spent in spiritual, emotional, and academic formation toward diaconal ordination. For those men who are interested, we are beginning the program for the ordination class of 2017.

If you are a male age 35 – 60 and are interested in the permanent diaconate, you might wish to begin discussion with your pastor, and personal reflection on the following qualities sought in a deacon candidate:

- emotional maturity, personal integrity, appropriate self- knowledge
- demonstrate a personal commitment to grow in Christian holiness / an active prayer life / participation in the Eucharistic and Sacramental life of the Church
- generosity for service already being demonstrated (active in some parish ministry)
- good physical and psychological health (both candidate and wife, if married)
- ability to work in a team / works well with people
- clearly demonstrates an ability and willingness to lead
- good communication skills (both as a speaker and as a listener)
- ability to speak publicly and proclaim the Gospel effectively
- acceptance by the Christian community as evidenced by his ministry in the parish
- he must show an acceptance and personal commitment to the teaching of the Church

Permanent Deacons share with other ordained members of the Church a dedication to serve God's people through the proclamation of the Word, administration of the Sacraments, the offering of Worship to God through Christ, the service of the poor and the faithful of Christ. Since the Second Vatican Council the Church has seen even more clearly that the deacon is called to serve



Newly ordained permanent Deacon, Bill Sweet, ministering to the people of God.

the Bishop, and his Priests, by becoming more intimately associated with, and involved in the life of the poor, the marginalized, the forgotten, the abandoned, the silent, and the voiceless. The deacon is asked to give his voice to the poor so that their concerns may be heard by the whole Church, especially the Bishop. Intimately united to the ministry of the Bishop and the Priests they are called to serve the Church, giving their lives in service to their brothers and sisters, the People of God.

● **Contact for the Diocese:**

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 Madisonville, KY 42431
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Above, left, Deacon Bill Sweet preaching a Sunday homily at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Hopkinsville. Above, Deacon Bill offers a woman the Blood of Christ at Communion. Below, Joyce Wiedmer serves at the altar as Deacon Bill Sweet assists Father Richard Meredith. These pictures are from the 8:00 am Sunday Mass, Sept 23 Jim Creighton Photos.

http://rcdok.org/vocations/permanent_diaconate/



The program for the ordination class of 2017 will meet from 10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, Madisonville on the following dates:

- Dec 15 Begin full weekend schedule
- Jan 26
- March 23
- April 26 – 28 (Fri – Sun)
- May 17 – 19 (Fri – Sun)

Sixth Annual
MEN WHO COOK

Benefit Gala

Saturday, February 23rd, 2013
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club - Owensboro, KY
Nominations/Tickets/Info: (270) 686-8401



Chefs Are Needed For The Sixth Annual Men Who Cook

We are looking for a few good men who are ready to cook for a cause.

Nominations are being accepted now for the sixth annual Men Who Cook Mardi' Gras Bash, which benefits the Glenmary Sisters. The event will be Saturday, February 23, at the Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club.

Men who Cook is the area's premier Mardi' Gras event. It features live music, a great party, a silent auction and, of course, men who cook.

"It is the best party in town, and the food is absolutely amazing," said Richard Remp-Morris, business manager and director of development for the Glenmary Sisters.

This unique food competition and party features approximately 50 chefs and raises funds to support the mission work of the Glenmary Sisters, who provide spiritual and material support to the poorest of Americans.

"It's a great charity. It touches your heart to do something for those in need, and the Sisters work for those with the greatest needs," said Ohio County Sheriff David Thompson, who chairs the event. "Many people don't realize the extent of devastating poverty right here in our own country and in our state."

The Glenmary Sisters are a community of Catholic Sisters who live and minister in rural America. Men Who Cook is the signature fund-raising event supporting their work.

Celebrity chefs are asked to provide 200 bite size portions of a main dish, side dish, soup or chowder, salad or dessert for the event, which will be 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. February 23. The men will compete for coveted Silver Spoon awards in the following categories: 1st Place Dish, 2nd Place Dish, 3rd Place Dish, Best Presentation, People's Choice, Best Decorated Apron and Best Decorated Table.

Nomination/entry forms are available at <http://glenmarysisters.org/menwhocook.html>. Nominations and entries are due by November 30. For more information, contact Remp-Morris at 686-8401 or Richard@glenmarysisters.org.

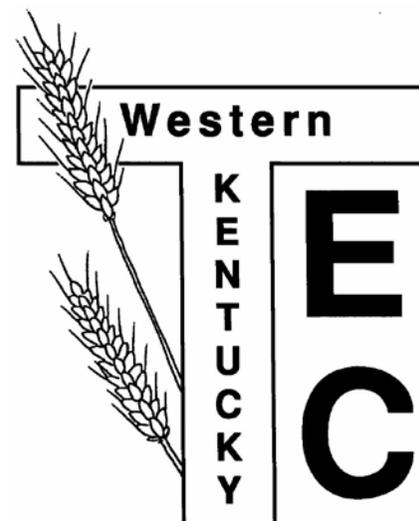
Diocesan Review Board Members Ready to Respond to Calls

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett, Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kay Castlen, Chair, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Rev. Pat Connell, Mr. Jeff Ebelhar, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Teresa Henry, Mr. Dan Howard, Sr. Eula Johnson, SCN. Ms. Louanne Payne serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board.

Any person who wishes to communicate with the Diocesan Review Board is asked to call the Catholic Pastoral Center at 1-270-683-1545 and ask to speak with a member of the Review Board. To speak with a particular member of this Board, tell the receptionist. In either case, the receptionist at the Catholic Pastoral Center will give the caller's information to a member of the Diocesan Review Board for follow-up.

Callers may choose to remain anonymous for the initial call to the Catholic Pastoral Center receptionist. The phone numbers of the members of this Board will not be made public. You may also contact the Board via email at reviewboard@pastoral.org. Be sure to include your contact information. No direct response will be given by email because confidentiality is never guaranteed when using email. Follow-up will be made by telephone.

The TEC Community in the Diocese of Owensboro



has successfully organized 166 TECs since 1976. Are you one of those participating tecites? Have you lost touch with the TEC community? Are you interested in getting reacquainted?

Now's your chance! We are seeking the attention of all previous tecites to renew your interest in the beautiful TEC movement.

If you are interested in getting back involved, please email TEC@pastoral.org. Or you can also join our Facebook group: Western KY TEC (wkytec@groups.facebook.com)

We are also seeking Team Members for the next upcoming TEC #167 on Feb 15-17, 2013 at Gasper River. Please fill out a Team application at our website: wkytec.org.

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit." (John 12:24)

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 7 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 13 Advent Day of Prayer with Msgr. Bernard Powers

January 2013

- 5 Yarn Spinners Day
- 10 Year of Faith 1st session
- 18-20 Retrouvaille
- 21-27 St. Meinrad Retreat Week

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

To register or to schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206
kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org
www.msjcenter.org

Located 12 miles west of Owensboro, Ky., on Hwy. 56



Mount Saint Joseph
Conference and Retreat Center

February 2013

- 1-3 Come and See Weekend for high school girls with an interest in religious life
- 2 Yarn Spinners Day
- 9-10 Catholic Engaged
- 14 Year of Faith 2nd session
- 22-23 Women's Retreat/Chapel Hill
- 24-27 MSJ Quilter Friends

March 2013

- 1-3 Women's Retreat with Sister Cheryl Clemons
- 8-10 Yarn Spinners Weekend
- 9 St. Martin Confirmation
- 14 Year of Faith 3rd session
- 22-24 Spirit and Truth Women's Retreat

April 2013

- 11 Year of Faith 4th session
- 12-14 Secular Carmelites
- 20-21 Catholic Engaged
- 26-28 Christian Women's Retreat

If you would like to visit our Gift Shop before the holidays, give us a call!



Have you considered deepening your spirituality as a woman religious? For information, contact Sister Martha Keller, OSU: 270-229-4103 ext. 212

Sts. Joseph And Paul Catholic Church, Celebrates 125 Years Of Faith

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Pastor Father Carl McCarthy wrote in the October 21, 2012 Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish bulletin, "We wish to thank all of those who gave their time and talent to our Jubilee Year celebration. The year was capped off with grace and love last Sunday with Mass and a joyful celebration in our Parish Hall. We especially wish to thank our 125th Team, Parish Activities Team, Liturgy Team, Music Ministry, Parish Team, Slate Team, Cooking Team, and all who helped us to celebrate this milestone in our parish. We have a wonderful parish, and it is because of the people who are parishioners of Sts. Joseph and Paul. You make us the parish that we are, focused on Christ and the call to carryout the Gospel. We also thank Bishop William Medley, Bishop John McRaith, Bishop Jose Luis Mendoza, Fr. Brian Roby, and Fr. Brandon Williams who helped to make the 125th Anniversary Mass a true worshipping experience. All of you together help us to live our Mission Statement: "We give our hearts to God and our talents to His people."

Father Brian Roby was homilist for the October 14 celebration. Here is a text of his homily:

Words can have tremendous effects

By Father Brian Roby

SAINTS JOSEPH AND PAUL PARISH, OWENSBORO, Ky. - Congratulations to you on this 125th Anniversary of the dedication of St. Paul's Church! It is such an honor to be here. I have always been proud to call myself a son of this parish. I forever love this parish! This parish was home to both sides of my family- transplants from West Louisville and Whitesville. My parents were married at St. Joseph; both sets of grandparents lived in close proximity to this parish; I went to school here and at the Cathedral; all my Sacraments were first celebrated here; I first fell in love with God and the faith in this parish; my love and profound respect for the priesthood began here; most all of my young life revolved around this parish- at various times in my life, it was a place of rescue and refuge; upon ordination to priesthood, my first Mass of Thanksgiving was here; from 2002-2006, I was granted the privilege to serve here as Pastor to put you back together follow-



Father Brian Roby preaching the homily at the October 14 Mass in celebration of Saints Joseph and Paul Parish's 125th Anniversary. Pastor Fr Carl McCarthy and Bishop-emeritus John McRaith are seated at back. Mel Howard photo

ing several years of discord and instability. It was a fond and happy marriage- you quickly came together- spiritually then physically- and in time we set the stage for what we are now celebrating here, today, ten years later. It is an honor and privilege to be here. I forever love you!

Words can have tremendous effects.

Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death" galvanized the early American colonists against England. The "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" slogan of the 1876 Presidential campaign ultimately helped lose the presidency for James G. Blaine, the renegade Roman Catholic candidate. Winston Churchill's request for "blood, sweat and tears" helped solidify the resolve of the British during difficult times in World War II.

Words have tremendous effects.

In 1793, Bishop John Carroll, the first bishop in the United States, said, "I am anxious to obtain a good priest for the poor souls in Kentucky who are in general so virtuous, and some of them immanently so." He eventually sent a group of faithful and zealous priests to serve as missionaries here in Kentucky: Frs. Stephen Badin, Charles Nerinckx, Benedict Joseph Flaget (who would eventually become the first Bishop of Kentucky) and Elisha Durbin, the missionary who rode 500,000 miles on horseback serving the

people in central and western Ky.

Words have tremendous effects.

The mission statement of this parish has served so well over the years: "We give our hearts to God and our talents to His people." It puts flesh and blood to the tremendous amount of outreach, from here, that flows throughout this city, county and the World beginning from this Altar!

Words have tremendous effects.

The letter to the Hebrews tells us that God's Word is living.

Some words are limited by time either because they become dead to living language, or because of the restricted circle of their interest. God's Word, to the contrary, is alive and life producing for people of all time: Bible sales through history are proof of that.

The same letter to the Hebrews tells us that God's Word is effective: when people have taken God's Word seriously, things begin to happen; if the words of people can lead to action, what greater accomplishments come from the Word of God. God's Word penetrates - like a sword, right down to the very marrow of one's inner spirit. God's Word judges the reflections and thoughts of one's whole being. You can run from God, but you can't hide.

This very Word is what confronts the

rich young aristocrat, in the Gospel, who comes running up to Jesus. The young man was intelligent and enthusiastic. He was good and righteous. He obeyed the commandments which, the young man had been taught, contained the way to wisdom and life. The young man was satisfied with the commandments negatives..... avoiding evil..... but he hadn't gotten very far with the positive..... doing good for others, being generous, being of service in God's kingdom. It was obvious from his whole demeanor that he had a need, but he just couldn't find the words to describe it adequately.

Words have tremendous effects.

Jesus challenged the young man to get out of his comfortable and respectable life. The challenge to sell what he had and to give the proceeds to the poor and then to come and follow pitched his standard higher. It was a big risk. It demanded radical choices. The challenge to accept risk put the man on the verge of becoming great. He was faced with the choices with which all people, before and after Christ, are confronted. Does God rule our lives? Kingdom of God means the wisdom and the willingness to have God rule one's life, our lives; hence, the mission statement of the parish: We give our hearts to God and our talents to His people. It's the only thing of real value and the only thing with a real return. Words have tremendous effects and the Word of God, today, drives us to make Jesus our most precious possession and to return love for love.

Today we celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of St. Paul's parish Church, founded in 1887 and built and dedicated in 1889 by the Irish Catholic immigrants to Kentucky, and included in this 125th Anniversary celebration of St. Paul's, we also remember and celebrate another important and older piece of our parish heritage that is St. Joseph's parish Church, first founded and built in 1871 by the German Catholic immigrants to Kentucky. Together, since 1948, we stand as one parish Church of Sts. Joseph and Paul.

What then is the function of this church that is made of brick and mortar

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whose anniversary of dedication we celebrate? The church building is a house of prayer, but never a home. It is a tent... a bridge..... a hospital..... a ship. The church building is the place..... the school..... the workshop..... in which the People of God are built up in faith through Word and Sacrament and Community.

In the workshop, the school that is the church, Christ is formed in us, because it is in this church that we do the Eucharistic Liturgy.....the work of the new creation.

God's Word is living and effective!

How beautiful is the Body of Christ, the People of God in this Holy place! Here the Sacred Liturgy is prayed and celebrated, in English and in Spanish, and lived. Here human life is proclaimed and celebrated and served and defended; here human rights are proclaimed and defended; here the needs of the poor and the vulnerable are a priority; here marriage and family and community are nurtured, strengthened and celebrated; here the virtue of solidarity compels her membership to the pursuit of peace and justice, locally, here in Owensboro and Daviess Co. (neighborhood outreach through SVDP, the food pantry, the Block Party, Good



Father Brian Roby greeting Sts. Joseph and Paul parishioners after Mass October 14, 2012. Mel Howard photo

Samaritan Home, St. Benedict Homeless Shelter, Lighthouse Recovery) and global- Liberia, Mandeville and Haiti; here stewardship of time, talent, treasure, and creation is alive and well; All of this is the mission of Christ and, compelled by the Gospel and the Holy Eucharist, that mission is at the heart of this parish.

These two parishes of St. Joseph and St. Paul, now one, came about through the blood, sweat and tears of our ancestors who hungered and thirsted for life

and freedom; religious liberty and justice; peace and the pursuit of happiness. These rights and responsibilities remain in the heart of this parish to the day and it's always being realized in the noble pursuits of this holy place and her holy people.

Today, this far by faith, we stand grateful for our ancestors in faith; we stand grateful for what has been entrusted to our care; and in this celebration, we recommit to remaining faithful, committed and responsible stewards, as we move this grand parish forward in this new millennium of Evangelization.

Words have tremendous effects.

It's obvious, isn't it, what we truly want and long for..... wisdom..... true value..... an understanding of the full dimensions of human life and not just what appears: We are created in love for love. The words with which we choose to live by will have a tremendous effect. They will define who we are.

This church building, for us, overcomes the division, the tension, between human consciousness and Christian consciousness..... between living in this temporal world and being open to eternal life..... between the beauty of things transitory and God as eternal beauty.

Erected in the heart of the world, placed before God and mankind, with a

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humble and joyful act of faith, we celebrate here, today, the raising up of this massive material structure, fruit of nature and an immense achievement of human intelligence. It stands as a visible sign of the invisible God, to whose glory her tower rises and points toward absolute light and to the One who is Light, Height and Beauty itself.

In this Year of Faith, declared by our Holy Father Pope Benedict, I urge you to carry on! Pope Benedict reminds us that faith grows when it's lived as an experience of love received and faith grows when it's communicated as an experience of grace and joy. Faith makes us fruitful because it expands our hearts in hope and enables us to bear life-giving witness. Thus, your parish mission statement (We give our hearts to God and our talents to His people).

A glorious day...a grand celebration...you are excellent in every way.... tried and true! Well done, good and faithful servants!

For all that has been, for all that is and for all that will continue to be, we pray: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.



St. Thomas More 2012 Confirmation Class

Pictured above with Bishop William Medley, Fr. Pat Reynolds, and Fr. Ryan Harpole are the following members of the 2012 Confirmation Class: Matthew Austin, Jr., Houston Babbs, Virginia Blanco, Shelby Browning, Madalyn Cook, Ben Derosé, Hayden Dickens, Jack Elliott, Tim Fossett, Clare Froehlich, Tommy Hagan, Emily Harris, Jordan Hein, Nathan Hodges, Austin Hubert, Hannah Hunt, Ion Kight, Kevin Kortz, Emily Meredith, Gabrielle Milliano, Joshua Nelson, Adam Nettles, Catherine O'Rourke, Ashton Paschall, Amanda Pham, Jose Posadas, Tanner Sanders, Molly Shannon, Rachel Steiner, Kelly Stewart, Zachary Thomas, Lucie Tyrrell, Samuel Tyrrell, Cole Urhahn, Valeria Vasconez, Chloe Waggoner, Hannah Waltmon, Justice Williams, Anna Wilson, Kathryn Winfield, and Jacob Zakutney. Submitted by Missy Eckenberg.

You Are Invited!

Owensboro
Catholic Young
Adult Christmas
Party

Tuesday December 18th, 2012
 7:00pm
 508 West 7th Street, Owensboro

Appetizers and Drinks will be provided

Please bring a gift under \$10.00 for a Christmas exchange game.

Merry Christmas!
We hope you can joins us and please bring a friend!!



Vote for a Drug Free Future!

As part of Red Ribbon Week, the students at the OCES 4-6 Campus had a "Vote for a Drug Free Future!" celebration. The students dressed patriotically in red, white and blue. In the picture at right are Jordan Ebelhar, Mary Katherine Edge, Michael Keller, Javier Gaynor, Alex Scheithe, Anna Lee Meyer. OCS Photo

Retreat for Priests at Mount Saint Joseph

Priests of the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky., came to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center the week of Oct. 15-19 for their annual retreat. Fifteen priests, including Bishop William Medley, listened to Father Robin Ryan, a Passionist priest.

In the picture below, some of the 15 priests in attendance get ready to listen to Father Robin Ryan, a Passionist priest, talk about the Eucharist during the October week-long retreat for priests at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. MSJ Photo



Join us on our next Spinning Day!
Saturday, January 5th

Whether you are an experienced spinner, weaver, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the Arts at the Mount spinning gatherings at Mount Saint Joseph (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Highway 58). Enjoy the fellowship of those who appreciate this traditional skill.

Sessions are from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Lunch is \$12
 The group plans to "spin, knit and talk until we're done!"

2013 DATES: Jan. 5 • Feb. 2 • March 8-10 weekend retreat
 • May 11 • Aug. 3 • Oct. 19 • Nov. 16

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


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 Conference and Retreat Center
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 Maple Mount, Kentucky 40366-0000
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 www.msjcenter.org



Found Image Reminds Us that ...

... Blessed Are We! Not only are we blessed with delicious food at the Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Campus but Reisz Krampe finds the "cross" on his taco shell. OCS Photo



OCHS Volleyball Team - Wins District Title and Regional Title

The Lady Aces volleyball team won the district title and regional titles in wins over Apollo High School. The team then advanced to the State tournament and fell to Campbell County in round one. Players named to the All District team and All Region Tournament team were: Brooke Hermann, Katherine Hagan, Lainey Johnson and Rachel Krampe. In addition, Katherine Hagan was named District Player of the Year. Katherine Hagan was named to the All State first team and Brooke Hermann was named All State second team.

Team members in the picture above include: back row (l to r) Coach Ashlee, Coach Dana, Rebecca Gross, Stephanie Hayden, Katherine Hagan, Gabrielle Hoffman, Rachel Krampe, Danielle Hogg, Erin Ford, Coach Brian Hardison; front row (l to r) Megan Woodall, Mayme Switzer, Hannah Aull, Brooke Hermann, Ashley Mattingly, Molly Thompson, Lainey Johnson, Tori Lanham. OCS Photo



Paducah Rotary's Student of the Month of October

At left, St. Mary Senior, Caitlin Hodges, was chosen as Student of the Month to represent St. Mary at the Paducah Rotary Club in October. Caitlin had the honor of meeting and is pictured with KY's 1st District Representative Ed Whitfield who was guest speaker for the day. Submitted by Jackie Hopper

Successful Operation

At right, the students in Mrs. Coomes' 3rd grade class at the OCESK-3 Campus performed "surgical operations" on grammatical contractions. Thank you to Dr. Danzer's and Dr. Shaver's offices for providing the surgical masks.



The children transformed the classroom into a surgical unit while making the contractions with band aids. They got to use band aids as apostrophes, to put the contractions together. Surgical gloves and masks kept the patients sterile. The children then became "surgical" doctors. They had fun while learning. Above, the class wearing their operating attire. OCS Photo

Sister Emma Cecilia Busam Receives State Archives Honor

Ursuline Sister Emma Cecilia Busam was honored Oct. 22 with the 2012 Kentucky Archives Month Certificate of Merit for Significant Service as an Archivist.

"I'm not sure how we've given this award for 10 years without honoring Sister Emma Cecilia," said Barbara Teague, the state archivist and records administrator. Teague came to Maple Mount to present the certificate in person.

"She is proof that you can work hard at your job every day and still be a nice person," Teague said. The award comes from the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board, which selects one person each October to honor during Archives Month.

Sister Emma Cecilia took a collection of papers and other historical items and built an archive for the Ursuline Sisters beginning in 1983, following a 38-year career as a teacher and principal. In January 1991, she also became the archivist for the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky.,



Barbara Teague, left, state archivist and records administrator and State Historical Records Advisory Board coordinator, presents Sister Emma Cecilia Busam with the 2012 Kentucky Archives Month Certificate of Merit for Significant Service as an Archivist. Sister Emma Cecilia retired from the Diocesan archives office in 2011. MSJ Photo

the first person to truly occupy that position.

She decided to retire from her position at the Mount in 2001 and work solely with the diocese, which she believed needed more attention. She became a member of the Society of American Archivists in 1983, and in 1994, that group honored her with the Sister M. Claude Lane Award, for her significant contribution to the field of religious archives. She is one of the founding members of the Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious.

When she retired from the diocesan position on Feb. 15, 2011, Bishop William Medley changed the name of the archives to the "Sister Emma Cecilia Busam Archives." Next year Sister Emma Cecilia will celebrate her 70th year as an Ursuline Sister.

Sister Emma Cecilia thanked the many people who have helped her through the years with the archives. The letter alerting her to the award said, "Your contributions to the Kentucky and national archival communities have been immeasurable, and we appreciate your service so much."

She was nominated by Mary Margaret Bell, coordinator of archives and retrieval systems for the Jefferson County Public Schools. Valerie Edgeworth, a member of the advisory board, and Kevin Kauffeld, chancellor of the Diocese of Owensboro, both attended the presentation.

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“How Beautiful on the Mountains

Are the Feet of Those Who Bring Good News ...” *Isaiah 52:7*

The Daviess County Quilting Group which meets weekly at the Catholic Pastoral Center to make quilts primarily for Hospice gave Bishop-emeritus John McRaith a quilt with two dozen photographs of Bishop John from his boyhood in New Ulm, Mn. to the present day. The group delivered the quilt on October 31, 2012 before Bishop John was scheduled to go into a Louisville hospital for back surgery. In the picture here, Father Mike Clark led a prayer for healing for Bishop John with diocesan staff and the quilters. The quilting group's names are on a back panel of the quilt: Florence McCarthy, Mag McCarthy, Rita Elder, Sue Thomas, Dorothy Wathen, Rose Cobb, Marie Montenez, Ruthie McCarty, Bertha Shelton, and not pictured here, Jean Vessels, who organized the quilters group who have made more than 600 quilts. The quilt was also inscribed, “In appreciation for all that you have done in our Diocese of Owensboro and Western Kentucky. In celebration of your 78th birthday and your 30th anniversary as Bishop. May this quilt keep you warm on the inside as well as the outside. May God bless you with His peace.” As of press time, Bishop John was recovering from surgery and recuperating at his home. Mel Howard Photo

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph 2012-13 Quilt Club Tickets are still available!



Sister Mary Celine Waldenbender

You can still sign up to get almost a year's worth of chances to win a handmade quilt for only \$20. Sign up by Dec. 7 to get 10 chances to win! A new quilt is raffled the first Friday of each month. For details, visit www.ursulinesmsj.org. Click on "Help the Sisters" then "Quilt Club."

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• **Friday, Dec. 7 - “Spectacular Women (of the Bible) 2”**

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Listening In The House of the Lord

Sixth grade students from the Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus, teachers, and parents were impressed on their visit to St. Meinrad Archabbey. Fr. Brandon Williams, St. Stephens Cathedral, and St. Meinrad alumni joined the group and helped tour the students. What an experience to view the Archabbey, hear the history, observe the Benedictine way of life, and join the monks in prayer. Above, students listen to the history of the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln, the heart of the Benedictine community of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. OCS Photo

**Marriage Celebrations for December
2012: Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50
and over 50 years of Marriage**

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Ron & Greta Beals, 57
Russ & Vicki Hayden, 25
Vincent & Lynda Reynolds, 53
Mike & Rose Clark, 40
James & Lois Booker, 40

Christ the King, Madisonville

Sherrell & Jeannie Calhoun, 54

Robert & Floy Daugherty, 59

Christ the King, Scottsville

Dr. John & Dell Hall, 55

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

John P. & Wanda Metcalf, 55

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Ron & Judy Bosse, 25
Leland & Ronda Buckmaster, 40

Spencer & Rudy Chappell, 56

David & Juanita Cheaney, 53

Forrest & Mary Meuth, 51

Robert & Betty Pritchett, 57

Stephen & Roxanne Sellars, 40

Clyde & Janice Sutton, Jr., 50

Robert & Carlene Williams, 51

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Joseph & Bernice Jakub, 51

William & Lynda Svance, 50

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Ralph & Martha Ashworth, 65

Robert & Dotty Clark, 54

John K. & Kay Steele, 51

Odie & Martine Warren, 66

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Patrick & Ann Doyle, 61

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Jerry & Ellen Blandford, 55

Gary & Lois Miller, 40

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Joe & Mazie Mastromarino, 60

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Alvin & Betty Borup, Jr., 54

Brown & Willia Mae Foster, 53

Jerry & Carol Gough, 52

James & Norma Bickett, 63

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Frank & Bernice Thomas, 62

St. Ann, Morganfield

Larry & Gail Brown, 52

John & Madonna Wyatt, 53

St. Anthony Padua, Grand Rivers

Keith & Dorothy Dunker, 60

St. Columba, Lewisport

George & Betty Allard, 63

St. Edward, Fulton

Don & Rachel Cox, 59

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

David & Edith Keeney, 53

John & Patricia English, 60

St. Henry, Aurora

Jerry & Edna Jones, 57

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

James & Agnes Robb, 60

Joseph W. & Ruth Ann Higdon, 57

Edward D. & Mary Ruth Elder, 55

Sam & Ella Dean Hayden 58

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Alan & Jeanne Baker, 60

Don & Imogene Poston, 62

William & Joanne Powell, 53

St. Joseph, Central City

Don & Marlene Monaghan, 56

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Jeff & Lisa Carrico, 25

Leroy & Betty Dowdy, 57

Joe & Wanda Mike, 64

Sanford & Ernestine Sumner, 66

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Jerry & Shirley Powers, 50

St. Leo, Murray

William & Rose Elder, 25

Paul & Barbara Sachse, 50

Phillip & Sarah Bryan, 50

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Vincent & Mary Pheobe Ebelhar, 72

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Mark & Aileen Mills, 40

Charles & Linda Payne, 50

Bud & Mildred Boarman, 68

Raymond & Emma Whistle, 60

St. Michael, Oak Grove

Lionel & Sue McElroy, 60

St. Michael, Sebree

Greg & Lea Ann Sugg, 40

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Jimmie & Helen Clemons, 50

William L. & Edna Drake, 66

William R. & Betty Meredith, 40

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Mark & Cynthia Reed, 25

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Scott & Ann Brumfield, 25

Randall & Doris Priest, 51

Bill & Brenda Monin, 50

Ort & Barbara Critchelow, 40

Steve & Jenny Critchelow, 40

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

David & Betty Abrams, 53

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Salvador & Irene Jaso, 61

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Wendell & Mary Bryan Booth, 54

Edward & Grace Pickett, 68

Arthur & Doris Schwartz, 53

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Thomas & Janet Montgomery, 57

Floyd & Bernadine Watkins, 58

Robert & Carol Crane, 59

St. William, Knottsville

Joseph & Effie Edge, 58

Joseph & Minnie Payne, 50

Oran & Nancy Bowlds, 40

Stephen & Darlene Fulkerson, 40

St. William, Marion

Barry & Karen Nasserri, 25

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Patrick & Cherie Leibfreid, 40

William & Faye Boehman, 55

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Doyle & Kelly Shelton, 25

Gene & Franki Durbin, 51

Bill & Linda Harkins, 54

Edwin & Kathleen Roeder, 61



**National Evangelization Teams (NET)
in the Diocese of Owensboro
Schedule January 10-22, 2013**

Thursday, January 10th

Open Date for starting time after 3:00pm—
Please call 270-683-1545 if interested

Friday, January 11th

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Saturday, January 12th

Owensboro Multi-Parish

Sunday, January 13th

Owensboro Multi-Parish

Monday, January 14th

Team Day – No retreat scheduled

Tuesday, January 15th

St. Charles, Bardwell

Wednesday, January 16th

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Thursday, January 17th

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Friday, January 18th

Bowling Green @ Gasper River

Saturday, January 19th

Bowling Green @ Gasper River

Sunday, January 20th

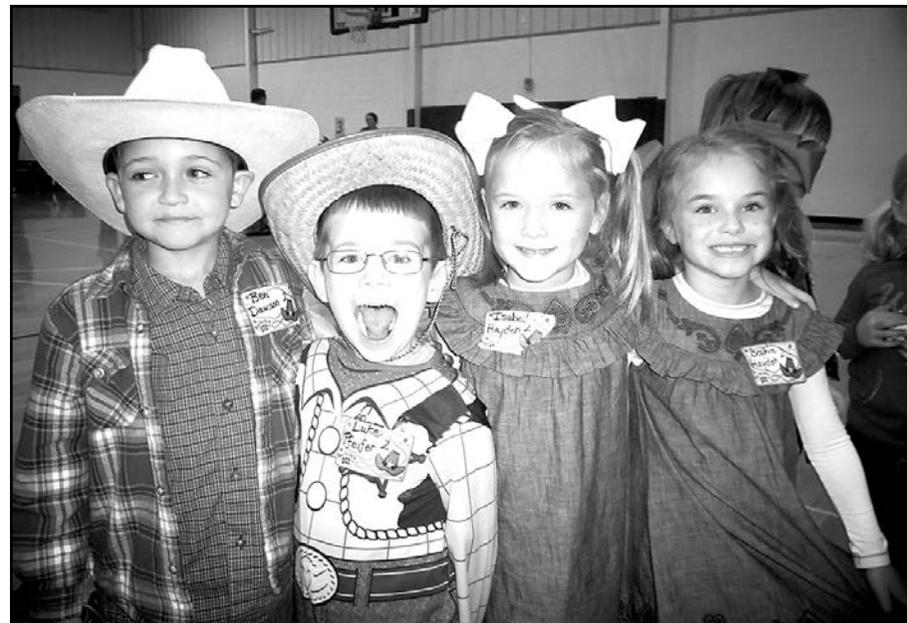
Bowling Green @ Gasper River

Monday, January 21st

Team Day – No retreats scheduled

Tuesday, January 22nd

Departure Day – No retreat scheduled



Trail Tested

The Kindergarten class at the OCS Elementary K-3 Campus enjoyed a day of fun, games, dancing and treats during their annual hoedown. Thanks to the parents who helped to make the day fun for all the students. The picture above shows Ben Dawson, Luke Pfeifer, Isabella Hayden and Sophie Hayden enjoying the activities. OCS Photo

Nora Carter Keeps Spirit of Sophia Awards Alive: "Tag. You are It!"

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Nora Carter didn't give it much thought when it came to the 2012 Sophia Awards that she and her late husband Paul received in 2005. Since that day though, she has made it her "project" to see that someone in her home parish of St. Denis Catholic Church located in Hickman County in far Western Kentucky receives this prestigious award. To some, this might seem like no big deal, but to Mrs. Carter it is. The Sophia Award is a way to say to our senior citizens of the parish job well done and we appreciate what you do or have done; also that you are an outstanding role model in your faith.

involved." Mrs. Carter and her late husband of 65 years, Paul, have long been outstanding members of the church rearing thirteen children in the Catholic faith. Mrs. Carter's one regret is that her husband was not alive to know that they had been given such an honor. Bishop William Medley, at the most recent Sophia Award Mass on September 30, talked about how a recipient of this award seemed to always want to be reaching out to say, "Tag. You are It!" and that is the case with Mrs. Carter. Nora, almost 94 years young is not about to slow down when it comes to making sure that this is one area that is not over looked. Just proves a wonderful point, that you can still be a very active member of your parish no matter what age you are.

Mrs. Carter's daughter Denise McWhorter stated, "Mama is the Little Red Engine that could and I am her caboose to make sure that her wishes are carried out by taking care of the paper trail that is

Submitted by Denise McWhorter



In the picture above are members of the Arise/Lavantate

small group to which Nora belongs at Saint Denis Church. Front row: left to right, Denise McWhorter, Nora Carter, and Wanda Carter; second row: left to right, Rebecca Cornwell, Judy Carter, Patty Willett, and Ruthie Ellegood; Standing in the back: left to right, Herb Carter and Frank Higgins At left, Nora gets to know granddaughter Ginny Starr and great-grandson Mason Starr a little bit better. Photos submitted by Denise McWhorter

OCHS Band Sets Record

Owensboro Catholic Marching ACES performed at Kentucky State Semi-Finals in Bowling Green, on Saturday, October 27, 2012 receiving 5th Place at the Competition, the highest ranking in school history! ACES Marching Band Director is Ed Hauser; Assistant Director, Katie Hauser. Marching ACES Band Members are: (Front Row) Emma Oakes, Emily Rose, Claire McBride, Eric McBride, Emily Wills, Evan Lorenzen, Kelly Hayden; (2nd row) Samuel Johnson, Allison Schepers, Cory Burdette, Cortney Phillips, Marissa Wilson, Emily Lorenzen, Meghan Hemen; (Back Left Side) Griffin Wassmer, Jack Padgett, Claire Hagan, Michael Decker, Taylor Beyke, Rex Berry, Sam Booth, Kyle Alvey; (Center) Tyler Mayfield, Evan Christodoulou, Clayton Roberts, Logan Buckman; (Back Right) Reid Wassmer, Jacob Payne, Mason Jackson, Jackson Bittel, Joey Phillips; (Top Center) Becca Ballard, Kevin Thompson, Tricia Thompson, and Jake Hayden. Submitted by Beth Berry, Band Booster Parent, Owensboro Catholic High School



Hispanic Ministers Working in Pastoral de Conjunto

By **Chris Gutierrez**

The Hispanic Ministers in our diocese are a group of about 13 men and women leaders scattered around different parishes, towns and cities throughout our diocese. We minister in Spanish and in various ways to the Catholic and often non-Catholic Hispanic-Latino and indigenous Latin American population in western Kentucky. We're missionaries since Hispanic Ministry at its core and essence is missionary. Some of us are lay staff members in parishes, two are priests, one is a deacon and another few are religious sisters. All of us love the Church but most importantly and what makes us unique is that, we love and have an engrained passion for journeying with God's Hispanic immigrant people in this diocese no matter how steep, dangerous, sometimes unsupported and difficult the journey is and may become. Some of us are from this country; some of us are not, but to us what matters the most is that we're all servants of the same Universal Church.

One of the many things we have in common as a Team is that we are constantly pulling together for strength and mutual support in our evangelization and justice efforts especially towards the undocumented immigrant. Our individual Parish mission statements where we work

at are important yes, but even more vital to us, is the general vision and calling of the Church to work as a diocese. In other words, we believe in the wisdom and importance of our diocesan and national plans and guidelines for Hispanic Ministry in the Church which call us to "Pastoral de Conjunto", and so we constantly have to reject the temptation of just working alone or just as individual "island-parishes". This ministry can also be a lonely one sometimes, and so we have to draw from God especially, but also from each other and so we have the blessing of meeting several times a year. We're not perfect human beings or ministers and often feel the need to pray, reflect, organize, strategize, study, and support each other as a group in this complicated apostolate. Recently for example we had the visit of Fr. Pedro Arriaga Alarcon, S.J., pastor of San Juan Bautista Chamula, Chiapas. He came to direct one of our convocations and brought to us very unique insights, experience and advice on how to better minister for example, to our indigenous Catholics in our diocese.

The respect, conservation, protection and flourishing of Hispanic Catholic popular devotions, traditions, language, sacraments, sacramentals and liturgy is extremely important to us. Culture is not



Fr. Pedro Arriaga Alarcon, S.J., pastor of San Juan Bautista Chamula, Chiapas speaking at convocation in Madisonville. Photo by Luis Aju



Top row : Chris Gutierrez, Luis Aju, a visiting priest, Sr. Pat, Fr. Jean Rene, Deacon Heriberto; Middle: Sr. Eloisa; Bottom row: Patti and Gabriel, Sr. Luisa , Sr. Esther, Sr. Fran. This picture shows some of our diocesan Hispanic Ministers at an Advent fellowship gathering in 2011 at the St. Francis Community Center in Horse Branch. Luis Aju Photo

just about language it's about a whole lot more. It's an entire view of the world, a particular way of seeing things, a particular way of relating to prayer, God, family, church and others especially in the liturgy. For example in my case, no matter how well I may speak or understand English, no matter how much I may know about American Catholicism; my most intimate conversations with God in prayer and in the Eucharist find their most meaning, connection and satisfaction only in the language and catholic culture of my upbringing.

Hispanic Ministers try to do their best in responding to the constant challenge of pastorally ministering to non-Spanish speaking indigenous people in our diocese. Many indigenous people from rural, remote and impoverished areas mainly from México and Guatemala immigrate to our diocese. Recently and just to share an example; one of my colleagues was sharing about the huge challenge she has with one of her "ARISE" groups, one formed of all Guatemalan indigenous that speak -Kanjobal, -a Mayan language. Some of them don't speak more than a few words in Spanish so the language in which the meetings take place is mainly in Kanjobal and she tries to accompany and lead. Now that's mission work...

One of our often non-appointed roles in this Ministry is that we often become negotiators. We have the task of bridging between our English and Spanish speaking catholic communities and so we negotiate. We negotiate with parishes, parish councils, pastors, city courts, law enforcement, and society in general for respect, space, justice, voice and more. Our flock is not a privileged one with many resources. We haven't given up and so together with our bishops we also continue our commitment and advocacy for Comprehensive Immigration Reform through the Justice for Immigrants campaign. The community we mainly serve remains a community in the shadows.

Finally I will share that most of us Hispanic Ministers are not from here, nor are most of the people we serve; nonetheless we remain most grateful first to our bishop William, secondly to God's people and priests of parishes within the diocese of Owensboro that have not only opened their church doors but their hearts to the richness of diversity in the Church. Thank You!

Chris Gutiérrez is Hispanic Minister for Saints Joseph and Paul Church, Owensboro.

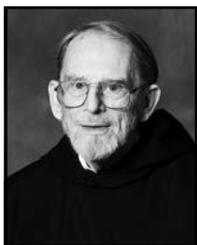


"If you want to get away and get some quilting done, this is the place to come," said Rose Marie Robbins, who attended the four-day the quilters retreat at Maple Mount.



Dee Eggers works on a Fun and Done quilt that she planned to call *New York Whirlwind*. She was attending the Oct. 29-Nov. 1 retreat of Trigg County quilters at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.

Fr. Simeon Daly, OSB, Monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Died Nov. 12, 2012



Fr. Simeon Daly, OSB, monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN, died on November 10, 2012, in the monastery infirmary. He was 90. He was a jubilant of profession and priesthood, and a participant in the Rush Religious Study on Aging and Alzheimer's. Surviving are nieces and nephews.

Fr. Simeon was born in Detroit, MI, on May 9, 1922, to Philip and Marguerite (Ginzle) Daly, and received the name Philip John at his baptism. After his elementary education, he enrolled in the minor seminary at Saint Meinrad. Invested as a novice in 1943, he professed his simple vows on August 10, 1944, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 18, 1948.

Fr. Simeon was appointed assistant librarian of the Archabbey Library in 1949, and that year received an STL degree from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Two years later, he received a Master of Sci-

ence degree in library science. On August 16, 1951, he was named head librarian, a position he held for 49 years.

He was a member of various library associations, including the American Theological Library Association, serving as president from 1979 to 1981.

Fr. Simeon was instrumental in the planning of Saint Meinrad's new library, dedicated in 1982. He also served as the monastery's master of liturgical ceremonies during the 10 years preceding, during and following the Second Vatican Council.

He was chair or a member of the monastery's Liturgical Committee for many years, and he served as subprior (third in leadership) from 1975 to 1978. Most recently, he assisted in Saint Meinrad's Development Office.

Fr. Simeon was the author of *Finding Grace in the Moment: Stories and Other Musings of an Aged Monk*, published in 2005. He also wrote several pieces on aging for the various Notes series of the Abbey Press.

The Office of the Dead was prayed on Tuesday, November 13, in the Archabbey Church. Visitation on Wednesday in the Archab-

After Tish Rudd came to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center with the Runaway Quilters, she had the idea to suggest her quilting friends at home visit Maple Mount as well.

"I know how wonderful they treat you here," Rudd said Oct. 30, on the second of four days that the 18 Trigg County (Ky.) Quilting Club members had their first extended retreat at the Retreat Center.

The members were clearly happy to have the opportunity to spread out in Conference Room A and create their works of art.

"If you want to get away and get some quilting done, this is the place to come," said Rose Marie Robbins. "You can feel the Spirit here. The grounds are beautiful."

Robbins and Cathy Swinkowski were both working on spool quilts as they sat across from each other. "You just feel the calm here," Swinkowski said.

Bev Hodge was working on a Fun and Done quilt, in which strips of fabric are sewn onto backing, and when the backing is sewn together, the quilt is done. She was having a ball at the Center.

"I love it here, it's so peaceful and beautiful," she said. "It's nice to work so uninterrupted. I feel so free to do what I need to do."

Dee Eggers was working on a Fun and Done that she planned to call *New York Whirlwind*. "I bought this fabric in New York several years ago and have been looking for something to make with it," she said. Given that New York City was being attacked by Hurricane Sandy while she was quilting, the name seemed appropriate.

Pat Turner was working on a quilt for her 6-month-old great grandson, Turner Flick. Quilting is her pastime, but once a year she uses her skills as a dental assistant to travel to Nicaragua on a mission trip. She has made 16 trips to the improv-



Joan Drake, who was sewing quilt squares at the quilters retreat, moved three years ago from Chicago to Trigg County after her children bought property there.

erished nation, and each of the established churches there has a sewing class so the women can learn a skill to earn money.

"I've been a member of this quilting guild for 10 years," Turner said. "These ladies have been so kind to help me gather sewing supplies for the sewing school."

Joan Drake moved three years ago from Chicago to Trigg County, in the far western part of Kentucky on the Tennessee border, after her children bought property there. "The country is so beautiful here," Drake said. Her quilting friends were trying to teach her how to "talk Kentucky" before she went home.

"Quilters are the nicest people," she said, as she worked on a couple of quilts. "I don't know what I'd do without quilting."

Her neighbor, Bobbie Musick, has been quilting for 15 years. She has been to quilting workshops, but never to an extended quilting retreat like this one.

"It's nice to be here, not have to watch the clock or take care of anybody else," she said. When she's among quilters, "No matter where you go, you feel like you're among friends."

Do Not Grieve

Do not grieve if you do not at once receive from God that which you ask. He wishes to benefit you still more by making you persist longer in your patient prayer before Him. For what can be higher than to address one's converse to God and be in communion with Him?"

- Saint Nilus of Sinai (d. 430)

bey Church was followed by the funeral Mass. Burial was in the Archabbey Cemetery.

Ministros Hispanos laborando en “Pastoral de Conjunto”

Diciembre, 2012 7

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tratan de responder lo mejor posible a los constantes retos pastorales que implica ser Ministros de la comunidad indígena que no habla español en nuestra diócesis. Bastantes indígenas latinoamericanos de áreas rurales, remotos y más empobrecidos principalmente de México y Gua-



temala emigran hacia nuestra diócesis. Recientemente y solo por compartir un ejemplo, uno de mis colegas compartía sobre el enorme reto ella tiene respecto a uno de sus grupos de “Levántate”, uno formado por guatemaltecos indígenas que hablan -Kanjobal- una lengua Maya. Muchos de ellos no hablan si acaso unas palabras en español por consiguiente las sesiones se llevan a cabo principalmente

en -Kanjobal- y ella trata pues de acompañar y liderar. Ahora bien... Eso es ¡Misión!

Uno de nuestros roles aunque no formalmente nombrados a realizar en este ministerio es que somos negociadores. Tenemos el rol de ser puente entre católicos de las comunidades que hablan inglés y español y por lo tanto es que negociamos. Negociamos con parroquias, consejos parroquiales, párrocos, consejos de ciudades, la Policía y con la sociedad en general, y ¿para qué? Por respeto, espacio, justicia, voz y más. Nuestras ovejas no son un grupo privilegiado ni uno con muchos recursos. Por ello no nos damos por vencidos y juntos con nuestros obispos también continuamos nuestro compromiso y nuestra lucha por una Reforma Migratoria Comprensiva a través de la campaña de Justicia para Inmigrantes. La comunidad a la que nosotros servimos sigue aún en las sombras.

Finalmente comparto que la mayoría de nosotros ministros hispanos no somos de por aquí, ni tampoco lo es la mayoría de la gente que servimos. Sin embargo primero estamos muy agradecidos con nuestro obispo William, segundo estamos agradecidos con el pueblo de Dios y aquellos párrocos en parroquias de nuestra diócesis que no solo han abierto las puertas de sus templos pero sus corazones a la riqueza de la diversidad en la Iglesia. Gracias. - **Cristóbal Gutiérrez**



En la izquierda arriba y ala izquierda, los ministros hispanos de las parroquias en la parroquia del Santo Redentor en Beaver Dam, el día 19 de Noviembre del 2012, se llevo a cabo la Reunion trimestral, para compartir experiencias e informar actividades en las parroquias con Ministerio Hispano. Tambien la Reunion tiene como fin, evaluar nuestras actividades. F.por Luis Aju

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"En Nombre de Dios"

Por Luis Aju

Estas son las palabras del Papa acerca de los Documentos del Concilio Vaticano II

A lo largo de la Historia de la Iglesia estos documentos han sido una dirección para la Iglesia, para no desviarse, así como una brújula para la iglesia para navegar en un mar abierto, en medio de las tempestades o de la calma para llegar a la meta "Papa Benedicto XVI.

El Papa nos explica, que mirando las cosas de esta manera la riqueza contenida en los documentos del Vaticano II se revela a nosotros. Quisiera mencionar solo las cuatro Constituciones, tomando los así como los 4 puntos cardinales de una brújula capaz de guiarnos en nuestro camino.

1. **Sacrosanctum Concilium**, es la Constitución sobre la Sagrada Liturgia. Nos indica como en la iglesia se pone la adoración a Dios en primer lugar. Esta es la centralidad del misterio de la presencia de Cristo. Tomando la Iglesia como el cuerpo de Cristo y pueblo que peregrina en el tiempo. La iglesia tiene la tarea fundamental de glorificar a Dios, como expresa la Constitución Dogmática Lumen Getium.

2. **Lumen Gentium**. La Palabra de Dios.

3. **Dei Verbum**: La Divina Revelación. Palabra viva de Dios para que se a glorificado que es el tema de fondo del IV documento

4. **Gaudium et Spes**. La manera de como la Iglesia lleva al mundo entero la luz que ha recibido de Dios para que sea glorificado. El tema de fondo de la Constitución Dogmática Pastoral Gaudium et Spes.

Poco de Historia

El Vaticano II es el 21o. Concilio ecuménico de la Historia y toma el nombre en referencia del Concilio Vaticano I. Celebrado en 1870 e interrumpido con la invasión del estado pontificio. El Vaticano II fue presentado en parte como continuación del Vaticano I. El Vaticano II se ha ocupado de una temática mucho mas amplia y ambiciosa y sus constituciones y decretos cubren una cantidad de asuntos que indican un deseo de Renovación Global de la Iglesia.

El Concilio fue anunciado por el Papa Juan XXIII el 25 de enero de 1959.

Después de una capilla papal celebrada en la Abadía de San Pablo. El papa anuncio en esa ocasión la reforma del Código de Derecho Canónico. La celebración de un sínodo Romano y la convocación de un concilio ecuménico que se ocuparía principalmente de la unión de los Cristianos. Este anuncio provoco grandes sorpresas, desde entonces se iniciaron el nombramiento de las comisiones, esquemas que deberían ser analizados en su momento.

Estimado lector, esto es nada más para presentar a usted una pequeña introducción de lo que son los documentos. Si usted quiere estudiar más, conocer mas, sobre estos documentos le pido que vaya a su parroquia y pregunte si puede obtener una copia de los documentos del Concilio Vaticano II. Usted se quedara muy contento en conocer los documentos y que tan profundo son los contenidos de ellos.

Aquí están los otros documentos, que son un tesoro de la iglesia. Lo invito a reflexionarlos, son documentos, del ayer, hoy y mañana. (La lista que le presento es solo para que usted los conozca por nombres, después vendrá la lectura de ellos, pero eso se lo dejo en sus manos.

Concilio Vaticano II CONSTITUCIONES

Lumen gentium
Dei Verbum
Sacrosanctum concilium
Gaudium et Spes
DECRETOS
Christus dominus
Presbyterorum ordinis
Optatam totius
Perfectae Caritatis
Apostolicam Actuositatem
Orientalium ecclesiarum
Ad Gentes
Unitatis redintegratio
Inter mirifica
DECLARACIONES
Dignitatis humanae
Gravissimum educationis
Nostra aetate
Mensaje a la humanidad
In Spiritu Sancto

"In God's Name"

By Luis Aju



These are the words of the Pope on the Documents of Vatican II.

Throughout the history of the Church this document has been a direction for the Church, not to deviate, and a compass to navigate the church to an open sea, in the midst of storms or calm to reach the goal, "Pope Benedict XVI.

The Pope explains that looking at things in this way the wealth contained in the documents of Vatican II is revealed to us. Let me mention just four Constitutions, as well as taking the four cardinal points of a compass can guide us on our way.

1. **Sacrosanctum Concilium**, is the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. We indicated as in church worship is put God first. This is the centrality of the mystery of Christ's presence. Taking the Church as the body of Christ and people on pilgrimage in time. The church has the fundamental task of glorifying God, as expressed in the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Getium.

2. **Lumen Gentium**, The Word of God.

3. **Verbum Dei**, The Divine Revelation. Living Word of God to be a glorified that is the underlying theme of the IV document

4. **Gaudium et Spes**, The way the Church as the whole world takes light received from God to be glorified. The background theme of the Dogmatic Constitution Pastoral Gaudium at Spes.

A Little History
Vatican II is

the 21th. Ecumenical Council of history and is named in reference of Vatican I. Held in 1870 and interrupted by the invasion of the Papal State. Vatican II was presented in part as a continuation of Vatican I. Vatican II has dealt with a subject much more comprehensive and ambitious and their constitutions and decrees cover a number of issues that indicate a desire to Global Renewal of the Church.

Pope John XXIII announced the council on January 25, 1959. After a papal chapel held at the Abbey of St. Paul. The Pope announced on that occasion the reform of the Code of Canon Law. Holding a Roman synod convening an ecumenical council to be mostly responsible for the union of Christians. This announcement caused great surprises, which started the appointment of committees, schemes that were to be analyzed in its due course.

Dear reader, this is just to present you a brief introduction of what are the documents. If you want to study more, learn more, ask about these documents go to your parish and ask if you can get a copy of the documents of Vatican II. You will be very happy to get know the documents and how deep are the contents of them.

Here are the other documents, which are the one of the treasures of the church. I invite you to reflect upon them, they are documents of the past, present and future. (The list that I present is for you to get know them by name, the reading part I will leave in your hands.)

CONSTITUTIONS

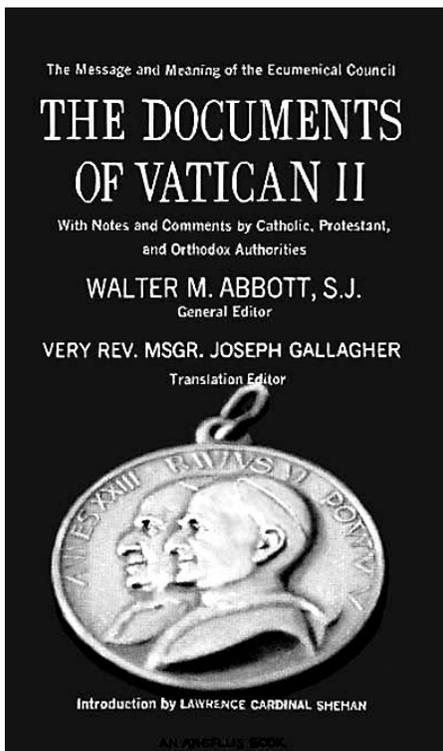
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Luis J. Aju Appointed Director Of Youth And Young Adult For Hispanics

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Luis J. Aju ha sido nombrado como Director del Ministerio Hispano Juvenil de la Diócesis de Owensboro.

El canciller Diocesano Kevin Kauffeld hizo el anuncio el 25 de octubre del 2012. Sr. Kauffeld dijo: “Estamos muy contentos de que él se ha unido a nuestro personal así que por favor demos la bienvenida a Luis Aju Jr. Él tiene muchas ganas de trabajar con cada parroquia, y puede ser contactado al 270-683-1545 ext. 332 “.

Deberes y responsabilidades del Director de la Oficina son:

- Coordinar la elaboración y ejecución de los programas de pastoral juvenil a nivel Diocesano.
- Hacer investigaciones, visitar y recopilar datos de otras diócesis de los EE.UU. para crear y establecer programas de todo el oeste de Kentucky con la participación de Extensión Católica.
- Colaborar con otras oficinas de la Diócesis para planificación adecuada, Visión y eventos.
- Participar en las organizaciones profesionales de todo el país para el desarrollo de la educación, la creación de redes y profesionales.
- Examinar, asistir y coordinar el trabajo de los ministros con los jóvenes hispanos en las parroquias de la Diócesis de Owensboro en el oeste de Kentucky.
- Contratar equipos para eventos y reuniones diocesanas.
- Asistir a conferencias, convenciones y reuniones organizadas por diferentes Institutos y Organizaciones Católicas Nacionales y Mundiales.

Es un graduado de la Universidad de Brescia, con dos carreras, Administración de Empresas con énfasis en Contabilidad e Idioma Español, Luis nació en Quetzaltenango, Guatemala y se formó en diferentes Estados de los EE.UU..

Luis jugó al fútbol para la Universidad de Brescia y ha trabajado recientemente en la industria banquera, pero también con la juventud como un entrenador de fútbol de Owensboro Catholic Middle School. También ha trabajado con niños en Costa Rica enseñando Inglés y en los campamentos de verano de YMCA y programas de “Después de escuela”.

A sus 24 años, Luis ha ganado mucha experiencia de vida. Él dijo: “He sido expuesto a una educación muy amplia y un conocimiento muy amplio de mi propia cultura y origen, así como la mezcla de la



Luis J. Aju, Director del Ministerio Hispano Juvenil de la Diócesis de Owensboro. Foto por WKC

cultura en la cual crecí. También entiendo las luchas que nuestra población latina actual enfrenta en la sociedad actual, como los he enfrentado yo mismo en lo personal”.

Una lección de vida que Luis dice que ha ganado: “Para mí, hay tres aspectos fundamentales e importantes de la vida: Familia, Fe y la educación”

Luis acredita el ejemplo de dos hombres en su vida que tienen gran influencia sobre él: “He tenido un gran modelo a seguir durante toda mi vida y he visto su trabajo florecer en diferentes Estados de los EE.UU. y en América Central, así, mi padre, Luis Aju Sr. También he estado expuesto recientemente a otro gran hombre que ha hecho grandes cosas y a quien también admiro a la vez, siendo el Obispo John McRaith”. Luis se refiere al Obispo Juan como un buen amigo, un estrecho contacto, y el papel de “Modelo a Seguir”, en el nivel de humildad y servicio que posee el Obispo Juan el cual uno puede aprender de dichos dones y aspirar a tener.

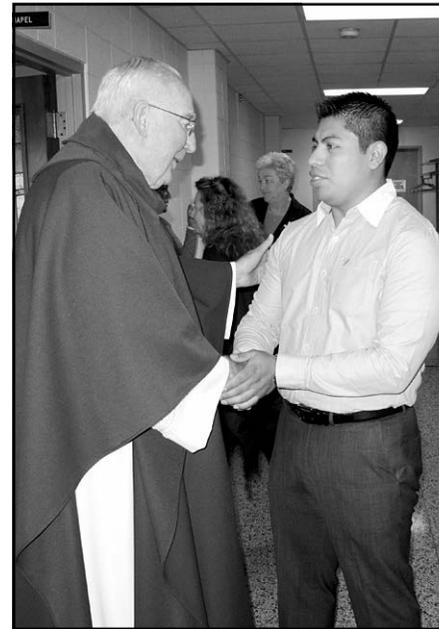
EL Periódico Católico, The Western Catholic (WKC) preguntó a Luis cómo la Oficina de Católicos Hispanos de Pastoral Juvenil podrá transmitir sus metas. Él dijo: “Tengo la intención de crear y establecer programas en el oeste de Kentucky para la población joven hispana en nuestras parroquias que se conviertan en programas autosuficientes en el futuro y que promuevan la fe, la educación, la salud y diversidad cultural.

“Voy a estar en contacto con las diferen-

tes diócesis de nuestra nación y junto con la ayuda de Dios, del personal y los diferentes departamentos que están aquí en la Diócesis de Owensboro voy a ser capaz de hacer que estos programas se hagan una realidad.”

Muchos de los programas para las parroquias, que Luis imagina “promoverán los fundamentos culturales hispanos”, dijo. “La cultura es basada en la familia, y con base religiosa. Yo creo que nosotros como latinos tenemos mucho que aportar a la comunidad. Podemos hacerlo al no poner una cultura superior a la otra, pero al contrario, por aprender los unos de los otros. Sin embargo, primero debemos sostener nuestra propia cultura antes de mezclarla porque si no lo hacemos perdemos nuestras propias características que nos hacen diferentes y únicos. Si logramos esto podemos entonces, convivir.

La WKC preguntó a Luis si la discrimi-



Luis J. Aju, le da la mano a su amigo el Obispo John McRaith después de una misa para el personal de la Diócesis el 31 de octubre del 2012. Foto por Mel Howard

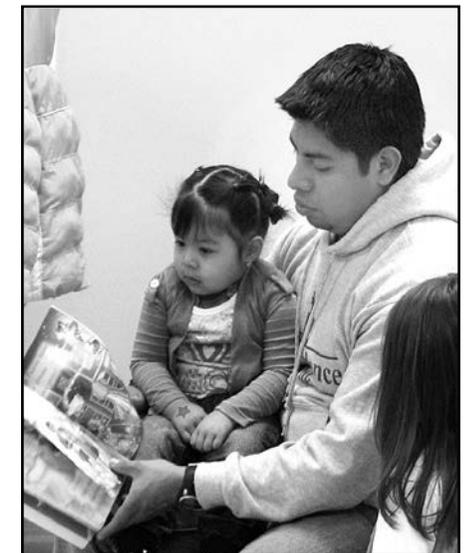
Luis J. Aju lee un libro a los niños para entretenerlos durante un retiro Hispano para adultos en la iglesia de San. Jose y Pablo con el propósito que los padres puedan disfrutar más el retiro. Septiembre 2011. Foto por Luis Aju Sr.

nación continúa siendo un obstáculo para la convivencia y culturas coexistentes. Él dijo: “La gente en sus culturas tienen que asegurarse de quienes son. Si uno no lo hace, entonces podríamos perder la pista de lo que representamos y podemos ceder a la discriminación. Es más prudente mostrar su educación a alguien que discrimina”.

Los hispanos que viven en los EE.UU. tienen que aprender a hablar y escribir el idioma Inglés, la WKC preguntado? Luis respondió: “El primer paso es aprender a comunicarse en su propia lengua. Si una persona no puede comunicarse en su propia lengua, entonces él o ella no puede esperar comunicarse en otro idioma. Una vez más, la educación es la clave y para nosotros los latinos aquí en los Estados Unidos tenemos que aprender a dominar los dos idiomas para ayudar a los demás en el trabajo, la escuela y en la comunidad “.

“En nuestra cultura hispana”, dijo Luis, “estamos a favor de dar la bienvenida a todos. Con una Fe fuerte como Católicos, podemos promover el mensaje de que todos somos bienvenidos e iguales a los ojos de Dios”.

Verdaderamente agradecido por esta nueva oportunidad en su vida para compartir su talento con esta Diócesis, Luis dijo: “Me gustaría dar las gracias a Dios primero, al Obispo Medley, el Canciller Diocesano y los Directores de las Diócesis por darme la oportunidad de cumplir con esta nueva posición y me comprometo a ayudar en la misión de la Diócesis de Owensboro”.



Los Ministros hispanos retiro es una manera mas para entrar en la Nueva Evangelizacion

Los Ministros hispanos en el Retiro que se dio en el Convento de las Pasionistas en Whitesville, Ky en Octubre 18 y 19, 2012. Este es una manera mas para entrar en la Nueva Evangelizacion, como uno de las metas del Plan Diocesano de Owensboro. Los Ministros Hispanos tambien necesitamos actualizarnos en la Mision que cada uno realiza en su comunidad. Esto es un avance de la Celebracion del año de la Fe.



Hna Eloisa de la Parroquia de Mayfiel, Hna. Patricia Sullivan parroquia de Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, Russeellville, Diacono Heriberto de Sta. Susana de Elkton, Sra. Gina Holmes la Parroquia de San Jose de Bowling Greene, al rinal, Luis J. Aju como nuevo integrante del Selecto equip o de los Ministros Hispanos. F. Luis Aju

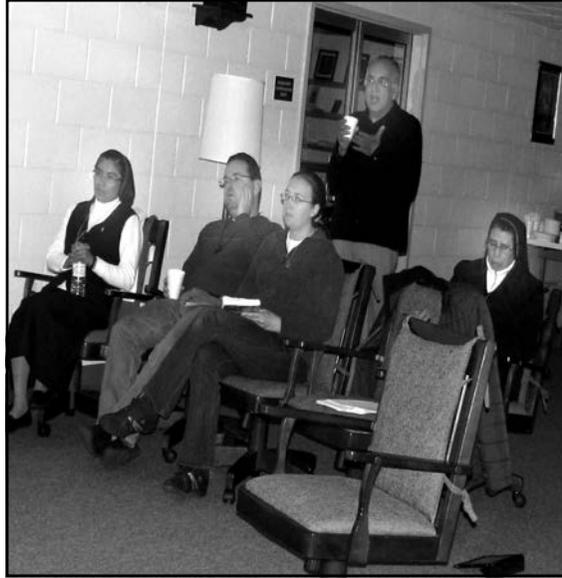
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Durante la llegada de los Ministros, daban la bienvenida a Luis J. Aju, como nuevo miembro del Personal del Ministerio Hispano de la Diocesis. Aparecen en la Foto Luis J. Aju en medio y Hna. Patricia, Hna. Esther, Hna. Panchita dandole la bienvenida tambien. F.Luis Aju



En esta foto, se aprecia uno de los momentos mas significativos de la celebracion, Hna. Panchita y Luis, han dado otro ingrediente mas a la celebracion, lo que es la musica como expresion de la alegria del alma, elevandolo a Dios nuestras voces con musica y alegria, como debe ser una adoracion a Dios. Gracias por el coro. Foto por Luis Aju



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Retiro Familiar en Madisonville sobre el Año de la Fe

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En la Parroquia del Cristo Rey en la Ciudad de Madisonville, Octubre 20, 2012, todas las comunidades posibles se hicieron presentes en el Retiro Familiar Diocesano sobre el Año de la Fe. El P. Pedro que guío el retiro, presento en gran parte la trayectoria de nuestra fe, lo cual vemos como parte de nuestros valores culturales. Porque la formacion de la fe viene de nuestros ancestros y abuelos. Ha sido un día de mucha bendicion.

Esta foto muestra la historia de nuestra Fe y nuestra seguridad en materla, desde nuestros abuelos hasta nuestros padres, tenemos una trayectoria y una afinidad de sentimientos con nuestros ancestros. Por eso la cultura de la Fe, va de generacion en generacion. F.por Luis Aju



El Padre Pedro Arriaga, llevo la comunion a una de las participantes del retiro. todos devotamente recimbiendo la comunion en la Celebracion de la Misa que tuvimos. F. Luis Aju

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El P. Pedro Arriaga, en uno de las exposiciones del Tema de la Fe, haciendole honor al ano de la fe. tambien se toco la Fe y la cultura, como dos grandes valores que deben de ir juntos de la mano. Respeto a Dios y al projimo como imagen de Dios. F. Luis AjuS



Grandes y pequenos, nos hemos acudido a este retiro a reforzar nuestra vida en comunidad, asi como viviamos en nuestros paises, la comunidd es muy imortante porque fuimos crecidos en comunidad y en familia.



Asi como se dice, ninos, padres de amilia y jovenes han venido al retiro, los momentos de fuertes en la oracion han sido una fortaleza para seguir creciendo nuestra fe en todos los ambitos de nuestra presencia en este pais. Llevaremos nuestra fe fuerte porque tiene sus raices desde nuestros padres.



+Monseñor William Medley, Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Mis queridos amigos,

"Y santo es su nombre por todas las generaciones! Eterna es su misericordia para la gente que ha elegido. ¡Santo es su Nombre por David Haas

El 9 de Diciembre, de 1937 el Papa Pío XI decretó el establecimiento de la Nueva Diócesis de Owensboro, que abarca los treinta y dos condados del oeste de Kentucky. La ciudad de Owensboro fue identificada como la ciudad cede, en reconocimiento a la población histórica de miles de pioneros católicos en el Condado de Daviess durante el siglo anterior. Incluso hoy en día casi la mitad de la población católica de la diócesis reside en el Condado de Daviess County.

A lo largo de los últimos meses la diócesis ha venido observando un Año Jubilar, en reconocimiento del 75 ° aniversario de este evento. Nuestro jubileo continuará con muchos más eventos varios hasta la Misa Crismal, que se celebrará el Martes, 26 de marzo 2013.

El momento cumbre de las celebraciones está sobre nosotros. El 8 de diciembre de 2012, solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen, nuestra iglesia de todos los puntos de la diócesis se reunirán a las 11:00 am en el Sportscenter de Owensboro para alabar y dar gracias a Dios por todas las bendiciones que nuestra Iglesia local ha recibido de manos de la gracia de Dios. Es totalmente lógico que se celebre en la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción de María, la fiesta patronal de los Estados Unidos de América, ya que hemos contado con la intercesión de la Virgen a lo largo de todos estos años. Nuestra esperanza y expectativa es que los representantes de las 79 parroquias de la diócesis estarán en la Misa Jubilar. Nuestra celebración estará completa cuando jóvenes y viejos, católicos de toda la vida ya los nuevos conversos, descendientes de católicos

pionero y nuevos inmigrantes, hombres y mujeres, los niños y las niñas, y personas de todas las razas se reúnen alrededor de la mesa del Señor.

Es una bendición extraordinaria que nuestro jubileo se observe durante el Año de la Fe proclamado por el Papa Benedicto XVI para promover la Nueva Evangelización, un llamado a los países con profundas tradiciones del cristianismo a redescubrir la vitalidad de la vida y el mensaje de Jesucristo, la Luz del Mundo. Si nosotros, como católicos debemos de saber que a Jesús hay que encontrarlo en la Palabra y en los Sacramentos y en el Pueblo de Dios, todas nuestras hermanas y hermanos.

Me complace especialmente anticipar la presencia de los niños, los jóvenes y los jóvenes adultos en nuestra Misa Jubilar. La labor de Evangelizar muy pronto será suya. Serán llamados a trabajar en la viña y asegurarse de que el nombre de Jesús siga siendo alabado. Ellos serán los que planeen el 100 ° aniversario del jubileo en 2037 y llevarán a sus hijos y nietos juntos para inspirar y alentar a un futuro formado por el amor y el mensaje de Jesucristo!

La celebración continuará en el Centro del Parque del Río con actividades para todos, jóvenes y mayores! Almuerzo y refrigerios serán servidos, habrá estaciones de manualidades para los niños, habrá villancicos de Navidad, una cabina de fotos para crear recuerdos, visitas al Museo de Bluegrass, la banda Kings Highway tocará y la celebración concluirá con un concierto de Sarah Hart y Josh Blakesley. La recientemente renovada Catedral de San Esteban también estará abierta para visitas.

En nuestros corazones en este día de hoy vamos a invocar los nombres de los que nos han precedido en el signo de nuestra fe, el obispo Francis Cotton, el primer obispo de Owensboro quien se desempeñó desde 1937 hasta su muerte en 1960, y el obispo Henry Soenneker, obispo de 1961 hasta 1982. Sus nombres son sólo dos

de los miles que podrían ser mencionados en gratitud por sus contribuciones en la edificación del Cuerpo de Cristo. Estos son los sacerdotes y los religiosos, religiosas y fieles y mujeres que han hecho una diferencia por el simple hecho de vivir su fe y alabar a Dios.

Es una bendición extraordinaria que el Obispo John McRaith vaya a celebrar con nosotros. Obispo desde 1982 hasta 2009, llamó a la diócesis a jubilar en 1987 para conmemorar el aniversario número 50 y todavía nos bendice con su presencia, su testimonio y su oración hasta el día de hoy.

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Suyos en Cristo,

+Monseñor William F. Medley
Obispo de Owensboro



San Esteban, reza por nosotros.

Calendario del Sr. Obispo Medley para Diciembre

1 de Diciembre	1:00 p.m.	Aniversario de 200 años de la Hermanas de Caridad de Nazaret, Louisville, KY
2 de Diciembre	9:30 a.m.	Misa/Instalación del Párroco, Padre Jojo Joseph, Sagrado Corazón, Russellville
	2:00 p.m.	Misa, Evento de Formación de la Fe de Bowling Green Centro de Aquino, WKU, Bowling Green
3 de Diciembre	2:00 p.m.	Instalación, Arzobispo Joseph William Tobin, Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis
6 de Diciembre	9:00 a.m.	Reunión del CCK, Louisville
8 de Diciembre	11:00 a.m.	Misa y Celebración del Jubileo, Owensboro Sportscenter y Riverpark Center
11 de Diciembre	5:30 p.m.	Católicos en el Capitolio, Reunión Regional, Hospital de Lourdes, Paducah
12 de Diciembre	7:30 p.m.	Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro
13 de Diciembre	9:00 a.m.	Misa Escolar, Escuela Católica de Owensboro, Campus de 4-6
14 de Diciembre	6:00 p.m.	Visperas/Social en honor al Monseñor Juan McRaith – 30 Aniversario de Ordenación Episcopal
17 de Diciembre	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité de Personal Sacerdotal, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Concejo Sacerdotal, CPC
18 de Diciembre	10-2	Día en la Oficina de Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes, Paducah
19 de Diciembre	8:30 a.m.	Reunión del Concejo Diocesano de Finanzas, CPC
25 de Diciembre	12:00 a.m.	Misa de Gallo de Navidad, Catedral de San Esteban
29 de Diciembre	11:00 a.m.	Misa, Retiro de Discernimiento, Capilla de Santa Margarita, Henderson

Horario de misas en español, en las parroquias con Ministerio Hispano.

Santo Redentor,	Beaver Dam	Sabado - 5:00 PM
Santisima Trinidad,	Morgantown	Domingo - 2:30 PM.
San Jose,	Bowling Green	Jueves a las 6:30 pm, Sábados a las 7:00 pm, y Domingos a las 12:30 mediodía
Santa Susana,	Elkton	Domingo - 12:00
Santa Maria y Santiago,	Guthrie	Sabado - 6 :00 PM
Santo Nombre de Jesus-	Henderson	Domingo - 1:00 PM.
San Miguel,	Sebree	Domingo - 12:00 Medio dia.
San Jose	Mayfield	Domingo - 2:PM
Santos. Jose y Pablo,	Owensboro	Dia Domingo -12:00 Mediodia y a las 10:00 PM.
San Pedro y San Pablo Pablo,	Hopkinsville	Domingo - 2:00 PM. y 10:30 PM.
Cristo Rey,	Madisonville	Domingo -10:PM
St. Leo,	Murray	Sabado - 6:30PM
San Thomas More,	Paducah	Domingo - 1:00 pm.
St. Mary of the Woods,	Franklin	Domingo - 12:00 medio dia.
Sagrado Corazon de Jesus.	Russellville.	Comingo 2 veces al mes.
El resto celebracion de la alabra y comunion. Hna. Patt. - 7.00 PM		

Ministros Hispanos laborando en “Pastoral de Conjunto”



Durante el Retiro para los Ministros del Ministerio Hispano de la Diocesis, tuvimos las exposiciones del P. Pedro, acerca del año de la Fe, en su exposicion pudimos apreciar su vocacion al servicio con los pobres e inmigrantes de Centro America pasando por el vecino pais de Mexico es adem admirar la obra misionera. F.Luis Aju

Los Ministros Hispanos en nuestra diócesis son un grupo de más o menos 13 hombres y mujeres líderes regados por

distintas parroquias, pueblos y ciudades a través de la diócesis. Hacemos un ministerio de forma variada y primordialmente

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en español hacia los católicos hispanos y con frecuencia no católicos incluyendo también a la población indígena latinoamericana en el oeste de Kentucky. Somos misioneros ya que el Ministerio Hispano en su esencia es misionera. Algunos de nosotros somos ministros laicos personal de parroquias, dos son sacerdotes, un diácono y algunas hermanas son religiosas. Todos amamos la Iglesia pero lo que aún más nos hace únicos es que, amamos y llevamos una arraigada pasión por marchar junto a la comunidad inmigrante hispana que Dios nos ha regalado. Esto sin importar qué tan de subida, peligrosa y algunas veces no apoyado pudiera ser este ministerio en el presente y a futuro. Algunos de nosotros somos de este país, algunos otros no lo somos; mas sin embargo lo que a nosotros importa más es que nos concebimos como servidores de la misma Iglesia Universal.

Una de las muchas cosas que tenemos en común como Equipo es que constantemente tratamos de reagruparnos para fortalecernos, para apoyarnos mutuamente en nuestros esfuerzos de evangelización y de justicia, en especial hacia la comunidad inmigrante indocumentada. Nuestras declaraciones, o visiones parroquiales donde nos localizamos cada uno son importantes sí; pero más vital a nosotros creemos es la visión general y llamado de la Iglesia a trabajar como diócesis. En otras palabras creemos en la sabiduría e importancia de nuestros planes nacionales y diocesanos para el Ministerio Hispano en la Iglesia los cuales nos llaman a la “Pastoral de Conjunto”. Es por ello que con frecuencia tenemos que rechazar la tentación de ‘trabajar’ solos, o bien solo como “parroquias islas” individuales.

Este ministerio puede también traer consigo a veces una soledad, por ello necesitamos imbuirnos de Dios. También necesitamos de cada uno como ministros siendo la razón por la que tenemos la oportunidad de encontrarnos varias veces al año. No somos seres humanos o ministros perfectos y obviamente con frecuencia sentimos la necesidad de orar, reflexionar, lanzar estrategias, estudiar y apoyarnos juntos para este a veces complicado apostolado. Recientemente por ejemplo tuvimos la visita del Padre Pedro Arriaga Alarcón SJ, párroco de San Juan Bautista, Chamula, Chiapas. Él vino para acompañarnos en uno de nuestros encuentros de Ministros trayendo consigo una visión única, experiencia y algunos consejos en por ejemplo cómo mejor atender pastoralmente a nuestra población indígena católica en nuestra diócesis.

El respeto, la conservación y el florecimiento de devociones populares hispanas, tradiciones, lengua, sacramentos, sacramentales y la liturgia son muy importantes para nosotros. Cultura no es sólo la lengua (idioma), es mucho más que eso. Es toda una cosmovisión, una forma muy particular de ver las cosas, una forma de relacionarse con la oración, con Dios, la familia, la Iglesia y otros especialmente dentro de la liturgia. Por ejemplo y en mi caso; no importa qué tan bien hable o entienda el inglés, no importa qué tanto entienda o sepa de la cultura católica norteamericana, al final de cuentas mis más íntimas conversaciones con Dios y en la eucaristía sólo encuentran su más profundo significado en la lengua y en la cultura católica en que fui criado.

Los Ministros Hispanos también

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