

Bishop William Francis Medley
and the **Parish Community of St. Stephen Cathedral**
warmly welcome you to join us in this Jubilee Year for the

Dedication of the Altar & Blessing of the Renovated Cathedral

*on Sunday the eighteenth of November,
two thousand twelve at three o'clock in the afternoon*

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Reception to follow at the Owensboro Sportscenter



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The Life Chain

is October 7, 2012, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm on
Frederica Street from the Bypass to Brescia
University. The purpose of the chain is to
join others

across our na-
tion and other nations in prayer to end abortion.
Be one of millions of people participating in this
great event. Signs are available at The Right to
Life office beginning at 2:00 pm the day of the
Life Chain. You may contact the coordinator,
Jennifer Hamilton at 270-903-6322 for more
information or to determine where your Church
will stand.

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YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

*As the inauguration of our
YEAR of FAITH
proclaimed by our
HOLY FATHER POPE BENEDICT XVI,
you are invited to a
CELEBRATION of the
50th ANNIVERSARY
of the
OPENING of the SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL
with a
MASS
celebrated by the*

MOST REV. WILLIAM FRANCIS MEDLEY,
*with Fr. LARRY HOSTETTER as homilist,
at BRESCIA UNIVERSITY,
IMMACULATE HEART of MARY CHAPEL
717 Frederica Street, Owensboro,
on Thursday, October 11, 2012, at Noon*

I believe in one God, the Father
almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, of all things visible and in-
visible. I believe in one Lord Jesus
Christ, the Only Begotten Son of
God, born of the Father before all
ages. God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstan-
tial with the Father, through him
all things were made. For us men
and our salvation he came down
from heaven, and by the Holy
Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man. For our
sake he was crucified under Pon-
tius Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the
third day in accordance with the
Scriptures. He ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living
and the dead and his kingdom will
have no end. I believe in the Holy
Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and
the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets. I believe in one holy,
catholic, and apostolic Church. I
confess one Baptism for the for-
giveness of sins and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.



St. Stephen, pray for us.



History In The Making

Deacon William Sweet and his wife,
Pam, walking together down the aisle
at Holy Spirit Church in Bowling
Green Sept. 15 at the end of Mass. Jim
Creighton Photo

Please turn to Page 10 for more
on this history-in-the-making for our
diocese, the Jubilee Class of Deacons,
the first for our diocese. Also find on
page 10 a special invitation to Western
Kentucky Catholic readers.

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Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

VOTE! It is a citizen's duty! It is a Christian's duty!

My dear friends,

As citizens of a nation that has celebrated more than two centuries of democratic government, one would assume that a national election day would be an occasion of great joy and celebration. As sharers in

a society that has produced the greatest material abundance ever known in human history, we might think that the day we choose our national leaders would present a holiday to mark our national unity.

Yet as Election Day 2012 approaches tens of millions of us will begrudgingly cast a vote without much enthusiasm. Millions more will not even exercise the right and privilege of casting a vote. And still millions more will celebrate that their side has won and should now impose their mandate, their will, on the "losers."

Since 1976 the Catholic Bishops of the United States every four years have issued a call to Catholics to responsible citizenship. The 2007 document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, was reissued in 2011 with an introductory update. A national study has revealed that for the most part American Catholics are not familiar with this document. Maybe bishops, pastors and catechetical leaders have not striven hard enough to make the teachings found in this document known. Maybe increasingly partisan and biased media simply will not tell the story because the story will always

fall short of endorsing one political party over another. While men and women of good will and good intent are proud and enthusiastic bearers of party ideologies, I do not find that either of our major political parties present a totally convincing agenda rooted in Gospel values.

Bishop Richard Pates, the chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace of the U. S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, addressed some political realities in an article in the August 13, 2012 issue of *America* magazine. He notes that one political party "has for at least a half century recognized that government has a legitimate role in helping the poor and vulnerable but these days more often will grab headlines through their efforts to redefine marriage or by trying to determine which church activity is 'religious' or by attempting to force Catholic institutions to provide employee health coverage for sterilizations and contraceptives, including abortion-inducing drugs." Sounds simple. Straightforward

But Bishop Pates then observes that another political party "has for the last fifty years opposed the abortion approving Supreme Court decision and espoused family values but now makes headlines by advocating the slashing of federal programs, including those for the poor, and proposing anti-immigrant legislation." Sounds simple. Straightforward.

By even writing these last sentences I may anger or annoy some voters and as a pastor and shepherd, that is not my intent. Every election year there are calls

for religious leaders to simply condemn specific politicians or parties. And some religious leaders willingly do that. But the Catholic bishops of our nation call for citizens to be informed about all issues and to weigh them carefully in light of the Gospel. And then to vote! All issues are not equal in weight. However we may vote we may feel that we are complicit in some ongoing wrong. Many of us will not feel warm and contented after we have voted because, regardless of which candidate or party wins, there are likely to be vital moral issues decided in a way we find offensive.

Hundreds of millions of the world's people never have an opportunity to express their moral convictions to their governments. Their votes, even if cast, may not really be counted. In the United States of America we have a vote.

On the day after the 2012 elections the media will make much of how the Catholic vote went. Likely the divide will not be wide. We pray that all of these voters will have prayed for God's guidance and informed themselves of Gospel and Church teaching. People on each side will find the results alarming. But one thing I hope we can all agree is alarming is the number of Catholics who will not vote at all.

VOTE! It is a citizen's duty! It is a Christian's duty!

May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

+ William F. Medley

+ Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar for October 2012:

October 11	12:00 p.m.	Inaugural Mass for Year of Faith, Brescia University
October 13	11:00 a.m.	Mass, Ursulines Centennial Celebration, Mount St. Joseph
October 14	10:00 a.m.	125th Anniversary Celebration Mass, Sts. Joseph and Paul, Owensboro
October 15 - 19		Priest Retreat, Mount St. Joseph
October 20	9:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving, Passionist Monastery, Whitesville
	4:00 p.m.	Mass, Family Life Day, Gasper River Youth Camp
October 21	10:30 a.m.	Mass/New Pastor Installation, Fr. Joosa Marydasan, St. Jude, Sacred Heart and St. Edwards @ St. Jude, Clinton
	3:00 p.m.	50th Anniversary Celebration Mass, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Campus Center, Western Kentucky University
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Youth Group Gathering
October 22	9:30 a.m.	Personnel Board Meeting, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
October 23	10:00 a.m.	School Mass, St. Mary Elementary School, Paducah
	12-3:00 p.m.	Paducah Office, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
October 24	11:00 a.m.	Anointing at the Villa, Mount St. Joseph
October 25	8:00 a.m.	School Mass, Sts. Peter & Paul School, Hopkinsville
	2:00 p.m.	Brescia Board Meeting
October 26		Brescia Board Meeting
October 28	8:30 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Mary, LaCenter
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Thomas More, Paducah
October 30	8:00 a.m.	School Mass, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
October 31	8:00 a.m.	School Mass, Christ the King, Madisonville

Catholic Campus Center At WKU Planning Several Events For 50th Anniversary

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - The Catholic Campus Center at Western Kentucky University invites alumni and friends of the church to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the campus ministry.

Campus minister Mary Reding said current students are excited to meet alumni. "Faith is so easy come easy go for people in college, so I think that it will be really cool for this community to see it's roots and to see people who were just as active 25 and 30 years ago," she said.

Visiting with former students will help motivate current students, said the center's director, Fr. Mike Williams. "In this day and age, students need good role models to help them hold onto our Catholic faith during their college years."

Schedule of events for homecoming weekend: Friday, Oct. 19 - Catacombs Event: 7pm-10pm. Saturday, Oct. 20 - Breakfast 9am-11am; Tailgating 11am-2pm; Game: 3pm; Reception 7pm-10pm Sunday, Oct. 21 - Anniversary Mass with Bishop Medley: 3pm.

Fall Women's Retreat Nov. 10-11

"Experiencing God Through Different Forms of Prayer" is the theme of a Nov. 10-11 weekend retreat for women at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The fall women's retreat provides an opportunity for women to relax and enjoy spiritual growth in peaceful surroundings. The retreat directors are Sister Ann McGrew, OSU, and Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU. The fee is \$125 for the retreat, meals and accommodations, or commuters can attend for \$80. Deduct 10% if paid in full by Oct. 10. Contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org. A flyer can be found at www.ursulinesmsj.org under Conference & Retreat Center, then Retreats and Programs.

75th Jubilee Celebration Saturday, December 8, 2012

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
11 a.m. at the Owensboro Sportscenter

Celebration immediately following at the RiverPark Center

Lunch and refreshments

Performances by

Grammy[®]-nominated songwriter Sarah Hart

Josh Blakesley

King's Highway Bluegrass Band

Youth activities

Free tours of the International Bluegrass Music Museum

Open house at St. Stephen Cathedral



Join us **Saturday, December 8, 2012** for a day of worship and fellowship.

The Diocese of Owensboro celebrates its **75th Jubilee** with **Holy Mass** at the Owensboro Sportscenter at 11 a.m.

Immediately following Mass, join us at the RiverPark Center for a nourishing lunch, fun activities for youth, and performances by **King's Highway Bluegrass Band**, **Josh Blakesley**, and Grammy[®]-nominated songwriter **Sarah Hart**.

Enjoy a free tour of the **International Bluegrass Music Museum** and nearby Smothers Park.

In addition, the newly renovated **St. Stephen Cathedral** will host an open house.



A 75th Jubilee Sponsor



Prayer For The Year Of Jubilee

Loving God,
You are the giver of
all good things
and the source of all
strength and life.

As the local church of the
Diocese of Owensboro celebrates 75
years, we pause to acknowledge
your goodness to us
and to give you thanks for your blessings.
We ask forgiveness for our failures.
We beg graces for all challenges.

As we move forward,
we pray for your continued blessings.
May we be like St. Stephen,
a living example of our catholic faith
through proclamation and prayer,
through example and service.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

- composed by Msgr. Bernard Powers

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Diocese Of Owensboro Priest Assignments For 2012, UPDATED 9/4/2012

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PARISH PASTOR

- **Baker, Rev. Jerry:** Pastor of St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville, effective June 12, 2012.
- **Byrd, Rev. Freddie:** Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Morganfield, effective June 12, 2012.
- **Hohman, Rev. Steve:** Pastor of St. Paul Parish, Leitchfield, and St. Elizabeth Parish, Clarkson, effective June 12, 2012
- **Johnson, Rev. Dave:** Pastor of St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly and Sacred Heart Parish, Waverly, effective June 12, 2012.
- **Joseph, Rev. Jojy:** Pastor of Sacred Heart, Russellville, effective June 12, 2012.
- **Marydasan, Rev. Joosa:** Pastor of St. Edward, Fulton, St. Jude, Clinton, and Sacred Heart, Hickman, effective May 21, 2012.
- **Puthenpurackal, Rev. Jegin:** Pastor of St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley, and St. Augustine, Reed, effective May 21, 2012.
- **Willet, Rev. David:** Pastor of St. Denis, Fancy Farm and St. Charles, Bardwell, effective September 4, 2012

PAROCHIAL VICAR

- **Geraci, Rev. Kenneth, CPM:** Parochial Vicar of St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, effective July 16, 2012.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- **Byrd, Rev. Freddie:** Episcopal Vicar to the Blessed John Paul II Catholic School effective June 12, 2012
- **Shonis, Rev. Tony:** Director, Ongoing Formation for Priests effective June 12, 2012.
- **Whistle, Rev. Brad:** Episcopal Vicar to the Owensboro Catholic Schools effective February 1, 2012

Diocese Of Owensboro Assignments For September 2012

Permanent Deacon

- **Adams, Donald:** St. Joseph Parish, Central City
- **Anthony, Tony:** St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg
- **Bach, William:** Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro
- **Bachi, Paul:** St. Mark Parish, Eddyville
- **Barnes, Tim:** Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
- **Beaven, Richard:** Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
- **Clapp, Michael:** St. Joseph Parish, Mayfield
- **Fromm, Victor:** St. Leo Parish, Murray
- **Grant, Bill:** St. Augustine, St. Anthony and St. Benedict Parishes
- **Keyser, Matthew:** Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green
- **Larbes, Terry:** St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah
- **Nugent, Tim:** St. Anthony Parish, Browns Valley
- **Potempa, Randall:** St. Henry Parish, Aurora and St. Stephen Parish, Cadiz
- **Prough, John:** Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson
- **Sweet, William:** Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
- **Tiu, Jaime:** Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson
- **Torson, Thomas:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Oak Grove
- **Wiedemer, Michael:** St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg

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OWENSBORO DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Discipleship: Are you fully trained?


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“When fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.”
-Luke 6:40

Brian Greenfield



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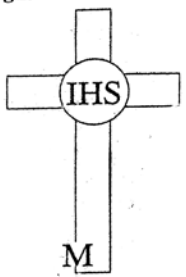
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WATCH THE "PAULY" PROMOTIONAL VIDEO AT
<http://youtu.be/45pveoDoavg>

22nd DIOCESAN MARIAN CONGRESS

Sunday, October 28, 2012, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Diocesan Marian Shrine, Located at St. Joseph's Catholic Church,
434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY
Theme: Do as He tells you; Speaker: Dr. Peggy Wright

Welcome, Crowning of Statue of Mary, Meditation (at the Parish Center)
Congress Speaker
Refreshments, Display of Religious Articles, Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Our Lady of Fatima Statue procession
with the Knights of Columbus as Porters, Rosary, Hymn
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Homily (in the Sanctuary)
Eucharistic Procession with Blessing of the Sick,
and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Confessions are heard throughout the Congress.

Please remember us for pilgrimages!
Everyone is welcome.

For More Information: Call Lesa Dill @ 270-782-6751 or Email: lesa.dill@wku.edu


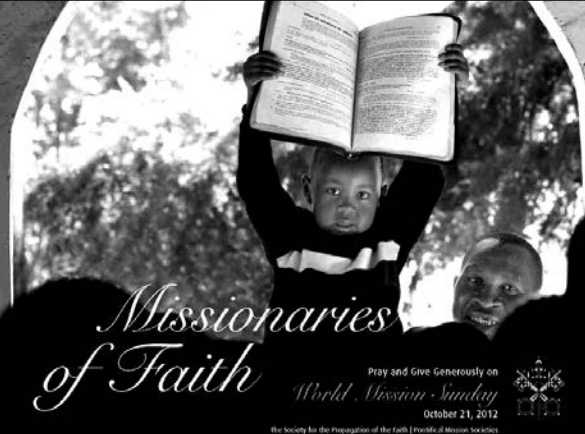
Diocesan Review Board Members Ready to Respond to Calls

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.

World Mission Sunday October 21, 2012

Mission Sunday is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

Missionaries of Faith

Pray and Give Generously on
World Mission Sunday
October 21, 2012

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith | Friends of Mission Societies

A Reader Writes ...

Western Kentucky Catholic Brings a Sense of Home

Dear Editor,

Since leaving the Diocese of Owensboro in 1996 to live and work in Eastern Kentucky, my family and I have missed the closeness of the faith community of Western Kentucky. While we belong to an active, caring and supportive parish, we miss the broader community there, especially the faith sharing and vibrancy of the diocese united.

Every month we receive The Western Kentucky Catholic. The layout of the newspaper, the focus on individual communities, and the stories by and about the many faith filled individuals in those communities (both laity and religious), allow us to remain a part of that tradition of faith in action. The magazine brings us joy and a sense of "home" with each issue.

Thanks for your good work.
- Dennis Jacobs, Berea, Kentucky

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

St. Anthony Parish was established in 1902. Mass was offered in the homes of parishioners until a church was built in 1903. The first pastor, Father Aloysius Meyering, lived in the church sacristy and took his meals with parishioners until a rectory was constructed in 1904. The parish school opened in 1912 and was staffed by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph. From approximately 1918 until 1926 the school included a high school. St. Anthony Grade School closed in 1966 due to lack of available sisters.

In 1923, a grotto was dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. For approximately thirty years May Processions were led to the grotto for Marian devotions. The grotto gradually deteriorated and was closed. Since its beginning the parishioners of St. Anthony held annual picnics for the support of the



parish. Often during the 1940s neighboring musicians would provide music for the affair. Fire destroyed the frame church in 1931. A new church was constructed with the intention of having a basement under the first floor of the church. Plans went awry and the basement became the church, dedicated on May 31, 1934. Our first parish council was established in the 1970s. Around that time

a new air-conditioned parish hall was constructed for parish activities.

Many descendants of the original families continue to reside in Browns Valley and attend St. Anthony's Church. Farming remains a prevalent occupation and much of the parish's acreage continues to be productive farm land. Over the 110 years of St. Anthony's existence, the church community has given several of its children to the priesthood and religious life.

St. Anthony Parish, 261 St. Anthony Rd., Utica, KY 42376-9730. Phone: 270-733-4341

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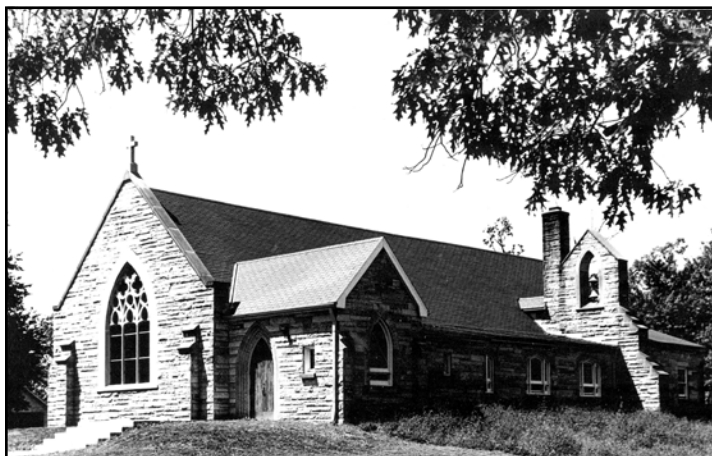
Mass Schedule
Saturday: 6 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.



St. Augustine, Reed

The parish of St. Augustine was founded in 1896. The first church that served the congregation was destroyed in a fire in 1916 and the second church was built and dedicated the next year. A parochial school was added in 1922, taught by the Dominican Nuns of St. Catharine, Ky. When the school closed in 1964 the students were transferred to St. Peter in Stanley. When the second church burned in 1944, the parish worshiped in the school basement for four years until a larger, beautiful church was built.

St. Augustine is a blessed parish with



sixty families and the dedication of its pastor and parishioners.

St. Augustine Parish
 16777 St. Augustine Church Rd.
 Reed, KY 42451
 270-764-1983

<http://www.stpeterandstaugustine.com/>

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Feb, April, June,
Aug, Oct, and Dec
Sunday: 8 a.m.

Benedictine Hills youth pilgrimage planned for October 13

The men's and women's Benedictine communities of Monastery Immaculate Conception and Saint Meinrad Archabbey are co-sponsoring a youth pilgrimage to take place the afternoon of Saturday, October 13, 2012.

The day's events will begin at 1 p.m. (EDT) at the monastery church of Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, IN. Following a brief prayer for pilgrims, the group will walk the six miles along country roads to Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN, stopping along the way at Monte Cassino Shrine for prayer and rest.

Pilgrims will arrive at the Archabbey Church at Saint Meinrad for Vespers at 5 p.m. (CDT), followed by a cookout with members of both monastic communities.

The Benedictine Hills pilgrimage is open to parish youth groups, campus ministry groups or Newman Cen-

ter communities, as well as individuals who wish to join the walk. Groups are encouraged to bring a banner or standard to walk with and to use in the procession into the Archabbey Church. Awards will be given for the most creative standards.

The cost is \$7 per pilgrim (to be collected upon arrival) to cover the cost of supper. Participants are asked to bring comfortable walking shoes, snacks or bottled water for the walk, sunglasses, sunscreen, and warm or cool clothes, depending on the weather.

Pilgrims are asked to register at www.saintmeinrad.org/youth-pilgrimage/ and to check the website in case of rain.

New Liturgical Music Training Ministry

Three parishes in Breckinridge County have created a new liturgical music training ministry. The purpose is to increase awareness of liturgical music and to foster the development of promising music students.

St. Romuald, St. Rose of Lima and Holy Guardian Angel parishes have joined together to connect local students who demonstrate skills and interest in music with the richness of liturgical music. Currently 9 students have been accepted into the tutorial program. To be accepted students must audition, demonstrate sincerity and sign a learning contract.

Vocal tutors include Allison Mattingly and Kathy Tabor. Students currently enrolled in the program are vocal students. Students must participate at least two times in the semester in liturgies of their respective parishes.

P. J. O'Donoghue is the musical consultant to this ministry. He is a renowned organist, cantor and director. Students in the inaugural class of liturgical music formation include Sadie Carwile, Anna Flood, Autumn Siler, Olivia Howard, Cameron Howard, Amelia Barr, Jamie Galloway, and Sarah Richards.

6 October, 2012

St. Denis, Fancy Farm

St. Denis Catholic Church was the first Catholic Church in Hickman County. It is located between the small towns of Dublin, Graves County and Beulah, Hickman County. The church was dedicated in October 1914 and named after Bishop Denis O'Donoghue, of the Diocese of Louisville of which we were members at that time. In 1921 St. Denis was able to complete its school and Ursuline Sisters came to teach. A small rectory was built at St. Denis in 1926 where the priest resided until 1948. At that time, the rectory was sold and the priest took up residence at St. Jerome's in Fancy Farm. The school



closed in 1963 due to lack of teachers. Over the years, the parish outgrew the little white church so a new church was built. On May 30, 1982, the new church was dedicated at the same location and in November 1987, after the old school was also demolished, a new parish center was dedicated by Bishop John J. McRaith. St. Denis has been blessed with many wonderful priests and sisters. We are thankful for their dedication to us.

St. Denis Parish
2758 Highway 1748 West
Fancy Farm, KY 42039
270-642-2586

http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=122

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 8 a.m.



St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson

The Eucharist was first celebrated in the Upper Room---Father Andrew Zoeller's rented room above Helen Kelleher's store, where the Bank of Clarkson today stands. In 1906, when Father Anthony Helling arrived, a new church was built. On Christmas Day 1906, the church was dedicated. In 1910 a school was built which served sixty to seventy students. Although Father DeNardi moved his residence to St. Paul in 1944 and the school closed, St. Elizabeth has continued its presence in Clarkson.



work. In 2004, the project was completed with the addition of a parish hall with classrooms.

Still in use are the original stained glass windows, the main altar, and one of the original bells is in front of the church. The pews in the new church were previously used by worshippers at the Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville. New to the church is a large crucifix with a cross made locally and a corpus painted by a parishioner. Another gift was a newly crafted altar and pulpit.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
306 Clifty Avenue
Clarkson, KY 42726
270-242-7436

http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=125

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

After years worshipping in a drafty building literally tilting on its foundation, a new church with a kitchen, classrooms,

and chapel was built, dedicated on January 19, 1992. Great pride is taken in that parishioners did much of the planning and construction

A Labor Of Love

During Labor Day weekend Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU, Sr. Monica Seaton, OSU, Jeff and Charlotte Hedges went to Memphis, TN to visit Sr. Jacinta Powers, OSU, whose parish, St. Patrick, prepares a meal every Sunday to distribute to the homeless. This picture was taken by Sr. Monica Seaton of the group after they had bagged up cornbread for distribution. Seated at left is Stephanie Kasper, a sophomore at Rhodes College and majoring in Social Work. At back beside Sr. Jacinta is Sister Phillpa Chen a Sister of the Holy Spirit from China. Sr. Jacinta said, "Every Sunday Saint Patrick parish prepares a meal for the homeless in the local area. We fix for around 200 people....if more show up, God seems to multiple it." Photo by Sister Monica Seaton, OSU.



Editor's Note: Just as this little group of friends and acquaintances did, other groups within the Diocese of Owensboro are working together with their time, talents, and resources to help others who need to feel Christian love and community support. As

Arise/Levitate begins in the parishes of the diocese, many small groups will be getting more involved in a service projects like this one.

The Western Kentucky Catholic invites all to send in pictures and a brief account of the picture's story for consideration in the next Western Kentucky Catholic. Send pictures and texts to Mel.Howard@pastoral.org



St. Joseph, Central City

Our parish has roots that go back to the late 1800s. Tradition in our parish community tells us that coal mining was and is even so today a major industry that attracted men to the area. There was a spiritual need for the

few Catholics present in Muhlenburg County, and the Bishop of Louisville sent Father M.F. Medley from St. Joseph Parish in Leitchfield to provide occasional Masses and Sacraments. The first resident pastor in Central City was Father Martin O'Connor (1892-1900). Beginning with him and down the years, Catholics have been given spiritual service by twenty-one pastors. The present pastor is Father Benjamin Luther, who arrived in 2001.

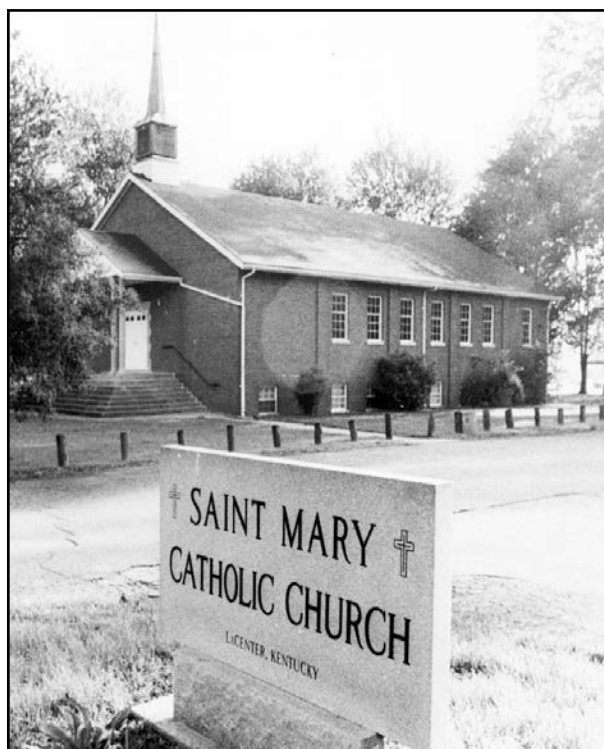
The Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph taught the elementary school grades for decades. Several houses served as school buildings. A brick building was erected in 1969. Several years later, the school was served by lay teachers, and then closed.

At present, St. Joseph's Parish in Central City consists of 250 parishioners and is a very active spiritual community, the sole Catholic Church in Muhlenburg County.

St. Joseph Parish
113 South Third Street
Central City, KY 42330
270-754-1164

http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=134

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



St. Mary, LaCenter

On November 24, 1907 Bishop William George McCloskey dedicated the church of St. Mary of the Fields. A new, brick building was constructed in 1956 and dedicated by Bishop Francis Cotton on November 5. LaCenter is at the center of Ballard County, serving a Catholic population of 2-4 percent of the total county population.

The parish of St. Mary is a believing, loving, and faith-filled Roman Catholic community. The parish and pastoral team of St. Mary are called to live Christ's invitation to proclaim the Good News. Drawing strength from the Eucharist and our dependence upon the Holy Spirit, we strive to support the faith that is present, educate our children in the faith, and reach out in welcome to all those in need of God's love.

St. Mary Parish
624 Broadway
LaCenter, KY 42056
270-665-5551

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

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Ellen Moran, Ph.d. To Speak At Victorious Missionaries' National Conference

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 - SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 21 at NATIONAL SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

The Victorious Missionaries, a group that offers spiritual support for people with disabilities, will hold their National Conference at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors and Conference Center, in Belleville, Ill. The weekend begins with dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday, October 19, and ends with lunch on Sunday, October 21, 2012.

The keynote speaker, Ellen Moran, PhD, is a psychologist, speaker and leadership coach. Ellen will talk about "A Channel of Your Peace: Faith-Based Leadership Skills." This conference will help you learn how to improve your communication skills by understanding the motivations behind everyday conversations. Learn ways to create conversations that unite rather than divide and build bridges not barriers.

Cost for the weekend is \$150, which includes six meals, two nights lodging, snacks and handouts. If you choose to commute, the cost is \$115. The cost for both Saturday and Sunday is \$90; for Saturday only \$65 (includes lunch & dinner). Pre-registration is required.

The Victorious Missionaries has been a ministry of the Missionary Oblates since its founding in 1964. To learn more or to register for this program, call the VM National Office at 618-394-6281 or from St. Louis, 314-241-3400, Ext. 6281 (Voice & TTY). A printable registration form is available online at www.vmus.org.

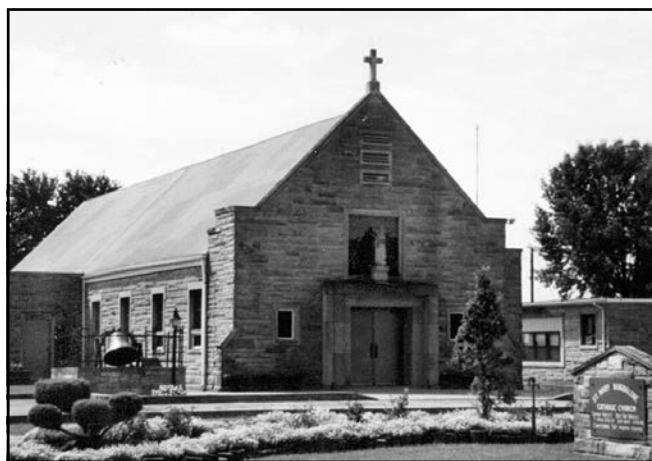
"Mary and Prayer" focus of Oct. 20-21 Marian Retreat

"Mary and Prayer" is the focus of an Oct. 20-21 Marian Retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Pope John Paul II frequently spoke of the need to pray and called the faithful to "rediscover the art of prayer." Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers, the retreat will focus on the Blessed Mother and will include opportunities for solitude and communal prayer and the Eucharist. Retreat begins Saturday at 9 a.m. and ends Sunday at 2 p.m. Retreat fee is \$125 for residents or \$80 for commuters. Contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org. Find a flyer online at www.ursulinesmsj.org under Conference and Retreat Center.

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

In the early 20th century, Saint Mary Magdalene Parish was begun, initially from some of the families who attended St. Elizabeth, St. Raphael, St. Martin, and St. Peter Churches of western Daviess County. Work on the first church building, a wooden frame structure on a one-acre tract, began in the fall of 1907. On June 27, 1908, the church was dedicated. It was a mission parish of St. Elizabeth, eventually becoming the largest mission church in the Owensboro diocese (in the 1960's). In 1928, it was placed under St. Augustine, as a mission church. Electric lights were installed in 1938.

During the next decade, World War II stalled plans for a new church building, but on January 27, 1949, Bishop Cotton dedicated the new church, built of "Saint Meinrad" stone. In 1963, some parish families were "reassigned" to the new parish of Precious Blood, but St. Mary Magdalene continued to grow. By this time, the parish school, which began in 1952, was at its enrollment peak of 134 stu-



dents. It was also the mid-1960's before the rectory was built and the parish had a resident priest on site. 1975 was the year the parish hall was built, and in 1984 the church was remodeled.

In May 1988, the last 8th grade graduated from St. Mary Magdalene School. That fall, the school reopened as Holy

Saint Peter of Antioch, Waverly

St. Peter of Antioch was the fifth Catholic Parish founded in Union County. The town of Waverly having a railroad station made it a logical place for a Catholic Church. The site, containing four acres was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. John S. Payne for the sum of \$400. Bishop O'Donaghue (Bishop of Louisville) appointed Fr. Peter J. McNeil as the first pastor. Fr. McNeil arrived by railroad from Fancy Farm on Feb. 7, 1909 to take on the duties of establishing a new parish. He had with him only a chalice, a suitcase, and God's grace. The first Sunday Mass was celebrated on Feb 14, 1909 in the old Pike Store on Main Street. For several months an old piano crate served as an altar and vestment were borrowed from St. Agnes Parish in Uniontown.

Fr. McNeil visited all the parishioners in their homes to make their acquaintance and to secure financial pledges to construct a new church. Under his leadership three buildings were constructed very quickly: a two story structure for a church and school, a convent for the sisters, and a rectory for the priest. The total cost of the project was \$20,000 with an additional \$10,000 for the furnishings. Each family was asked to build their own pews. The first Mass in the new church was scheduled for Easter Sunday, March 27, 1910. Dedication and blessing of the new church of Saint Peter of Antioch was October 12, 1910. Bishop O'Donaghue was not able to be present so the blessing and dedication was done by Fr. J.P. Cronink, V.G. Father Fitzgerald gave the homily.

A fire completely destroyed the church in the early hours of February 7, 1923. Nothing from the



school or the church was saved, but by God's grace and the hard work of many people the rectory and convent was saved

Angels School, incorporating students from several rural parishes. By 1994, the school moved to a new location and the former school building became the parish Center we have today. In February of 1999, Bishop McRaitth rededicated the present stone church for its 50th Anniversary. The parish cemetery was established in 2004. St. Mary Magdalene Parish celebrated 100 years in February of 2008. Among the present 200+ families of the parish are descendants of some of the families who were here when the parish began over a century ago. As western Daviess County grows, so does this Catholic Community, so deeply rooted by those first faithful, and hard-working people.



St. Mary Magdalene Parish
7232 KY 56
Owensboro, KY 42301
270-771-4436

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

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

from the fire. It was quickly determined that the church must be rebuilt. Bishop Floersh dedicated and blessed the new church of Saint Peter of Antioch on August 5, 1924.

Although many things have come and gone with the winds of time, St. Peter's in Waverly still is home for the faithful on the northern section of Union County. In the summer of 2010 Bishop Medley celebrated a Mass thanking Almighty God for 100 years of Catholic faith in Waverly, Kentucky.

St. Peter of Antioch Parish
201 E. Market Street
Waverly, KY 42462-2037
270-389-4224

http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=152

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.

“Come and See” Saturday, Oct. 20

Young adult Catholic women are invited to “Come and See” and become more acquainted with the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. The day will include prayer, learning about Saint Angela Merici, hearing from the sisters, small group conversation, and personal reflection. Location: Ursuline Motherhouse and Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Lunch is provided. There is no cost to attend. Contact Sister Martha Keller at 270-229-4103 ext. 212 or martha.keller@maplemount.org. A flyer can be found online at www.ursulinesmsj.org under Become a Sister.

Diocesan Schools Office Congratulates Doris Waldeck For Outstanding Catholic Education Career

"When you give of yourself to a cause that serves God and His people, blessings are returned to you a thousand fold, and more." Fr. Ted Hesburgh, President Emeritus, University of Notre Dame

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On August 21, 2012, Bishop William Medley invited Doris Waldeck to attend a diocesan staff meeting in the Catholic Pastoral Center for an announcement of an "Outstanding Service Award" given her by the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office recognizing her 31 years of service to Catholic Education.

Doris Waldeck began her Catholic Education career as a teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School, Owensboro on August, 1964. From August, 1967 to May, 1977, Doris was a teacher in the South Spencer School Corporation, Rockport, In. She was a substitute teacher from May, 1977 until August, 1980 when she started as a teacher at Immaculate Grade School in Owensboro, serving there until August, 1981. In August, 1982, Doris began teaching at St. Mary of the Woods School in Whitesville until May, 1989. In July, 1989, she was appointed Principal of Catherine Spalding Elementary School in Owensboro until May, 1995. From August, 1995 to May, 1999, Doris was Principal of St. Romuald School, Hardinsburg. From 2005 to 2012, Doris was the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for the Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools.

Diocesan Superintendent of Schools Jim Mattingly addressed the Bishop and the diocesan staff about Doris' outstanding career in Catholic Education, and gave her a plaque recognizing her service as a Catholic educator. Mr. Mattingly's statement follows:

"At this time, I would like to thank Doris Waldeck for her tireless work and dedication to Catholic Education in our diocese. She has given of herself totally - to this cause that serves God and His people. Doris has given when times are good, and has also given when times are tough. Doris has given when she had lots of support around her, but she also has given when called to do the right thing

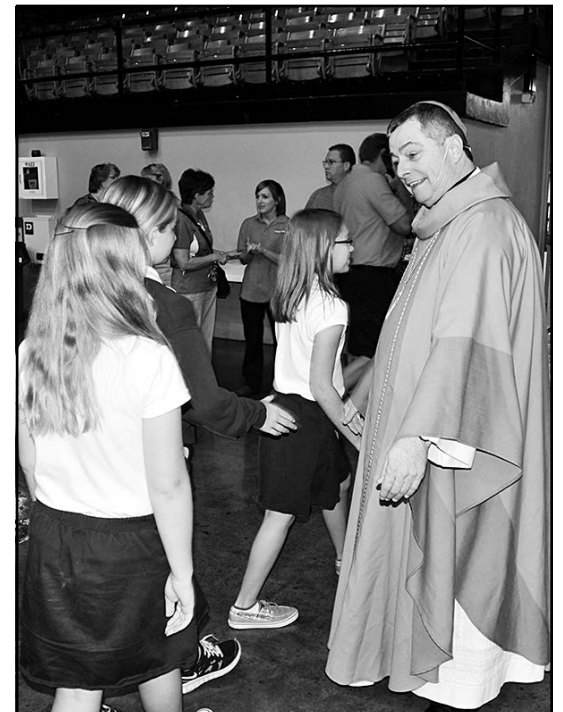


Diocesan Superintendent of Schools Mr. Jim Mattingly gave Doris Waldeck an Outstanding Service Award from the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office recognizing her 31 years of service in Catholic Education. Mel Howard Photo

even when it was far from being the easy thing to do. She has given throughout the 1960s, the 1970s, the 1980s, the 1990s, and the first decade of the 2000s. She has touched thousands of lives in a positive way during that time, and her contributions will live through many generations. She has given of herself in a humble manner - always reluctant to take credit, always anxious to give those around her all kinds of credit. And Doris would be the first to tell you that she feels like she has already experienced blessings returned a thousand fold. But it is my hope and I am confident that I speak for everyone here - that countless blessings continue to come your way, as the multiplying effect of your contributions to Catholic Education manifest themselves in the years to come. Congratulations on your outstanding career, and my eternal thanks for all you have done."

Owensboro Catholic System All School Mass

On Sept. 6, 2012, an all OCS System Mass was celebrated in the Sportscenter. Over 1,400 OCS students and their teachers, with some parents and grandparents gathered as a Catholic School System community to thank God for the special partnership between parish, family and school that allows Catholic Schools to work each day to fulfill the OCS Mission and the Mission of the Church. Bishop William Medley presided and spoke to the school community, "When we ask Jesus for something, we get more than we need!" Bishop Medley encouraged the students to be among those "who carry the Good News."



10 October, 2012 18 Ordained To Diaconate for Diocese of Owensboro Sept. 15

By Mel Howard

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - A page in the history of the Diocese of Owensboro was written here Sept. 15, 2012 in Holy Spirit Catholic Church as Bishop William Medley ordained to the order of Deacon 18 men who will serve in 18 parishes in the diocese. These ordinations were made possible in our time by the Second Vatican Council fifty years ago. As the Diocese of Owensboro is celebrating our 75th Anniversary in this year and next, Bishop Medley referred to these 18 men as "the Jubilee Class of Deacons." In his welcoming of the people for the Mass, Bishop Medley spoke about whose hands collaborated to make this day possible in our diocese: God, who gave these men a call to ordination, the bishops of Vatican II, Bishop John McRaith, St Meinrad School of Theology, the families of the men, and Father John Thomas who directs the Permanent Deacon program for the Diocese.

People were gathering at Holy Spirit Church for the Ordination Mass and celebration hours before it began. An electric atmosphere of celebration was all around the church parking lot, vestibule, parish hall, worship space, hall ways, and especially in the room where the 18 men vested. These men were ready to celebrate! Their wives and family members caught up the spirit; the morning was much like a wedding celebration, smiles all around, a few jitters, straightening of collars, albs, hair, and lots of hugs and congratulations, shaking hands, even some quiet moments of people reflecting on what was about to happen.

The music for the Ordination Mass was uplifting and professionally led; the whole assembly joined in enthusiastic singing with instrumental accompaniment and the cantors' singing. Presiders and the assembly acclaim music as helping all worship in spirit, song and prayer.

Diocesan Director of the Office of Music, Mike Bogdan, directed the music for the Mass. The choir was made up of choir members from Holy Spirit, Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, St. Mary Magdalen in Sorgho, and friends of the deacons from other parishes. The psalmist was Luci Barnett from Sts. Peter and Paul. Gary Weilege played guitar, Guy LaRouche played bass, and Dana Gensler played piano (all from Holy Spirit Church). Chuck Bolton from Holy Spirit played the prelude and postlude piano music. Debbie Lutterbach from Evansville (a friend of one of the deacons) led the Gospel Acclamation. Luci Barnett and Jacob



Fr. John Thomas, left front, and Bishop William Medley, center front, standing with the 18 new Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Owensboro Sept. 15 in Holy Spirit Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Those ordained are Donald R. Adams, Anthony D. Anthony, William G. Bach, Paul R. Bachi, Timothy D. Barnes, Richard J. Beaven, Michael L. Clapp, Victor A. Fromm, William W. Grant, C. Matthew Keyser, Terence H. Larbes, Timothy Nugent, Randall E. Potempa, John J. Prough, William E. Sweet, Jaime Bon T. Tiu, Thomas H. Torson, and Michael J. Wiedemer. Mel Howard Photo

Hein led the Litany of Saints, which included the names of the patron saints of the deacons' parishes. Jacob Hein, Music Director of St. Mary Magdalen in Sorgho, also played the trumpet. Brett Ballard, Music Director of Blessed Mother Church in Owensboro, played percussion.

One of the new deacons is a member of a musical group at Holy Spirit, called the "Brothers in Christ." The small men's group who led the music for a couple of pieces are members of the "Brothers."

The church was filled with visiting deacons, priests, and a visiting Bishop, Msgr. Felix Lian Khen Thang, Bishop of Kalay diocese. Bishop-emeritus of the Diocese of Owensboro, John J McRaith, was present on the altar and recognized by Bishop Medley as the Bishop who actually began the planning for a Permanent Deacon Program for the Diocese of Owensboro. Women Religious, the wives and families of the deacons, and many other friends and family celebrated with the Jubilee Class of Deacons. One of the most photographed diocesan events in recent memory, it seemed that almost everyone of the families had a camera taking pictures, as did many other guests.

Bishop Medley helped all place in perspective what was happening to these 18 men this day in Bowling Green in his homily, beginning with how the diaconate was reinstated by the Second Vatican Council 50 years ago. He said, "The council emphatically stated that holiness is what the church is all about, what human life is about. You are called then to personal holiness – you are called to be instruments of transforming the church, the People of God, in holiness. Likewise a priority of the council was to strive for the unity of Christians. This was one of the council's priorities because it is the will, the mind, and the heart of Christ, "That all may be one.""

Bishop Medley advised the 18 candidates, "Don't forget the path by which Christ has called you." He then reflected more on that personal call to holiness and the duties of a Deacon:

"But all of us must grow in awareness of the call to holiness. We must reflect upon the ministry to which they are promoted today. They will draw new strength from the gift of the Holy Spirit. They will help the bishop and his body of priests as a minister of the word, of the altar, and of charity. He will make himself a servant of all. As a minister of the altar he will proclaim the Gospel, prepare the sacrifice, and give the Lord's body and blood to the community of believers.

"It will also be their duty to bring God's word to believer and unbeliever alike, to

preside over public prayer, to baptize, to assist at marriages and bless them, to give viaticum to the dying, and to lead the rites of burial. Once they are consecrated by the laying on of hands that comes to us from the apostles and is bound more closely to the altar, they will perform works of charity in the name of the bishop or the pastor. From the way they go about these duties, may we recognize them as disciples of Jesus, who came to serve, not to be served."

"Men," the bishop continued, "you are being raised to the order of deacons. The Lord has set an example for you to follow. As deacons you will serve Jesus Christ, who was known among his disciples as the one who served others. Do the will of God generously. Serve God and mankind in love and joy. Look upon all unchastity and avarice as worship of false gods; for no man can serve two masters.

"Like the men the apostles chose for works of charity, you must be men of good reputation, filled with wisdom and the Holy Spirit. Show before God and humanity that you are above every suspicion of blame, true ministers of Christ and of God's mysteries, men firmly rooted in faith. Never turn away from the hope which the Gospel offers; now you must not only listen to God's word but also preach it. Hold the mystery of faith with a clear conscience. Express in action what you proclaim by word of mouth. Then the people of Christ, brought to life by the Spirit, will be an offering God accepts. Finally, on the last day, when you go to meet the Lord, you will hear Him say: 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'

"When the laying on of hands is complete, and the prayer of consecration recited, when stoles and dalmatics fit naturally, when you have first proclaimed the Gospel to God's people and preached it, when you have baptized and witnessed marriages, when the poor are richer because you love them, remember this call to Christ-like humility — you have been called to serve and not to be served."

Editor's Note: Later editions of the Western Kentucky Catholic can show more pictures from this great day, and photos will also be available for viewing on the diocesan website, www.rcdok.org. WKC readers are invited to join this conversation in upcoming editions by sending in your letters about our new Permanent Deacons as well as your pictures from their ordination day or their service in your parish. Send pictures and letters to Mel.Howard@pastoral.org

Summer 2012 Camp Review

By Ben Warrell

Each summer at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp seems to get bigger and better than the last! God does amazing things in our lives when we are deliberate about being with Him. When we unplug-turn off the TV, computer and all our little hand held communication devices-we can connect with God in amazing ways! When we go to daily mass and celebrate the Sacraments, pray first and last thing of each day and as many times as we can in between, we see God at work in our lives!

At the end of each summer, we get tons of emails and Facebook messages from campers, parents and grandparents. Here is a sampling of what we received



this summer. We are indeed blessed with a wonderful ministry here at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp!

"I just want to say THANK YOU for your amazing camp. This was our daughter's 5th year and it just gets better. I see her grow spiritually and emotionally. AND she loves it more each year! THANK YOU AGAIN!"

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your wonderful ministry to the youth of our diocese. You have made such a difference in my daughter's life! She had an amazing experience at Quest II. And while she loved the outdoor activities, the songs and the games, it's the religious experiences that she talks about the most. She can't stop smiling and she is full of God's peace and love. May God bless each of you for the good work you do!

A BIG shout out to the staff of Camp Quest II!! This was my daughter's first experience at Gasper and she had an absolutely amazing time!! She has not stopped complimenting the environment, the activities, and most of all THE STAFF!! Thank you for taking time to organize and work this camp. She is already talking about next summer. Faith, Friends, and Fun... what a great opportunity for our youth!!

My daughter is home from camp and



as always had a fabulous time! As we ate lunch and she told us about her week, she shared a little special tidbit of information with us...she said "I don't know why, but the Eucharist seems to taste better at Gasper River!" Personally I think its the camp counselors and all involved at this fabulous camp, we are so blessed to have, that makes the taste of God she received all week even sweeter! Thank you all for helping her see that loving God openly makes life even sweeter.

"I just brought my daughter home today from Expedition. She talked on and on about feeling the presence of God there and how she can't wait to go to mass! She wants to start coming with me during the week :) Thank you all so much for inspiring her to appreciate and grow in her Faith."

"We are so blessed to have such a great facility for our children and families to enjoy!"

"Thanks to all the counselors & workers at Gasper River for making Camp LIFE 1 so great, my granddaughter had a wonderful "3rd" year at camp. Most of all, thank GOD."

"I saw a t-shirt in the lodge when picking up my daughter, 'what happens here better not stay here.' My daughter says to me, 'Mom, I learned a bible verse, 'Rejoice always. I shall say it again, Rejoice."

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Today, as I had a hectic Saturday on 'my day off' I repeated to myself, "Rejoice Always." When my 8 year-old was fussing (as she often does lately) I said, 'No, no. We will Rejoice always. We have a great and awesome God.' It settled her right away. So, yeah... What happened there didn't stay there. Pass it on!"

"I had one of the best experiences of my life here! Everyone went into the week

as strangers and we ended the week as family. It changed my life and helped me grow in my faith."

"My granddaughter had another FANTASTIC week at camp! She'd actually like to live there! Thanks again Gasper River for your faith filled guidance for our children! See you next year!"

"Thanks for your commitment to strengthening our children's relationship to God!"

"My son had a great time and my daughter would love to come and stay with you all the whole summer! Ha ha. We are so thankful for the camp and the staff!"

"Thanks to everyone! My grandson had a great time!"

"Thank you!!! My daughter can't stop talking about it. She had such a wonderful time full of enrichment."

"I had a wonderful week last week! Thank you so much!"

"Thank you for a great week!"

"Thank you for being here for me,. You all have been an inspiration to me and many others. You have helped me learn more about my faith and how I can always go deeper into my faith. You have taught me that God would never give me anything I couldn't handle. Thank you again for being an inspiration and helping me learn more about my faith! ☺"

"I had an awesome time at Gasper River. Keep up the good work ☺"

"I can't believe how much closer seven short days can bring you to God and about thirty complete strangers! I can honestly say you guys are my best friends because I came to know you through Christ:) Love and miss you all! Never lose the faith you found at camp!

"This camp is truly blessed by God



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and by the way we love him we shall never forget what we did there:)"

"I just wanted to say THANK YOU ALL! You guys make me feel loved and important and I love you all! Never forget how amazing each and every one of you are!"

"I just wanted to say thanks to you guys I felt so loved up there and like I had people to lean on it was one of the best weeks ever I miss y'all so much and the love and support from you guys are amazing and made me feel so special. Thank you guys again and remember I love and miss you guys!"

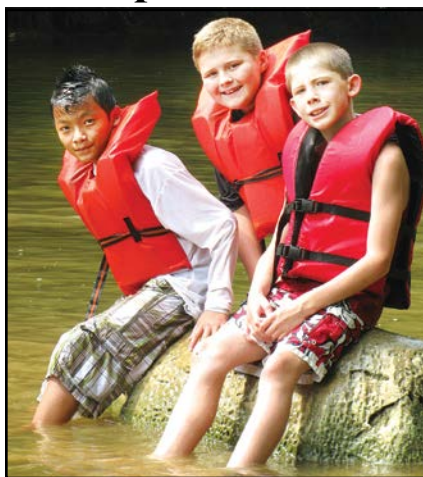
"And Love Will Hold Us Together. (: Been Stuck In My Head All Day! Reminds Me Of You Guys!♥"

"Has anyone watched their DVD of pictures yet??? I have been for the past hour and still didn't get through them all!!!! Such great joy!!!! :) I love all you guys! ♥"

"Hey guys! Today is our first day apart. This is where it begins. Go out and show everyone what the 'real world' really is. Start with little steps and simple show God's love to everyone. I promise it will make a difference in at least one person's life. I know that all of you made a difference in mine. Whether any of us meet again or not, remember that we all have the same God and we can all stay connected through him. I will pray that all of you succeed in life and you never let God's fire stop burning in your hearts. God bless, everyone."

"Thank you all for an amazing week. I am definitely not the same man I was on Sunday. Keep in touch because as we have learned, we need community. Struggles are better overcome together. Love you all, God bless."

"This was my first year at camp and every single one of you made me feel welcome. Seriously, thanks guys. If anyone



needs me, just hit me up. I'm always available and would love to help you guys out as much as you helped me. Much Love to all."

"This past week was a blessing for me. I've never had such an amazing time with such an amazing group of people.

Gaspar has helped me to grow in my faith and has allowed me to make many amazing new friends. Remember to rejoice in the God's name and spread his glory for everyone to see!"

"That was the best week of my life! Thank you guys so much for making me feel welcome at my first time a camp. I grew in my faith so much this past week, and I just want to thank everyone who made it possible and to those who helped me stretch myself this week."

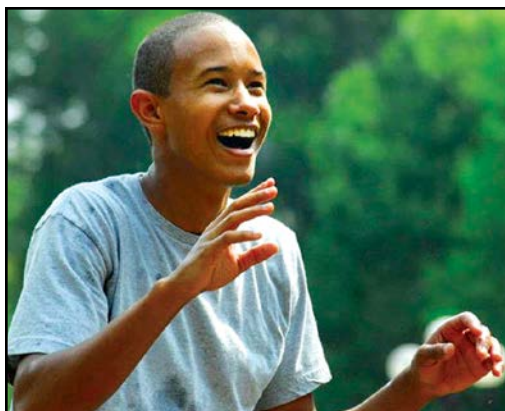
"Thanks guys for an amazing week. I now understand what God wants me to do with my life. I couldn't have done that without your support. Thanks for making my last camp the best ever!!!"

"I just wanna say that everybody at camp was awesome, and I love you all! Camp changed my life, and really brought me back to the Eucharist."

"Think about you guys all the time. it feels weird not seeing everyone everyday."

"I just wanted to say thank you to everyone because you all changed my life in so many ways and I am so thankful for that, not only that but I also made some great friends and I love every one of you. So once again thank you!"

"We are so honored to be able to physically receive Jesus every time we go to Mass. No other faith can experience this. It is great to be Catholic."



Reflection Days of Prayer

On the first Friday of almost every month, there is a Reflection Day of Prayer at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The theme for the Sept. 7 reflection was "Women in the Early Church." These reflections and prayers take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and are open to anyone who wishes to attend. The cost is \$15, which includes lunch. The next Reflection Day is Oct. 5, on "Mary in the Gospels," followed by "Spectacular Women" on Nov. 2 and the conclusion of "Spectacular Women" on Dec. 7.

In the photo at right, Barbara Schnapf, center, and Bonnie Burns, right, both from Christ the King Parish in Madisonville, study their scripture as Sister Ann McGrew, left, leads a discussion on "Women in the Early Church" in the spiritual direction room at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on Sept. 7. These "Reflection Days of Prayer" normally take place on the first Friday of the month and are led by Sister Ann, the director of the Center. MSJ Photo



St. Agnes Parish & KofC Picnic & Homecoming, Uniontown

On Saturday, September 8, St. Agnes Parish and the Knights of Columbus, Uniontown, held its annual and highly popular picnic and homecoming. With nearly perfect weather as a backdrop, a huge crowd was on hand. Over 570 dinner tickets were sold with hundreds of other hungry folks filing through the sandwich/pound stand to partake of the over 7,000 pounds of delicious mutton and pork barbecued to perfection on open pits. Besides the food and beverages, many forms of entertainment were offered, keeping the large and happy crowd intact up until after the 9:00 gift raffles. Amazingly, by the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass the following morning, one would never know anything had taken place on the picturesque church grounds the night before, as devoted parishioners cleaned and manicured the grounds to perfection, no doubt eagerly looking forward to next year and another successful picnic and homecoming. Submitted by Mike Guillerman, St. Agnes Parish Parish Board Member.

Saint Benedict Class Reunion, Sunday October 21, 2012

will be at the St. Benedict Church Wax, Ky. Reunion will be in the church basement after the 10:00 AM Mass.

Pot Luck meal. Everyone welcome.

If you have any questions, call LaMont Miller, 270-259-3303.

Daviess Fiscal Court Declares Oct. 12, 2012 "Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Day"

The Daviess County, Ky., Fiscal Court meeting took place at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on Sept. 6. The Fiscal Court is a governing body which represents over 90,000 residents in this western Kentucky county, which is home to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in Maple Mount.

On the agenda was a proclamation to honor the Ursuline Sisters for their Centennial by proclaiming Oct. 12, the day of their founding as an autonomous community, as "Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Day." They also proclaimed September as National Recovery Month.

Elected representatives include Daviess County Judge Executive Al Mattingly, and County Commissioners George Wathen (west), Charlie Castlen (central), and Jim Lambert (east). The Fiscal Court meets the first and third Thursday of each month, usually in the Daviess County Courthouse, but sometimes they meet in other on-the-road locations.



Improving Intimacy & Protecting Families from Pornography

Speaker: Sam Meier, MA, LPC
My House Freedom from Pornography Initiative
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

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*. Archbishop Joseph Naumann and an archdiocesan task force developed the My House Initiative in 2006, which 36 dioceses have contacted for additional resources and information to protect their parishes from pornography. 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 under Dr. Douglas Weiss.

Monday, November 19, 2012

6:30pm—8:30pm

Brescia University

Taylor Lecture Hall

This is a free Event!

For information about this Initiative please visit:

<http://www.loveisfaithful.com/>

By Janel Gatten
MORGANFIELD, Ky. -

We want to tell you a little about our son, Drew Wesley Gatten; we're Janel Gatten and Nathan Gatten of Morganfield, Ky.

We found out that Drew had TAR Syndrome about five months into the pregnancy and that was the first time that any of us had heard of it. The specialists told us as much as they could about TAR. Basically, arms were shortened due to an absent radius, a low levels of platelets would make the baby subject to frequent transfusions, and usually includes an allergy to dairy products (which Drew didn't inherit.)

TAR is an acronym for Thrombocytopenia Absent Radii. TAR occurs in 1:250,000 births. It's even more rare in the United States. A person with TAR Syndrome has a normal lifespan as long as fatal brain bleeds due to a low level of platelets are avoided by prophylactic platelet transfusions early in life.

Drew required weekly platelet transfusions for the first two months of his life to prevent these tragic occurrences and has several others to boost his levels for surgery. After he was able to maintain a certain level of platelets without the assistance of transfusions, he is simply monitored by a hematologist for platelet checks. Drew's platelets are checked prior to any surgical procedures or immunizations, and infections can cause a drop in his levels.

The AR in TAR, is absent radii. The radius bone is the bone that sits between the thumb and the elbow. Drew is missing not only the radius in both arms, but the ulna as well. His right arm is longer than his left arm due to the presence of a shortened humerus bone whereas in the left he's missing the humerus as well. He has what is called short arm TAR and has been described as an even more rare form of TAR Syndrome. He has a full hand and ten fingers and a remarkable ability to feed himself and manipulate objects as he chooses.

TAR Syndrome also has other conditions associated with it, though don't occur with every case. Congenital heart defects happen in 50% of TAR cases and 50% of people with TAR also have afflictions in their legs, mostly fused knees. Drew had multiple defects in his heart

The Gatten Family Thanks All of the Union County, family and friends, And All Supporters



Drew Wesley Gatten with his parents, Janel Gatten and Nathan Gatten of Morganfield, Ky. Yager Studios Photos. Used with Permission.

which were later corrected with open heart surgery right before turning one year old. Doctors are still monitoring and medicating to maintain his heart health. And, due to contractions and rotation in Drew's legs, he's been unable to properly stand up or walk.

However, Drew has overcome all of these obstacles with practice and determination. Though he couldn't walk



"Drew has overcome all of these obstacles with practice and determination."

from here to there, he hopped on his behind using his right foot to hop and propel himself (which we affectionately call the "booty scoot") almost as fast as any other kid could walk. He sometimes even uses his feet to hold things, pick things up and has even fed himself on occasion. Though he has very short arms, it doesn't prevent him from doing pretty much anything he wants to do including teaching himself how to swim. By himself. With no floaties.

Though Drew has been seen by many specialists from Shriners to Vanderbilt to Boston Children's Hospital, it was a world-renowned specialist in Florida that had the experience to correct Drew's legs to give him the ability to walk. Dr. Paley, in association with St. Mary's Children's Hospital in West Palm Beach, Florida, has already performed one surgery to install an external fixation device on Drew's right leg, which we make manual adjustments in very small increments daily to correct the rotation and extension, a process that will take three months or more. Then, we'll repeat the process on the left leg.

We must live in West Palm Beach to undergo daily physical therapy and twice-monthly appointments with Dr. Paley to monitor progress and update the plan. We'll be here a total of six months

or more.

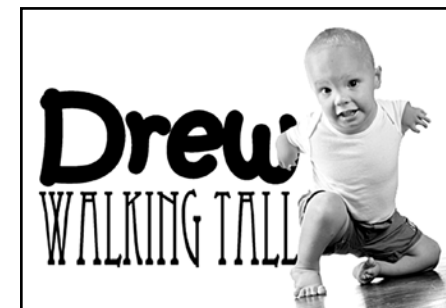
Thus the reason for our fundraising, "Drew Walking Tall." We are raising money for travel, medical and living expenses for our stay in Florida. We've hosted an auction, sold candy grams and many community business such as The Eagles Club, WMSK, The Advocate, The Lion's Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Union County Public Schools and many churches and individuals have helped us raise \$40,000.

The Catholic churches here have collected donations during their services. There are so many, and many of them handed the money to various close family members of mine who deposited the money into the Drew Walking Tall account that I haven't been able to track specifically who or how much. Thank you, Catholic Community of Union County!

Drew's second leg surgery, scheduled for September 27; the same surgeon in WPB removed the right-leg fixator and installed the fixator on the left leg. We'll repeat the adjustments for the left leg to straighten and correct his leg which will take approximately 3 months or more. After his surgeries, he will undergo intensive physical therapy to rebuild his muscles and teach him to walk for the first time. It is expected he'll be walking with braces until he has reached his adult height.

Thank you to all of Union County, to family and friends, and strangers who have supported Drew and shared your love with us.

For more information, you may visit www.drewunarmed.com, a blog that we have kept for documenting Drew's wonderful life with TAR Syndrome. Also you can find Drew Walking Tall on Facebook.



Follow Drew's progress at
www.drewunarmed.com

Lourdes Auxiliary Reaches 500,000 Service Hours

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Paducah Mayor Pro Tem Gayle Kaler proclaimed Wednesday, September 5, 2012 as Lourdes Auxiliary Day in honor of the group's 500,000 service hours to Lourdes hospital. A reception was held in the Lourdes Marshall Nemer Pavilion lobby.

The Auxiliary started at Riverside Hospital in 1952 with its focus on offering support and service to Lourdes and to the patients. Auxiliary members live out the Lourdes mission of extending the healing ministry of Jesus by improving the health of our community with emphasis on the poor and under-served.

Over the years, the Auxiliary has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars for patient care needs, supplies, equipment and funds for community projects to enhance patient care. The Auxiliary has grown from the 89 charter members to the present 174 dedicated volunteer membership ranging from age 14 to 93. The auxiliary averages 50,000 service hours a year.

The areas of service have also expanded with volunteers currently serving in 18 departments of the hospital. Some of those include Emergency Room, Maintenance, Operative Care, Outpatient Registration, Information Desks, Gift Shop, Foundation, Accounting, Human Resources and our Shuttle service.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities at Lourdes, contact Shannon Courtney at (270) 444-2552.



Residents Can Now Enroll In Historic Cancer Research Effort At Lourdes Hospital

Community Involvement Can Answer Critical Questions about Cancer Causes, Prevention

PADUCAH, Ky. – Residents of western Kentucky have an opportunity to participate in a historic study that has the potential to change the face of cancer for future generations. Men and women between the ages of 30 and 65 who have never been diagnosed with cancer are needed to participate in the American Cancer Society's Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3). CPS-3 will enroll a diverse population of up to half a million people across the United States. The opportunity for local residents to enroll in CPS-3 is being made possible in partnership with Lourdes Hospital in Paducah during Nov. 15-17.

CPS-3 will help researchers better understand the lifestyle, environmental, and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer.

To enroll in the study, individuals will go to a local enrollment location and will be asked to read and sign an informed consent form; complete a brief survey, have their waist circumference measured; and give a small blood sample. The in-person enrollment process takes approximately 20 - 30 minutes to complete. At home, individuals will complete a comprehensive survey packet that asks for information on lifestyle, behavioral and other factors related to their health.



Cancer Prevention Study-3 volunteers are shown processing participant information during an enrollment at a recent Relay For Life event. The study, also called CPS-3, is a nationwide effort through the American Cancer Society to learn more about the causes of cancer and ways to prevent cancer. Previous studies found the link between smoking and lung cancer and sedentary lifestyles and increased cancer risks. An upcoming CPS-3 enrollment will take place at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah Nov. 15-17. Submitted photo

Upon completion of this process, the Society will continue to send periodic follow-up surveys to update participant information and annual newsletters with study updates and results. The initial and follow-up surveys completed at home will take an hour or less of time to complete and are expected to be sent every few years.

"Many individuals diagnosed with cancer struggle to answer the question, 'What caused my cancer?' In many cases, we don't know the answer," said Alpa V. Patel, Ph.D., principal investigator of CPS-3. "CPS-3 will help us better understand what factors cause cancer, and once we know that, we can be better equipped to prevent cancer."

Dr. Patel added, "Our previous cancer prevention studies have been instrumental in helping us identify some of the major factors that can affect cancer risk. CPS-3 holds the best hope of identifying new and emerging cancer risks, and we can only do this if members of the community are willing to become involved." Researchers will use the data from CPS-3 to build on evidence from a series of American Cancer Society studies that began in the 1950s that collectively have involved millions of volunteer participants. The Hammond-Horn Study and previous Cancer Prevention Studies (CPS-I, and CPS-II) have played a major role in un-

derstanding cancer prevention and risk, and have contributed significantly to the scientific basis and development of public health guidelines and recommendations. Those studies confirmed the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, demonstrated the link between larger waist size and increased death rates from cancer and other causes, and showed the considerable impact of air pollution on heart and lung conditions.

The current study, CPS-II, began in 1982 and is still ongoing. But changes in lifestyle and in the understanding of cancer in the more than two decades since its launch make it important to begin a new study.

"Taking an hour or so every few years to fill out a survey – and potentially save someone from being diagnosed with cancer in the future – is a commitment that thousands of volunteer participants have already made. We're looking for more like-minded individuals in the Paducah area to join this effort that we know will save lives and improve the outlook for future generations," said Dr. Patel.

For more information or to learn how to become involved with CPS-3, visit cancer.org/cps3 or call toll-free 1-888-604-5888. To enroll and schedule an appointment, visit www.cps3lourdeshospital.org.

Perpetual Adoration Underway At St. Thomas More Church in Paducah

By **Connie Hein**

PADUCAH, Ky. - As I write this, I am in the new Eucharistic Chapel at St. Thomas More parish. It has only been a couple of months since Bishop Medley was here to bless the "Works of Mercy" chapel and consecrate the altar so that we could begin using the chapel for our daily Mass services. Almost a week ago, we began Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel as well. And tonight, I sit here alone with the Blessed Sacrament, praising God for all that he has done for us in being able to begin this wonderful ministry in our community.

I am a convert to the Catholic Church, just recently celebrating the six year anniversary of my First Communion. It wasn't so long ago that I didn't even know what adoration was! When we joined St. Thomas More several years ago, adoration was offered the first Friday of each month. I had heard about it during Bible study, and thought, "Ok, I'll give it a try." I have to admit that I was really expecting a magical experience where perhaps I would have a great moment of epiphany or even hear the voice of God speaking to me. So, with much anticipation, I came, knelt, and waited. I looked around, I prayed, I waited some more. "OK, God, you brought me here...I'm waiting patiently...where's my revelation...or at least a sign?" Nope, instead, it was just quiet prayer time. Don't get me wrong, it was very peaceful and nice not to have the constant distractions of everyday life...but it just wasn't quite what I was expecting. So, after my hour was up, I quietly left the chapel and headed home. It was dark outside and as I drove by a large field, my headlights swept across the field and I saw several deer grazing on grass. "Aha! There's my sign!" So, I went home and went to bed thinking that maybe I would go back again sometime.

After that first experience, I started coming to adoration more often. Still, no big revelations, but I noticed that my prayers began to change. Instead of "God, speak to me because now I'm listening," my prayer was more like, "God, here I am. I am so grateful to be in your presence. I have no expectations, but am just content to be here with you." I would pray initially, and then do some spiritual reading. At the time, I was reading "The



Connie Hein invites parishioners to sign up for Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration during the Blessing of the Works of Mercy Chapel.

Photo Dom Amato

Imitation of Christ." So, I would read a chapter or two, then pray and meditate on what I had read, then read some more and continue until it was time to go. At some point along the way, I got to where I really enjoyed and looked forward to my time in adoration. I loved the peace, the quiet, and the feeling of being completely content just to be in the presence of Jesus. I particularly remember coming to adoration late one night. I had been to confession earlier that evening, and at the moment was completely overwhelmed by God's mercy and His love for me. When I came in, I knelt before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and just wept. I couldn't help it. I was just so filled with joy that I couldn't contain it. It was really a wonderful moment in my life and I will never forget that feeling.

So, fast forwarding a couple of years, I heard that our pastor, Fr. Patrick Reynolds, wanted to begin Perpetual Adoration once our new chapel was completed. I had already spoken to another parish about this and they gave me some tips for getting started. I had also called Fathers of Mercy and spoke with Fr. Louis Guardiola, who had some very helpful input as well. One of his recommendations was to use an online guidebook for implementing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration from www.therealpresence.org website. I called Fr. Pat, excited to share the infor-

mation I had learned about getting started. He told me that they were going to be having a meeting and invited me to come and share the information. So, I went to the meeting and discussed this with Fr. Pat, Dolores Webber, a member of our parish, and Terry Larbes, also a member of our parish and a current deacon candidate. We all brainstormed about ideas and the names of some people from our parish and surrounding communities that we thought might be willing to serve on the committee to help us get started. We decided to schedule a meeting the following week inviting these individuals to participate and hopefully identify a team of core people who could lead this effort.

It just so happened that this was the same week as first Friday adoration, so I went to pray. I had been feeling that God might be calling me to fill the role of leading this effort, but I was really concerned about having enough time to be able to do a good job. While in adoration, I asked God to guide me on this decision. I remember thinking that I should schedule some time with Fr. Pat to discuss my concerns with him. So, after my hour of adoration was over, I walked out of the church and there sitting all alone in the gathering space was Fr. Pat. I almost left because he was praying, but instead I decided to stop and ask to talk with him. I

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Adorers at prayer in the Eucharistic Chapel of St. Thomas More Church, Paducah. STM Photo

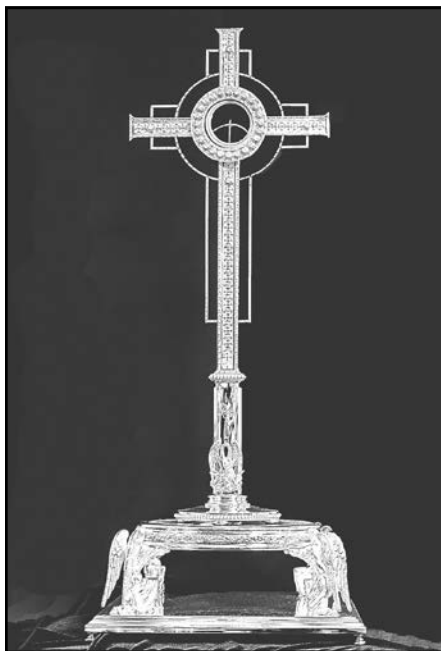
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sat down and told him my concerns and he asked me if I would be more comfortable having a partner to help lead the effort. That would be perfect! He said that he would discuss with Dolores, who was also at our initial meeting, to see if she would be willing to take on the role along with me.

Dolores is a wonderful, sweet person and also a very devout Catholic. She's always cheerful and I knew we would make a great team. When Fr. Pat discussed the role with her, she immediately agreed and we set off on our plans to begin Perpetual Adoration. I am so happy that she agreed because she has been so dedicated and willing to do whatever is needed along the way. We contacted other parishes within the diocese, Sts. Peter and Paul parish in Hopkinsville and St. Ann's parish in Morganfield, who both had implemented Perpetual Adoration at their own parishes. Their input, along with the guidance from Fathers of Mercy, were invaluable in helping us construct a plan for implementation. Months later, with much prayer, hard work, and most



Parishioners attending the meeting were shown the Monstrance and tabor (monstrance stand) that is used during Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

Photo Dom Amato

importantly, the hand of God leading us every step of the way, we were able to begin Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

The kickoff for beginning adoration was actually very uneventful...although we had talked about doing some big production about getting started, we just kept it small. During his homily before the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fr. Pat said, "you know, I think this is the way Jesus would have wanted it, just small and intimate." And, he's right. After all, Jesus came into this world in the meekest of circumstances.

Our first week has gone very well. We currently have over 200 people participating in adoration and have had wonderful feedback from them. Here are some of the comments we've received from the adorers so far:

"I was extremely moved...to the point of tears, and felt so insignificant."

"What a wonderful chapel we have, and what a great time to be with our Lord in reflection! I enjoy reading our parishioners' intentions in the book placed at the back of the chapel, and make that my first stop during adoration so I can lift up those prayers during my visit. I find my hour goes by quickly and I am happy with the hour that I chose, knowing I could stay longer if needed. I am grateful for this opportunity to become closer to God in this beautiful setting."

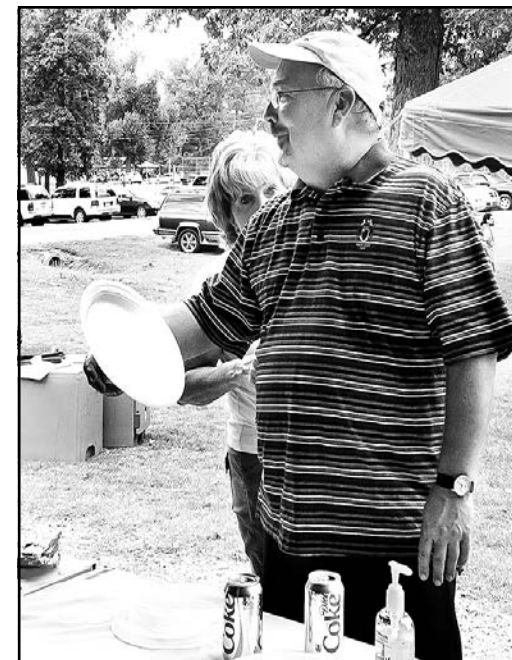
"I was able to read and concentrate on the Scripture I was reading. It was so peaceful."

As for me, I am so grateful to God for making Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration a reality in our community and I pray that we will be able to continue for many years to come. I also really appreciate the support of our pastors, Fr. Pat and Fr. Ryan, and all of our local priests who have helped us to promote this throughout our community. And, of course, my good friend, Dolores, who has truly been instrumental in this entire effort. So, now that it's underway, if you're in Paducah or the surrounding area, and would like to participate in adoration, please send an email to adoration@stmore.org. We'll be happy to add you to the schedule so that you too can be part of the wonderful experience of being in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Thomas More Parish Enjoys August Picnic

PADUCAH, Ky. - Hundreds of St. Thomas More parishioners gathered to enjoy the August 26th Sunday afternoon at Noble Park in Paducah. The group joined together for four hours of fun featuring great food, live Christian-bluegrass music, bingo, and fellowship. Kids enjoyed face painting, sand art, bubble making, train rides, balloon sculptures, and a magic show.

Parishioner Martha Argotte-Thomas coordinated the event, the Knights of Columbus cooked the barbeque pork and hot dogs, Cindy Ballard prepared delicious side dishes, and Pam Heavrin provided her artistic talents for amazing face painting. A heartfelt thanks goes to all our volunteers who transported chairs/tables/supplies, assisted with setup, served food, assisted with kids' activities, and helped take everything down and clean up. We look forward to another wonderful day at the park next year!



Above, Fr. Pat Reynolds greets parishioners and shoos flies. At left, Betty Polashock, Martha Argotte-Thomas, Sr Lucy Bonifas, and Donna Tarantino prepare food. Photos submitted by St Thomas More Parish

18 October, 2012 **Cursillo In The Diocese Of Owensboro**

My name is Julie Crawford. I began my 4th day in March of 2011 at the 68th Women's Catholic Cursillo in Hawesville, KY and I sat at Saint Therese the Little Flower's table. I was not even sure about going to Cursillo because I am a single mother of three teenagers. I struggle with daily life responsibilities. I did not know how I was going to go away for a weekend because I felt guilty about leaving my children with family members and doing something for myself. But then the Holy Spirit came over me and I realized that if I did not do this, I would continue down a very negative road.

I had always had someone in my life to take care of me and tell me what I am suppose to do. Then my husband of 19 years left me and told me that he no longer loved me as a wife and that he was with someone else and that they were going to have a baby together. I lost everything I had ever known to be true in my life. I did not feel like I could do anything right. I felt like I was worthless, hopeless, and no one loved me so why keep trying to go on in this life. I was in a very bad place and did not know what to do. So I decided to go on the Cursillo weekend and it was the best thing I ever did for me.

I had a miracle occur in my life on my weekend. I put everything I had into learning about spiritual aids, growth, Christ's presence in my life, and what I was going to do in the future to bring about change in my life as well as others so that I would not continue to feel so worthless, hopeless, and unloved. I knew that something had to change and it did on my weekend. I learned that I was wasting away many precious moments and I was not being grateful for the many positive things in my life. I was so self absorbed that I felt that no one could understand where I was and what I was going through in my life. No one had it as bad as I did. However, I learned that everyone has challenges in their life and God means for us to use those experiences to better ourselves as well as others.

I prayed before starting this article that I would be able to encourage someone to open their eyes to the love that God has for us all. The thing that I have craved the most in this life is nothing more than to be loved. I sought love from everyone I knew and struggled with my ideas of what love is. I remember kneeling in the chapel at Cursillo... praying harder than I

have ever prayed before in my life. I prayed for love. I asked God to love me because I felt so bad and I felt like no one loved me. I remember asking God over and over again while crying, "Please God, please love me. Even though I am not worthy, God! Please I need you to show me that you love me right now. God, please love me. At that moment, I felt warmth around my shoulders as if God was wrapping his arms around me and a song came on the CD player. Even though it was an instrumental, I knew the words right away and felt an overwhelming feeling of love that I had never ever felt before. I began to sing the words in my head... *"I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him; He will bring you his light and his peace. ... I have called you and you are mine."*

I was crying so hard, but they were the happiest tears I had ever had in my life. I had always been so needy that I wondered if I drained the life right out of people at times. I felt so guilty about needing so much and wondering why I did not feel loved.

My life has changed since this happened to me. I now know that all I need is God. I know that he will give me what I need when I need it. My Cursillo weekend gave me faith! Faith was what was missing in my life. Yeah, I went to church every Sunday before Cursillo but it was more of following a schedule, doing something that I have always done. It was almost like a chore rather than something I wanted to do. I learned that having faith is not just going through the motions but actually having belief in what you are doing and why you are doing it. Even though I am not a "great" Catholic. I believe I am on the path to great things as a Catholic.

We are all on a journey in this life and it is those little things we do along the way that make a difference in our own lives as well as the lives of others. So that is why I have decided to tell my story and to continue to encourage others to make a change. If you are not happy with your life the way it is going, do not just accept it. Do not carry on with doing what you have always done. Make a change! Take action! Do something to better your family, your neighborhood, your work environment, and the community for which you live in. Take advantage of every opportunity that presents a positive change in your life! I did and I thank God every day for the miracle that was given to me, my life! God bless you all. I am praying that you too will join the Cursillo movement and make a change.



Bringing the Generations Together



Bob and Sharrie with Trinity High School young men who went to the Youth Conference in Steubenville, Ohio Back row: Bob C, Sharrie C, Drew Mills, Bub Mattingly; Front row: Ben Howard, Sam Howard, Nathaniel Mills, Jon Mills. Submitted Photo

By Sharrie Cinnamond

This past July, my husband, Bob, and I went to the Youth Conference in Steubenville, Ohio with a group of students from Trinity High School. Five of these young men are our grandsons, and it proved to be a very interesting experience. We wanted to give them an experience of the "bigger Church," and let them meet Catholic youth from all over the United States. There were youth groups there from many different States as well as several groups from Canada. When I asked the boys what they enjoyed the most, they all replied meeting all the people and being able to share with others from different places. We all enjoyed our time together and it was a real joy to be able to share this "spiritual experience" with them.

Jonathan Mills, one of the boys wrote: "The only reason I agreed to go was because I wanted to spend a few days with my grandparents, but it was so much more. The atmosphere was nothing short of amazing. Every single person there was absolutely in love with God. Everyone sang and praised the Lord with all their hearts. The respect that was shown to Our Lord in the Eucharist was unbelievable. I have never experienced anything like that in my entire life. It was a blast! There was amazing music, inspirational speakers and Mass every day. I believe this Youth Conference is something every teenager should attend, and I promise they will be going back year after year. It was the highlight of my life so far and I was exceptionally blessed because I was able to spend it with my grandparents."

Bob and I acted as chaperons and Ben Howard was the Youth Leader, guiding the small group discussions after the sessions. We all learned a lot about each other and our faith as we shared our thoughts and ideas. The speakers were right on, speaking about the issues our young people face today and how our faith can guide our decisions. I wasn't sure if the teens would be willing to share their thoughts with us "old folks", but they didn't hesitate to speak up and I must admit they showed more insight and wisdom than I expected. The reverence shown during the Eucharistic Adoration at the end of the day was truly amazing. It was an unexpected blessing to see so many young people giving their time and attention to worship the Lord. This time together with our grandsons and the other youth who attended tell me the "young Church of today" is doing well!

Ursuline Associates to Collect 100 Books for Catholic Schools



Ursuline Sister Rose Jean Powers, left, and Ursuline Associate Marianna Robinson are surrounded by children's books in Sister Rose Jean's office at the Brescia University Bookstore in Owensboro. The group of Associates of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in Owensboro have been collecting books to distribute to the Catholic schools in Owensboro/Daviess County this fall as its Centennial Service project. The goal is to collect at least 100 books in honor of the Ursuline Sisters' 100 years of service to the community. For more information, contact Marian Bennett, coordinator of Ursuline Partnerships, at 270-229-2006 or marian.bennett@maplemount.org.

A Day of Prayer with Angela

A "Day of Prayer with Saint Angela" took place Saturday, Aug. 11 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat



Francil Higdon of Hartford collects her thoughts during reflection time at the Angela retreat. Behind her are four banners documenting the history of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, which were done in honor of the Sisters' 2012 Centennial.

Center. More than 30 were in attendance to learn more about the life of Saint Angela Merici and to reflect on her teachings. Saint Angela founded the Order of Saint Ursula (the Ursulines) in Brescia, Italy in 1535. The retreat was led by Ursuline Sister George Mary Hagan, with assistance from Ursuline Sister Mary Sheila Higdon as well as Marian Bennett, an Ursuline Associate and coordinator of Ursuline Partnerships at Mount Saint Joseph.



Left to right, Alice Begay, Ursuline Associate Stephanie Render of Caneyville, Ursuline Sister Clarence Marie Lockett, and Ursuline Associate Violet Hamilton of Leitchfield, fill out evaluation forms at the close of the Angela Day of Prayer. All of the evaluations were positive ones. In the background are four banners documenting the history of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, which were done in honor of the Ursulines' 2012 Centennial.

In the photo at left, Sister George Mary Hagan leads the "Day of Prayer with Saint Angela" retreat on Aug. 11 at Mount Saint Joseph. MSJ Photos

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An Experience of the Universal Church

PADUCAH, Ky. Jill Mudd, a St. Thomas More parishioner, sent these pictures to show an experience of a celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi in Bavaria. Jill and Dr. Jeffrey Mudd are the parents of St. Mary Middle School student, Flynn Mudd.

Jill wrote, "Flynn and I were in Tirschenreuth, Bavaria, Germany on a trip with the Choral Ambassadors of Western Kentucky. We visited our friends, The Wuerls, whom we met 6 years ago and have been good friends since. Florian, the Wuerls son, asked Flynn if he wanted to be an altar server on Fronleichman (Feast of Corpus Christi) at Stadtpfarrei Maria Himmelfahrt (Church of the Ascension of Mary).



Flynn's older brother, Taylor, was also an altar server on previous trips. There was a big procession (approx. 1500 people) and 4 beautiful altars throughout the town. There was also a typical German Festival in the town square after procession. The date was June 7, 2012.

The picture at left, is one of the outdoor Altars. In the picture above right, Flynn is to the far right (in cassock and surplice). Flynn is an 8th grader at St. Mary Middle School in Paducah. He is also an member and altar server at St. Thomas More in Paducah.

October is Respect Life Month!

Catholic Charities – Dedicated to Respecting Life

By Tami Urcia

What does it mean to respect life? To accept life? To cherish life? To love life? To view it as a divine gift and not a mere human happening? To protect and uphold it? To promote its value and worth? How can its worth be measured anyway? How can you put a value on an infinite soul? Respecting life includes so many facets, and Catholic Charities seeks to address only a few.

In conjunction with the Family Life Office, Catholic Charities offers instruction on Natural Family Planning. Not meant to be simply a Catholic form of birth control, this method tracks a woman's fertility in order to determine when she may or may not become pregnant and the couple, through prayer and discernment, decides whether or not to abstain from the conjugal act. Since they do not use artificial birth control, they are always open to the gift of life, but they work in harmony with the natural workings of a woman's reproductive cycle. After an introductory session, couples are encouraged to attend individual follow-up sessions with a trained instructor. See http://www.rcdok.org/ministries/family_life/Natural_Family_Planning/ for more information.



rcdok.org/ministries/family_life/Natural_Family_Planning/ for more information.

Opportunities for Life is another ministry that respects God's gift of life. This 24-hour hotline (English and Spanish) offers a helping hand to women experiencing an unexpected or crisis pregnancy. Those who call can talk with a friendly and knowledgeable volunteer, who is able to walk them through some of their worries and fears, direct them to community resources and help them to make positive choices for themselves and their unborn children. For more information or if you would like to volunteer in this ministry, contact Brenda Thomson at brenda.thomson@pastoral.org

Catholic Charities also operates Saint Gerard Life Home, which offers free housing and hospitality for pregnant women age 18 and older who may have nowhere else to go. A woman can come at any point in her pregnancy and may stay for up to three months after the birth of her child. The mission of St. Gerard Life Home is to provide assistance to the pregnant woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy. St. Gerard's will assist each woman in preparing for her role as a parent while providing a supportive and healthy environment for her during her pregnancy. We are so proud of these mothers who have chosen life for their child!

Lastly, we work with both expectant parents and potential adoptive parents through our adoption program, "A Caring Connection" (www.kycaringconnection.org). Generous mothers (and fathers) who feel they are unable to give their child what they need to grow in a healthy, stable environment may make an adoption plan with Catholic Charities. At the same time, married couples experiencing infertility are screened and, once approved, personally chosen by the birth parent(s) to adopt their child. This loving option offers benefits for all involved!

Aware that life begins at conception and ends with natural death, Catholic Charities strives to serve life in its most fragile moments. We truly seek to cherish and love life as a divine gift, to protect and uphold it. Let us all continue to pray that life be respected in every way, everyday.

Photo by B.P.

St. Henry Parish Hosts Minister Appreciation Dinner



(L-R) Father Babu, Jerry and Edna Jones, Linda and Fred Shepard. Submitted photo

HARDIN, Ky. - St. Henry Catholic Church in Hardin, KY showed its appreciation to all the parishioners who made the church hum along smoothly throughout the year with its annual Minister Appreciation Dinner on August. 19.

Eucharistic ministers, lectors, servers, ushers, choir members and musical director, groundskeepers, fundraisers, religious education, bereavement, RCIA, Pastoral Council, finance committee, Mary's Gift Shop, Christ Care, Knights of Columbus, and others were treated to a scrumptious meal of pork loin, mashed potatoes, green beans, ravioli, salad, apple pie and cake.

Many thanks to all the ministers for their hard work and also to Father Babu Kulathumkel and event organizer Myra Fassett and her committee for providing this opportunity to socialize while partaking of some great food for the 70 members in attendance.

“ ... I was in Prison And You Visited Me.”

Matthew 25:36

By Ethel Watrous

I was standing outside of Blessed Mother Church in Owensboro after Mass one day several years ago talking with my friend, Liz Francis, and the subject of jail ministry came up. Liz mentioned that she went to the Daviess County Detention Center to minister to the women inmates on Sunday afternoons. She suggested that I think about joining her. At that time, I had recently retired from Saint Angela Merici School, now the Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Campus, having taught sixth grade for 23 years. I had also married Fran Watrous, and I was planning to just enjoy life.

As Liz was talking, I kept thinking about the idea of going inside the jail and fear began taking me over. I quickly decided that it wasn't for me. Little did I know at the time that it was exactly God's plan for me. For a few months, I would think about it but dismiss the thoughts with some kind of excuse.

However, as God would have it, one day I just decided that I wanted to give it a try. At the time, Father Richard Meredith was in charge of Prison Ministry, so I called him. That led to my getting clearance to enter the jail and an orientation session explaining what I was allowed to do or not to do there.

Soon thereafter, I accompanied two other women on a Sunday afternoon and from that day forward, I was hooked. I couldn't wait to go back again. Needless to say, the fear that I had when talking to Liz was totally gone. In its place, I found such joy. Being with women who needed the Word of God so much gave me all the more desire to help them. However, I find that each time that I am there, I always gain more from them than I can give. They are so broken, sad and ashamed, honest and open with their feelings. They never fail to thank me for coming. I assure that I pray for them several times a day and that God loves them very much. I also tell them that He has a special plan for each one of them. I call them "my ladies."

During the session we read the Mass readings and gospel for that Sunday and then discuss them. I believe that we are called to bring God's message to others, to make a difference in someone else's life. I have to say that this ministry is one of the most rewarding things that I have ever done. I think God for giving me the opportunity.

If you feel that God is calling you to this ministry, please call Father Ray Clark at 270-929-1257.

Duke T.I.P. Identifies 22 St. Mary Middle School Students

Twenty-two of forty-five 7th grade students at St. Mary Middle School in Paducah have qualified for this year's Talent Search for mathematically and verbally gifted students sponsored by Duke University's Talent Identification Program (TIP). The program identifies students from a 16-state region in the South, Southwest, and Midwest.

To be eligible, students must have scored in the 95th percentile or better on an in-school achievement test taken last spring. Students who have qualified will be allowed to sit for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), normally taken only by college-bound juniors and seniors.

TIP, established in 1980, has provided thousands of students with information about their abilities and options. The purposes of the program are to help academically able students develop their special abilities, to assist schools in working with their brightest students, and to understand the nature of exceptional mathematical and verbal ability.

Qualifying students pictured are: 1st Row - Kelly Black, Megan Morrow, Kaitlin Hrdlicka, Hanna Lurtz, Leigh Ann Seitz, Lakyn Largent, Peyton Patel; 2nd Row - Caroline Veatch, Bailey Ellingsworth, Emily Hodges, Emma Denton, Elizabeth Noonan, Clare McGregor; 3rd Row - Austin Wetherington, Rhett Sutton, Brady Merrill, Cole McCoart, Nathan Shockley; 4th Row - Brett Wurth, Kaleb White, Hale Sims, Zach Jenkins. SME Photo



OCS Receives OMHS Grant



Sherry Krampe, RN, and OCS Director Ken Rasp received a \$5,000 grant from OMHS President and CEO Dr. Jeff Barber.

OWENSBORO, Ky. - As project leader and grant coordinator, Sherry Krampe, RN and OCS School Health Coordinator, applied for a \$5,000 grant early spring 2012 through the OMHS Community Benefits Program requesting funding for 5 AEDs (Automated External Defibrilla-

tors). The requested 5 AEDs would allow for 1 defibrillator to be located at each of the four OCS campuses and 1 for the OCS Central Office. OCS was blessed to be one of the many local community non-profit agencies to receive generous grant funding to aid in the purchase of the requested defibrillators. The vast majority of the OCS faculty & staff are CPR and AED certified through the American Heart Association. These CPR courses are taught by Sherry Krampe and offered at no cost to OCS employees. A task force will be formed to develop procedure protocols and identify key OCS faculty/staff who will receive additional AED training. These requested community based defibrillators are fully automated, easy to use, and will not deliver a shock unless it is detected and advised by the AED.

Sudden cardiac arrest, in which the heart abruptly stops, is the leading cause of death in the United States. It is most commonly caused by a sudden electrical malfunction in the heart (ventricular fibrillation). Defibrillation provided by an AED (defibrillator) is the single most important treatment of cardiac arrest in the adults. Statistics show that survival rates in cardiac arrest victims who are not already hospitalized receiving CPR alone have only a 5% survival rate. However, the survival rate soars to well over 80% in victims that receive early rapid defibrillation in addition to early effective CPR.



Paducah St. Mary's Kindergarten students started off the year right

by studying Creation. St. Mary Elementary has 29 Kindergarten students and we are blessed this year to have two students from St. Josephs. We welcome the Barnett and the Givens families to our St. Mary Community. Submitted by Felicia LaBarge



Serving up Catholicism: A Series for Catholic Young Adults

Please join the Owensboro Catholic Young Adult Group for the Fall 2012 series of talks exploring various aspects of our Catholic faith. Join us at El Toribio Mexican Restaurant (101 Frederica Street) for a Happy Half-Hour at 7:00 PM followed by a talk at 7:30 PM with a Q&A session following. Come and bring a friend!

- Thursday, Oct. 4: "The Catholic and the Political Scene"
Father Tony Stephens, CPM
- Thursday, Oct. 11: "50th Anniversary of Vatican II"
Father Tony Shonis

The Owensboro Catholic Young Adult Group is open to ages 18-40 and to those married, single, or in the religious life. For questions please call Sarah Patterson or Robin Tomes at 683-1545.



New Additions For St. Pius Tenth Church, Calvert City

At top, right, St. Pius X (Calvert City), new picnic shelter, blessed by Father Anthoni on Aug. 19, 2012.

In middle picture, St. Pius X (Calvert City), celebrating St. Pius Tenth feast day with a picnic in their new picnic shelter.

At right, a new life size statute for St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Grand Rivers, Ky. Photo taken by Father Anthoni. Photos taken and submitted by Rich Derry.





We had a wonderful time ...

... at left and right are a few pictures taken on Sept. 7, 2012 at the SPACE dinner at St. Raphael's. One is a great photo (at near right) of Bishop Medley and Bishop McRaith talking. One is with my daughter, Emily Lush, giving Bishop Medley bunny ears (at far right). One (at left) is Emily with Bishop McRaith and Mike Thompson. We had a wonderful time as always. Submitted by Rodney and Teresa Lush Family, St. Paul Parish, Leitchfield, KY



... With Good Friends And A Fabulous Meal

By Elaine Robertson

In the First Book of Samuel, we hear God say "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." When dealing with people with special needs it is imperative that we remember to see as God sees. This becomes evident at the annual SPACE picnic held at the St. Raphael farm on Hayden Bridge Road in western Daviess County..

SPACE stands for Special Apostolic Catholic Evangelizers. Each September this group along with the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation sponsors a gathering of special needs people and their families. This year the event was held on September 7, 2012. Meat and drinks were provided but all those who attended helped by bringing salads, vegetables and desserts.

The evening began with people gathering around 5:30. As people continue to gather, willing adventurers are taken on a wagon ride in the country—for many this is the highlight of the evening. As we sit to the meal together, all enjoy the fabulous company and catching up with friends that they may not have seen since last year. This year around 50 people came to the picnic—they came from Henderson, Leitchfield, Owensboro and a few other spots. After enjoying the great food, another wagon ride is offered. As the sun sets, smiling faces and happy voices fill the air.

This picnic is highly anticipated by all each year. For example, Scotty Payne immediately found his companion for the night when the invitation first arrived. He even made sure that a delicious mac & cheese was prepared for the night. As storms began to roll in, all helped to clean and then waved good-bye as they promised to be back next year. I am sure that God saw much love pouring from each heart.



The great meal for the S.P.A.C.E. gathering Sept. 7. Photo by Derek Weise

Meghan Mattingly Named 14News Student Athlete of the Week

By Durand Engineer,
OCHS Girls Soccer Coach

Congratulations to Senior Meghan Mattingly for being named in the August 29, 2012 WFIE TV 14 News as student-athlete of the week. Meghan has done an outstanding job on and off the soccer field.

She is a caring and responsible young lady with strong morals and family values. Over the spring, summer and fall, she juggles a part time job, soccer and extracurriculars while maintaining a 3.7 GPA.

She is a valuable player not just on the field but in the locker room and on the sidelines. She has helped the Lady Aces to a flying 4-0-1 start to the 2012 season. She is a person whom a coach loves to have as she is vocal with a calm demeanor and hence loved by her teammates. She has been on the Varsity squad since her Freshman year and part of the Soccer program since the 7th grade.

Off the field, she is a role model to the younger athletes and her extracurriculars include:

- NHS, where she attends every meeting and volunteers for majority of service projects such as Freshmen Orientation and working in the Scrip Office (Central Office) after school.

- She is also on the Student Council board where she works diligently on the 'No texting and driving' campaign. She also volunteers her time to set up for mass every Wednesday at school.

- Meghan was voted Class Secretary and has been a class officer for all four years of high school which is testament to her outstanding character.



OCHS senior Meghan Mattingly was named Channel 14 News student-athlete of the week August 29, 2012. OCS Photo

- She is the president of Habitat for Humanity, a chapter that volunteers to build homes in the community.

- She is also a member of the PEP Club and Right to Life. She helps decorate the halls for dances and events and shows her school spirit while in PEP Club.

- She is an active member in the church, setting up and working picnics. And when she has that little extra time, she is busy tutoring French to two middle school boys once a week.

Meghan is a hard worker, leader and a role model who makes a difference on the soccer field and in the lives of people around her.

Mount Saint Joseph 42nd Annual Picnic Sept. 9, 2012 was a huge success



The noon meal and siesta time were just some of the places where enjoying life were abounding. Mel Howard photo

September 9, 2012 — from <http://ursulinesmsj.org>

The 42nd annual Mount Saint Joseph Picnic was the biggest one yet, with thousands of visitors enjoying a beautiful day full of good cheer, good food and plenty of fun.

The Holiday Decor booth was just one of the places where smiles were abounding. MSJ Photo



Other pictures of the picnic can be viewed online at <http://ursulinesmsj.org/news/42nd-mount-saint-joseph-picnic-was-a-huge-success>, but The Ursuline Sisters did want to share the names of those fortunate ones who claimed the grand prizes:

- \$3,000 – Deborah Gonsoski, Louisville, Ky.
- Trip to Pensacola, Fla. – Katharyn Byrne, Bowling Green, Ky.
- Set of Lenox China – Patti Pryor,

Central City, Ky.

- Handmade Quilt – Paula Mouser Knowles, Elizabethtown, Ky.
- \$1,000 – Marie Hancock, Owensboro, Ky.
- \$500 – Mike Horn, Owensboro, Ky.
- Haier 32-inch HD TV – Patricia Young, Leitchfield, Ky.
- One-day only quilt winner – David Mudd, Leitchfield, Ky.
- \$500 worth of restaurant gift certificates – Mike Bogdan, Owensboro, Ky.

Thank You



...to the many volunteers who helped in any way to make our 42nd annual picnic a huge success!

We served over 1,000 barbecue dinners!

We sincerely appreciate ALL of your support.

All picnic proceeds go to the Ursuline Sisters' retirement fund.

May God bless each of you for your kindness and generosity.



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Ursuline Sisters Help Work At Mount Picnic

Sister Jane Miriam Hancock, OSU, 88, finds it most rewarding to work the ticket sales booth where she can chat with her many friends and acquaintances who would not miss seeing her or this annual fund raiser to benefit the retired Sisters at the Mount. Mel Howard photo



Mount Saint Joseph Picnic Through the Years

By Sarah Patterson

On Sunday, September 9, 2012, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph hosted their 42nd annual picnic to support the retired sisters. To celebrate this event, below are photos of the picnic through the years. Clothing styles, prices, and booths may change over the years, but the fellowship and food remain always the same.

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At right, Rain may be in the forecast, as it was in 1984, but it will not stop the sisters and volunteers from hosting a good time.



At left, Sr. Vickie Cravens, Debbie Plummer, Bishop John McRaith, and Sr. Marie Michael Hayden enjoy their time together in 2001.



USCCB Nationwide Bulletin Insert

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PRAYER AND ACTION ARE NECESSARY TO KEEP OUR FIRST FREEDOM FIRST

When Pope Benedict visited the United States in 2008, he asked the U.S. bishops a question: **“Is it consistent to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday, and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs?”**

The Holy Father then answered his own question: **“...Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted. Only when their faith permeates every aspect of their lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel.”**

Although the full impact of the Holy Father’s words might not have been understood then, they have since proven prophetic. The Pope was challenging Catholics in the United States to resist the growing pressure to confine religious beliefs to houses of worship and to prevent the Church and individual believers from living out their faith in their day-to-day work and care for others.

The U.S. bishops have since raised numerous concerns over the increasing threats to religious freedom, especially the now-finalized rule of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which would force virtually all private health plans nationwide to provide coverage of sterilization and contraception—including abortifacient drugs.

While there is an exemption for certain “religious employers,” it only covers employers that serve people of their own faith. **Jesus and his apostles would not qualify.** Mother Teresa would not qualify. As the bishops noted in their statement, *United for Religious Freedom*, this is an extremely narrow and unprecedented federal definition of religion, resulting in coercion to act against our teachings and the violation of civil rights.

Federal law has long been generous in protecting the rights of individuals and institutions to not to act against their religious beliefs or moral convictions. Is that now changing? **Are we entering a time when the federal government may now force the Church—consisting of its faithful and all but a few of its institutions—to act against Church teachings?**

While we seek remedies from the White House, Congress, and the courts, the U.S. bishops have called upon the Catholic faithful, and all people of faith, throughout our country to join in prayer and penance for our political leaders, and for the complete protection of our first freedom—religious liberty. Prayer is the ultimate source of our strength—for without God, we can do nothing; but with God, all things are possible.



Volante de USCCB para boletines en toda la nación

Septiembre-Octubre de 2012

ORACIÓN Y ACCIÓN SON NECESARIAS PARA MANTENER NUESTRA PRIMERA LIBERTAD

Cuando el Papa Benedicto XVI visitó Estados Unidos en 2008, les hizo esta pregunta a nuestros obispos: **“¿Es acaso coherente profesar nuestra fe el domingo en el templo y luego, durante la semana, dedicarse a negocios o promover intervenciones médicas contrarias a esta fe?”**

El Santo Padre respondió su propia pregunta: **“... Es necesario resistir a toda tendencia que considere la religión como un hecho privado. Solo cuando la fe impregna cada aspecto de la vida, los cristianos se abren verdaderamente a la fuerza transformadora del Evangelio”.**

Aunque el impacto completo de las palabras del Santo Padre podría no haberse entendido entonces, han resultado ser proféticas. El Papa estaba urgiendo a los católicos de Estados Unidos que resistieran la creciente presión de confinar la fe religiosa a lugares de culto e impedir que la Iglesia y los creyentes vivan su fe en su día a día de trabajo y el cuidado de los demás.

Los obispos de Estados Unidos han expresado frecuentemente su preocupación por las crecientes amenazas a la libertad religiosa, especialmente el ahora definitivo mandato del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos (HHS) de EE. UU. que obligaría a casi todos los planes de salud privados, en toda la nación, a cubrir la esterilización y la anticoncepción, incluyendo fármacos abortivos. Si bien existe una

excepción para algunos “empresarios religiosos”, esta solo cubre a los empleados que atienden a personas de su propia fe. **Jesús y sus apóstoles no calificarían. La Madre Teresa no calificaría.** Como los obispos señalaron en su declaración, *Unidos por la Libertad Religiosa*, esta es una definición federal de la religión muy estrecha y sin precedentes, dando lugar a la coacción para actuar en contra de nuestras enseñanzas y una violación de los derechos civiles.

La ley federal siempre ha sido generosa en proteger los derechos de las personas e instituciones y a no actuar en contra de sus creencias religiosas o convicciones morales. ¿Está cambiando esto ahora? **¿Estamos entrando en una época en que el gobierno federal ahora puede forzar a la Iglesia, que consiste en sus fieles y todos menos unas cuantas de sus instituciones, para actuar en contra de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia?**

Mientras buscamos remedios de la Casa Blanca, el Congreso y los tribunales, los obispos de Estados Unidos han pedido a los fieles católicos, y a todos las personas de fe en todo el país que se unan en oración y penitencia por nuestros dirigentes políticos, y por la protección completa de nuestra primera libertad —la libertad religiosa. La oración es la fuente última de nuestra fuerza, porque sin Dios, no podemos hacer nada, pero con Dios todo es posible.

What can you do to help protect religious freedom?

- To get breaking news and opportunities for action, text the word **“Freedom”** to 377377 on your cell phone.
- To learn more about our first freedom, and to send your message to Congress urging them to stand up for conscience rights in health care, go to www.usccb.org/conscience.
- To join in the **Rosary Novena for Life and Liberty, October 14-22**, or to sponsor a Marian Pilgrimage or other prayer efforts for religious freedom and conscience rights, go to www.usccb.org/freedom.

¿Qué puedes hacer para proteger la libertad religiosa?

- Para obtener noticias de último minuto y oportunidades para la acción, envía un SMS con el texto **“LIBERTAD”** al 377377 desde tu celular.
- Para aprender más sobre nuestra primera libertad, y para enviar un mensaje al congreso instándolos a defender los derechos de conciencia en el cuidado de la salud visita www.usccb.org/conscience.
- Para unirte a la Novena del Rosario por la Vida y la Libertad del 14 al 22 de octubre, o para patrocinar una Peregrinación Mariana u otro tipo de oración por la libertad religiosa y los derechos de conciencia visita www.usccb.org/freedom.

Trinity Y Club Works To Beautify Campus For School Year

Submitted by
Lisa Armes

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - On September 12, 58 of the 68 members of the Trinity High School Y Club, Ag Club, and horticulture class participated in the Fall Beautification day. Under the guidance of George Morgan, Misty Williams, Lisa Armes and Bryce Roberts the students scrubbed the inside of the school and cleaned up around the outside. Dirt was brought in and trees and flowers were pruned and planted. The beautification day was a huge success.



From left....Brooklyn Gray, Nathan Huff, Katey Mattingly, John Morris, Max Bickett, Elizabeth Howard, Max Lanham, Dalton Payne, Blake Knott, Lauren Reynolds, Chelsea Howard, Amanda Roby, Kelsey Armes, Lexie Hatfield, Bri Johnson, Kelly Gilmore, Mary Wathen, Liza Howard, Hannah Armes, Kirsten Beatty, Katelyn Kuykendall, Jonah Roberts, Hannah Bland, Madeline Millay, Lexi Aud, Emmie Roberts, Shelby Ballard, Kacey Roby, Ayriel Aud, Jessica Payne, Devon Howard, Shawna Aud, Blake Booker, Lauren Beyke, Jessica Beyke, Lexie Kaelin, Michael Roberts, Molli Beatty, Haley Payne, Morgan Porter, Allen Howe, Daniel Hardesty, Nolan Howard, Ayriel Payne, Maddy Buck, Alli Greer, Madi Perez. Photos submitted by Lisa Armes



Sophomore Hannah Armes and Freshman Codey Mattingly cleaning classrooms.



Juniors Katelyn Kuykendall and Mary Wathen dust the trophies, while freshman Michael Roberts transports supplies.



Senior Chelsea Howard created a stunning bulletin board.

please pray for vocations

Currently, the Diocese has **16** seminarians studying to become ordained priests.
30% of all appeal dollars raised goes to support these young men in their vocation.



Julio Barrera
St. Meinrad
Theological Seminary



Will Thompson
St. Meinrad
Theological Seminary



Emmanuel Udoh
St. Meinrad
Theological Seminary



Gary Clark
St. Meinrad
Theological Seminary



Michael Charles Ajigo
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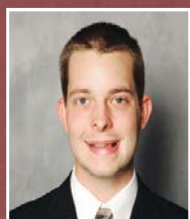
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Jared Kaelin
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James Dennis
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Matt Fields
St. Meinrad
Theological Seminary



Alex French
St. Meinrad
Theological Seminary



Nick Higdon
St. Meinrad
Theological Seminary



Ronnie Santana
St. John Vianney Seminary
at The University
of St. Thomas



Jesus Lopez Mendez
Bishop Simon
Brute Seminary



Samuel Rasp
Bishop Simon
Brute Seminary



Cory Bruns
Bishop Simon
Brute Seminary

Seminarians for the Diocese of Owensboro

Seminarians in Major Seminary

St. Meinrad Seminary, 200 Hill Drive
St. Meinrad, IN 47577-1030 812-357-6611

- **Julio Barrera**- IV Theology- Transitional Deacon
- **Will Thompson**- III Theology
- **Emmanuel Udoh**- III Theology
- **Jared Kaelin**- I Theology
- **Jamie Dennis**- I Theology
- **Matt Fields**- II Philosophy
- **Nicolas Ajpacaja Tzoc**- II Theology
- **Basilio Az Cuc**- II Theology
- **Nick Higdon**- I Theology

College Level Seminarians

Bishop Simon Brute Seminary 2500 Cold Springs Road
Indianapolis, IN 46222 317-955-6512

- **Sam Rasp**- 1st year college
 - **Cory Bruns**- 1st year college
- St. John Vianney Seminary 2115 Summit Ave.**
St. Paul, MN 55105-1095 651-962-6825
- **Ronnie Santana**- 4th year college--- Studying in Rome Fall 2012 Semester

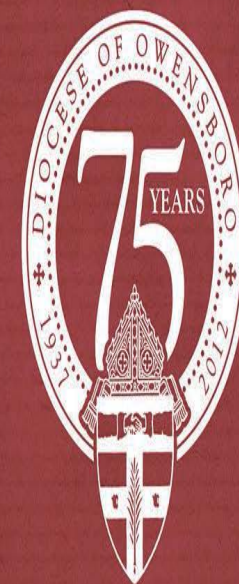
Seminarians on Pastoral Year

- **Gary Clark**- Pastoral Year, St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg, KY
- **Michael Charles Ajigo**- Pastoral Year, St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green, KY
- **Alex French**- Pastoral Year, Christ the King Parish, Madisonville, KY

Prayer for Vocations

Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



St. Stephen, pray for us.

Teen conference helps make prescription drugs 'a tough pill to swallow'

MAPLE MOUNT, Ky. - On August 24 and 25 (Friday/Saturday) The RiverValley Behavioral Health Regional Prevention Center hosted the 21st Regional Teen Leadership Conference at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The two-day retreat involved helping to make it a tough pill to swallow: peer to peer training taking place at youth leadership conference. Forty Daviess County area high school students, including eleven from Owensboro Catholic high School, participated in learning strategies on how to combat substance abuse issues, particularly prescription drugs.

Representatives from law enforcement and the medical and mental health, Community Coalitions conducted the event. The students from Apollo, Daviess County, Owensboro and Owensboro Catholic, Ohio, County and Webster County high schools plan to take the information learned back to their schools and share it with their teachers and classmates.

Keynote Speaker was Mr. Mike Burlelson, Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy. Mr. Burlelson is a 1974 graduate of the University of

Kentucky College of Pharmacy. Prior to assuming his position with the Board, Mr. Burlelson was a pharmacy manager with Walgreen's. He was also a pharmacy owner for 19 years in Henderson, KY. Michael served on the Henderson County Board of Education from July 1988 through November 2002. He was a founder and served on HOPE, Inc., Hendersonnians Offering a Promising Environment (formerly CHOICE - Caring Hendersonnians Offering Informed Community Enlightenment, and Henderson County War on Drugs) from 1983 through October 2002.

The workshops also included Marijuana Research and Information, Strategic Prevention Framework, Seven Strategies for Community Change, Prescription Drugs: the five myths for use and much more. Youth returning to respective schools have committed to provide "Peer to Peer" trainings on the risks associated using prescription drugs not prescribed to the user. This initiative was funded in part by RiverValley Behavioral Health and the Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.



Teen conference helps make prescription drugs 'a tough pill to swallow.' High school students from six Daviess, Ohio and Webster County schools participated in the Aug. 24-25 Teen Leadership Conference at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. MSJ Photo



Ohio County students completing post-conference evaluations at the Aug. 24-25 Teen Leadership Conference are supervised by school sponsor Judy Bevil. The conference took place at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. MSJ Photo

OCHS SCRUBS
 Attended a Leadership Conference on Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention. OCHS advisers and students who attended the Teen Leadership Conference - Back row, from Left: Jacob Cecil, Tyler Carrico, Bryce Girten, Laurine Scott, Sherry Krampe (co-sponsor); 2nd row - Bev Howard (co-sponsor) Paige Houston, Rachel Hamilton, Emily Mitchell, Brooke Raley; Front: Georgia McMaster. Submitted Photo



Habitat for Humanity Annual Banjos & Brunch Fundraiser

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OWENSBORO, Ky. - The 17th annual Banjos & Brunch fundraising event for Habitat for Humanity (HFH) was held Saturday, Aug. 21 at Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline here. The brunch, which was open to the public, featured bluegrass music by Randy Lanham and Friends and a southern-style menu.



Above, the UK corn hole boards in front of a gardener's bag of gardening tools at the HFH auction. At right, OCHS Habitat For Humanity Chapter president Megan Mattingly holding the A Key To The City of Owensboro and the gavel presented her at the HFH fundraiser. Bev Howard Photos

"Building Dreams" was the theme for the event, which offered a silent auction, gift baskets, quilts, household accessories and handicrafts. Habitat annually honors community volunteers at the brunch with its "Hall of Fame" award. This year, long-time members of Habitat's construction crew were honored.

Owensboro Catholic High School, Brescia University, Apollo High School and Daviess County High School were inducted in the "Hall of Fame" because of their efforts to sponsor and build "The Schoolhouse". Each school was given a key to the City by Pam Smith-Wright (Mayor Pro-Tem) and a gavel presented by George Wathen from the Daviess County Fiscal Court. The Corn hole boards which was part of the auction were built by one of our Habitat member's dad to help raise funds for Habitat.

Adviser Bev Howard said, "OCHS Habitat group has raised over \$12,000 during the last 2 years to help sponsor two houses. This was done by several means such as 'Trash for Cash,' collecting aluminum cans, several grants (one of which was the diocese's DRF



grant over 2 years), selling baked goods at school functions and making, selling birdhouses for donations to our effort. We also helped park cars at the historic 2011 ROMP to raise \$2,500 for Habitat (thanks to many helping hands), OCS K-3 campus raised money in their pails of nails campaign in Catholic Schools week- Working together, young people can make a big difference in the lives of people in their community."



Heather Hayden, Theresa McCarty, Joni Byrd, Teresa Potts, Kathy Dixon, Lori Whitehouse and Julie Warren are seen here holding checks as they waited to pick up items won in the silent auction at the end of the brunch. OCS Photo

The Elementary K-3 Campus was recognized at Banjos and Brunch Silent Auction for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, August 25, at Settle Memorial Church in Owensboro.

Faculty members from the OCS Elementary K-3 Campus attended the Banjos and Brunch Silent Auction for Habitat for Humanity. The Elementary K-3 Campus was recognized for raising money in the Pails for Nails drive in the spring. The Elementary K-3 Campus donated money to buy over 20 pails of nails for new Habitat homes.

High Scorers in Advanced Placement Biology Exam



Four Paducah St. Mary High School students scored 4 or above (on a scale of 1-5) on the Advanced Placement Biology Exam taken last spring. Pictured left to right are: Senior Olivia Romero (daughter of the late Ernie Romero and Marianna Romero), Senior Caitlin Hodges (daughter of Jennifer & Chris Hodges), and Juniors Allison Reed (daughter of Pam & Greg Pam), and Alyssa de la Rosa (daughter of Lilly & Raymond). St Mary School's theme for this year is "Gifts - Growing in Faith Together." Submitted by Jackie Hopper

OCHS Students Named National Merit Semi-Finalists

Congratulations to Chase Carrico, Justin Ahnell Magnuson, Neil Mattingly and Kevin Thompson who have been named a National Merit Semi-Finalist.



Chase Carrico is the son of Mark and Mary Alice Carrico and a member of St. Stephen Cathedral.

Justin Ahnell Magnuson is the

son of W. L. Magnuson and Kirsten Ahnell and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church



Kevin Thompson is the son of Al and Molly Thompson and a member of Blessed Mother Parish.

Neil Mattingly is the son of Jim and



Laura Mattingly and a member of Blessed Mother Parish.

About 1.5 million juniors in 22,000 high schools entered the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2012 PSAT, which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

Students Named Sen. Jeff Green Scholars for Academic Achievement

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Seven diocesan students have been named Senator Jeff Green Scholars by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) for their outstanding academic performance in high school. Students earn this designation by achieving a 4.0 grade point average each year of high school and scoring at least a 28 composite on the ACT.

These students have also earned \$2,500 a year in Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) awards. Their awards may be renewed each year of college if they continue high scholastic achievement, making the total value of their KEES worth \$10,000.

The title honors the late state Sen.

Jeff Green of Mayfield, who served in the Kentucky General Assembly from 1992 to 1997.

Diocesan students who earned this prestigious designation are:

- Owensboro Catholic High School: **Alexander Riccio, Emily Taul, Megan Tighe.**

- St. Mary High School: **Andrew Clark, Emily Ebelhar, Luke Meredith.**

- Whitesville Trinity High School:

Sophia Henderson.

KEES and other Kentucky student aid programs are administered by KHEAA. KEES awards are funded by net Kentucky lottery proceeds and may be used at most colleges and universities in Kentucky.

Multinational Novena For Unborn Babies Reaches New Heights

Unborn babies are about to receive help in a large, and perhaps unprecedented, kind of way: From September 29th - October 7th, more than 42,000 Masses are being offered and over one million Rosaries prayed for the protection of unborn human persons (this count is periodically updated at the homepage of the website www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org). This nine day period of Masses and Rosaries is called the PRO-LIFE NOVENA FOR UNBORN BABIES which is an annual novena coordinated by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization of Memphis, Tn.

The great majority of registrations for both Masses and Rosaries has come from persons associated with the Sisters of

Mary who are in South Korea, Mexico, Philippines, Guatemala and Brazil. Additional registrations have been received from one or more persons in each of the following nations: Australia, Argentina, Canada, Uganda, Nigeria, Italy, U.S.A., New Zealand, England, South Africa, Spain, Scotland, Poland, and Romania.

In addition to the PRO-LIFE NOVENA FOR UNBORN BABIES, the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization also coordinates the ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES which happens once a year during the month of May. For 2012, more than 100,000 Rosaries were registered to be prayed.

The number of Masses registered as part of the Pro-Life Novena for Unborn Babies is: 42,525 as of Sept. 18, 2012.

The number of Rosary Novenas registered as part of the Pro-Life Novena for Unborn Babies is: 114,981 as of Sept. 18, 2012.

(This number means 1,034,829 Rosaries are to be prayed.)

"I encourage the faithful to seek the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe... by praying the Rosary for the protection of unborn human life through the campaign of the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization." - Cardinal Raymond Burke(2008)

1,000 Years of Catholicism to be displayed at Breckinridge Historical Museum

The Historical Museum is pleased to announce a temporary exhibition celebrating the history of five Catholic parishes in Breckinridge County.

Fr. Dan Kreutzer, the curator of the exhibit, approached the Historical Society, which owns and operates the museum, about hosting the exhibit. "All of the five parishes in Breckinridge County are either at or over the 200 year mark," he noted. "It seemed like a good time to highlight the rich tapestry of their history and display for the entire community."

Breckinridge County is the third most Catholic populated county in the thirty-two western most counties of Kentucky. Those counties comprise the Diocese of Owensboro. The Diocese of Owensboro was carved out of the Archdiocese of Louisville seventy-five years



Father Charles Nerinckx

ago. Fr. Kreutzer said, "All of our parishes in Breckinridge County, date back to the Archdiocese. Our parishes are older than our diocese."

The five parishes are St. Romuald (Hardinsburg), St. Anthony, the Abbot (Axtel), Holy Guardian Angel (Irvington), St. Rose of Lima (Cloverport) and St. Mary of the Woods (McQuady).

On display is a summary of the history of each parish. A rare portrait of Fr. Charles Nerinckx, the circuit-riding founder of Catholicism in Breckinridge County is also on display. Two mannequins are on display. One is of a priest offering mass dressed in vestments from the 19th Century. The other is an Ursuline Sister dressed in period clothing. The Ursulines taught at the numerous schools

affiliated with the parishes throughout the 200 years.

Several items of interest are also located in enclosed cases, including texts written in Latin, the official language of the Roman Catholic Church.

Each visitor will also be given a pamphlet which highlights the worship and educational life of the five parishes today.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Museum is located at 108 3rd Street in Hardinsburg. The Museum is open Wednesdays from 8AM - 12 noon and on Saturdays.

Serra Clubs Gather with Owensboro Diocesan Seminarians

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By Larena Lawson

The Diocese of Owensboro is blessed to have 16 men studying in the seminary this year and discerning the vocation of the priesthood; three in minor college seminary, ten in major seminary and three serving a pastoral year in parishes in the diocese. Each summer before they return to school or go off to their new assignments, the Serra Clubs of the diocese traditionally gather with them for a lunch and social. For the past few years the Serra Clubs have been alternating the hosting of the picnic between Owensboro, Henderson and Paducah. The clubs also invite the parents, grandparents and families of the seminarians, enjoying the opportunity to meet them all. With the Serra Club's mission being to foster and encourage vocations in the Church, these gatherings with the seminarians and their families allow the Serrans to get to know those whom they praying for and supporting with their vocation work.

This summer, on Saturday, August 18, the Paducah Serra Club hosted the annual Seminarian Summer Picnic at St. Pius Tenth Parish in Calvert City. Serrans from Owensboro and Henderson were also in attendance. They welcomed 11 of the 16 seminarians of the Diocese of Owensboro and several of their parents, grandparents and family members. It was a nice time to meet, greet and eat and to learn more about the men that are studying for the diocese. After the sharing of the meal, each seminarian was introduced by Dr. Fred Litke, the Assistant Vocation Director of the diocese. They each introduced their guests and spoke about themselves and their summer assignments and what they would be doing in the coming school year. Then the Serra Clubs offered them a unique back to school gift. This year their gift was a black vest with the Owensboro Diocesan Logo on the lapel. Previously they have received jackets, shirts and book bags, just to name a few. These gifts help to identify the men as being from the Diocese of Owensboro when they wear or use the items.

Bishop William F. Medley was a special guest at the Seminarian Picnic. He of-



Deacon Julio Barrera, at right, speaks to the Serra Clubs and his fellow seminarians and their guests, about the activities of his summer and his upcoming ordination to the priesthood on June 1, 2013.

fered his words of wisdom to the men as they headed back to school and this event also offered him the added opportunity to thank the parents, grandparents and families of the seminarians. He thanked them for supporting the young men in their desire to follow God's call in their lives and encouraged everyone to continue to pray for vocations to the Church.

Percent of ACT-Tested Graduates Ready for College-Level Work, 2012

	Public	Private
English	64%	83%
Reading	50%	68%
Mathematics	44%	60%
Science	29%	42%

Eighty-three percent of 2012 graduates of religious and independent schools who took the ACT met or surpassed the test's college readiness benchmark score in English, compared to 64 percent of graduates from public schools. The share of students who met the benchmark scores in other subjects was also higher in private schools (see chart). Source: Catholic Conference of Kentucky.)

The ACT recently released a report titled *The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2012*, which summarizes the national performance of ACT-tested students. At Council for American Private Education (CAPE)'s request, the company compiled comparable data for private school graduates.



Front row, left to right, Jamie Dennis, Emmanuel Udoh, Bishop Medley, Deacon Julio Barrera, Ronnie Santana, Michael Charles Ajigo. Back row, left to right, Gary Clark, Matt Friedls, Alex French, Jarred Kaelin, Nick Higdon and Will Thompson. (The college seminarians, Sam Rasp and Corey Bruns, were not able to attend as they were already attending classes. Also not pictured, Basilio Az Cuc, Nicolas Ajpacaja Tzoc and Jesús Lopez Mendez. They each were still visiting their home countries and hadn't arrived back yet.) Larena Lawson Photo



Where In The World Is ...?

Ms. Brown's fifth grade students at the OCS Elementary 4-6 Campus graphed their classroom using yarn to show lines of latitude and longitude. They found their exact location in the classroom using the lines they had graphed. OCS Photo



Join the Passionist Nuns in Praying for our Nation

In preparation for our National Elections we are hosting Eucharistic Evenings of Prayer throughout 2012

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(Bl. John Paul II: *Rich in Mercy* #15)

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 5 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 13-14 Catholic Engaged (1 night)
- 14 St. Sebastian Confirmation Retreat Day
- 15-19 Diocesan Priests Retreat
- 20 Come and See Day: Young Adult Catholic Women
- 20-21 Marian Retreat with Msgr. Bernard Powers
- 22-26 Spiritual Direction Training Program 2012-2014 (Week 1)
- 26-28 T.O.P.S. Retreat
- 29-1 Quilt Guild

November

- 2 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 3-4 Academy for Young Leaders
- 10-11 Women's Fall Retreat: Experiencing God through Different Forms of Prayer
- 10 Yarn Spinners Day
- 17-18 Thomas Merton Retreat with Brother Dan Phillips

December

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

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Monte Cassino pilgrimages to be held in October

Saint Meinrad Archabbey's pilgrimages to honor the Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine have been scheduled for the Sundays in October. The pilgrimages begin with an opening hymn and a short sermon, followed by a rosary procession. The service ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn. Speakers and topics for the pilgrimages are:

- October 7—Fr. Meinrad Brune, OSB**
"Our Lady of the Table: Mary and the Eucharist"
- October 14—Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB**
"Vatican II, Mary and the Church"
- October 21—Br. Francis Wagner, OSB**
"Mary, Our Partner in Prayer"
- October 28—Fr. Vincent Tobin, OSB**
"Mary, the New Eve"

Services begin at 2 p.m. Central Daylight Time. The public is invited. The Monte Cassino Shrine is located one mile east of the Archabbey on State Highway 62 in St. Meinrad, IN. For more information, call Mary Jeanne Schumacher during business hours at (812) 357-6501.

Ministry to the marginalized presented at Saint Meinrad



Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB

The Institute for Priests and Presbyterates of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN, presented a free lecture on Monday, September 17 to kick off the New Pastors Program.

The lecture by Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, was titled "The Body of Christ Reaching Out to the Marginalized."

He explored what is meant by marginalized: who lives on the edge of society, where they live and how people meet them. He also discussed how pastors, as leaders of the church, can guide church members in extending the mission and ministry of the Lord to the marginalized.

"There is always something you can do because you can always pray," said Br. Zachary. "When you start praying for people the Spirit begins to take over and work."

Br. Zachary has earned bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from the University of Iowa and a Master of Divinity from the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO.

For the last four years, Br. Zachary has been the associate director of pastoral formation at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. He currently serves as coordinator of lay formation. Br. Zachary is active in prison ministry, retreat ministry and spiritual direction.

"The Body of Christ Reaching Out to the Marginalized" was the opening lecture of the Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly Lectures in Pastoral Practice series. The presentation began at 6:30 p.m. CDT in the Gallery, located on the first floor of St. Gregory Hall on the Saint Meinrad campus.

"Parochial Cyberspace: The Next Generation of Parish Community Centers"

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Dr. Sebastian Mahfood, OP

The Institute for Priests and Presbyterates of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN, will present a free lecture on Monday, November 12.

The lecture by Dr. Sebastian Mahfood, OP, is titled "Parochial Cyberspace: The Next Generation of Parish Community Centers, Revisited."

Blessed John Paul II, in his 36th World Communications Day speech of 2002 titled "Internet: A New Forum for Proclaiming the Gospel," challenged the Catholic Church to use the Internet as an evangelization tool. Responding to the reality of rapidly developing digital technologies, he asked whether the face and voice of Christ would emerge from the billions of images splashed on the Internet.

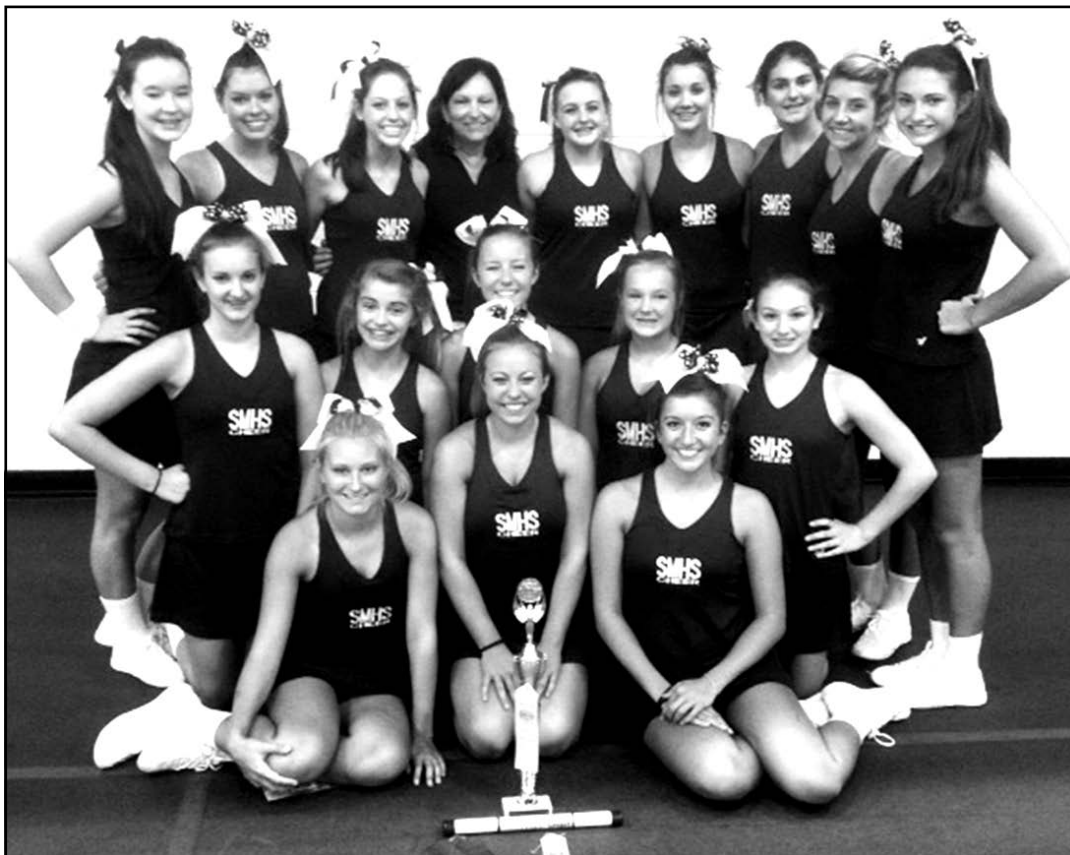
Priests ordained over the past decade are doing interesting things through the appropriate use of cyberspace in their parishes and dioceses. Dr. Sebastian's presentation will explore what is happening and discuss its impact on the Church's efforts to proclaim the Gospel. The presentation

begins at 6:30 p.m. CST in the Gallery, located on the first floor of St. Gregory Hall on the Saint Meinrad campus.

Dr. Sebastian is a lay Dominican of the Chapter of the Holy Rosary in the province of St. Albert and director of distance learning at Holy Apostles College & Seminary in Cromwell, CT. He holds a master's degree in philosophy from Holy Apostles College & Seminary and a doctorate in postcolonial literature and theory from St. Louis University. He lives in St. Louis with his wife, Dr. Stephanie Mahfood, and children, Alexander and Eva Ruth.

"Parochial Cyberspace: The Next Generation of Parish Community Centers, Revisited" is part of the Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly Lectures in Pastoral Practice series. There is no cost for the lecture. Parking is available in the Guest House parking lot and the student parking lot on the south side of campus. Saint Meinrad operates on Central time.

For more information, call Mary Jeanne Schumacher during business hours at (812) 357-6501.



Camp Champs

The Saint Mary High School Varsity Cheerleaders attended camp in July and are Camp Champs in their division. The Varsity cheerleaders placed first in competition in Cheer at the UCA cheer camp at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. The team also won the Spirit Stick and blue ribbons for each day of camp. The team includes Katie Stewart- captain; Maddie West- co-captain; Aubree Nettles- co-captain; Madeline Hollowell, Caroline Curtsinger, Addison Griffin, Shelby Henderson, Emily Bowerman, Maddie Cook, Allanay Ford, Audrey Hulette, Kristin Merges, Gab Milliano, Kelly Stewart, Hannah Waltmon, Anna Wilson, and Ali Shields. Freshman Audrey Huelette, Sophomore Caroline Curtsinger, and Senior Aubree Nettles were selected as All-Americans. St. Mary Varsity Cheerleaders with Moderator, Mrs. Michelle Dunlap. Submitted by Jackie Hopper, Development Officer.

In Life & Love Conference Set For Oct.18-20,2012

Looking for a conference on Marriage & Family Life? "Praying in the Home" is the theme for the first national In Life & Love Conference sponsored by Human Life International and the Archdiocese of Detroit. Scheduled for October 18-20, 2012, this event is designed for spouses, parents, parish ministers and clergy. It will provide a theological foundation for marriage and family life, explore themes in the spiritual life that are helpful for families, and offer insights for the pastoral care of spouses and families. See details and register at www.inlifeandlove.org

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church Re-establishes Youth Group

By Charlotte Morris

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - The Olympics might be over, but the newly re-established Youth Group for St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Whitesville was holding its own Olympics on August 26th, 2012. They called it the "Sticky-lympics", and it would serve as the youth group's kick-off.

The night started at 5:00 p.m at Chuck and Ann Hagan's house in Whitesville. The group consisted of high school age youth, grades 9-12. To provide introductions, the kids played 'ice-breakers' for about twenty minutes. Afterwards, they gathered in a circle and Fr. Ken Geraci, the associate pastor at St. Mary's, said a blessing and led the grace. There was a short pause for supper, and the real Sticky-lympics began.

Joe Bland directed the kids into four large groups. Each group was instructed to choose a country or place to represent, such as 'U.S.A' or 'Australia'. Then Joe and parent volunteers showed the groups how they would compete with one another.

At one station, two groups would nominate a team member to take part in the competition. Two pans were sitting on a table; one filled with marshmallows and flour, and the other filled with whip cream and M&M's. The two players had to gather as many marshmallows or M&M's as possible, but they could not use their hands. This resulted in many "ewws" as well as laughs while the players raced against a timer. Fr. Ken was the official judge of who was the winner, and some of the parents helped the kids clean up afterwards.

The second game featured one player from each team trying to collect as many pieces of cereal as he could. The cereal pieces were placed in a bowl, but the problem was that the players were only allowed to use their face. How? They either chose to smear peanut butter or regular butter on their face and rub their faces in the cereal bowl. Most players opted for peanut butter (even though it was messier!) because it would collect the most cereal. Players were timed and by now everyone was getting into the competition, with team members shouting encouragement for their "athletes".

At the third station, all team members participated by lying on their backs with their mouths open. Two members remained standing; one blindfolded and the other not. The person without the blindfold would dip a marshmallow in chocolate, hand it to the blindfolded team member, and guide the blind person so they could drop the marshmallow in a team member's mouth. The catch was that the guiding could only be done by word of mouth. With every marshmallow caught the team gained a point. Almost every kid ended up with

chocolate syrup on their clothes.

The last game was a spitting competition., but not like you might think. The teams lined up at one table with a large metal pot filled with a mixture of different sodas. The kids had to get a little five-ounce cup full, drink it, hold the mixture in their mouth, and run to a second table a short distance away. This table had an empty pot on it, and the player would spit the liquid out into the pot, run back, and tag the next team member. When each team finished, a measure-



Emily Smith gets down and dirty with her face in the marshmallows and whipped cream. Photos this page by THS journalism student Charlotte Morris and Her mother, Monica Morris.



Franklin races to spit a mouthful of soda into the pan while his teammates wait to do the same.



Chaperone DeeAnna Wathen stands ready to pour a bucket of water over Patrick Payne's head in the event his doesn't know the correct answer to his Bible quiz question.

ment of how much they had accumulated in the pot was taken by using a stick of wood. Several agreed that this last game was the most fun and the most competitive.

There was a short break between the 'sticky' and the 'wet' games, and then the youth group reached the water section of the Sticky-lympics. One game involved the team gathering around a plumbing pipe that was drilled full of little holes. As Joe or Fr. Ken dumped a bucket of water in the pipe, the team members tried to block up every hole and keep the water in the pipe. This game involved lots of screaming and laughing as every team member got soaking wet. The second game had the two teams line up beside each other. Each team had two buckets, one at the end of the line and one at the front of the line, and two sponges. They had to soak the sponge and pass it down the line to the last bucket where all the water would be squeezed out. Competition was fierce and everyone enjoyed it.

The final game of the Sticky-lympics was a Bible quiz. Two chairs were placed close to one another, and two five-gallon buckets were filled with water. One at a time, team members sat in the seat and were asked a question about the Faith by Joe Bland. If they answered correctly, they were safe, but if an incorrect answer was given then a bucket of water was poured on their head.

The Sticky-lympics ended with prayer, and everyone was smiling and wet. They all couldn't wait for the next youth group meeting, set for September second. I had an outrageous amount of fun, and I hope to see everyone again next time!



Katrina Rhodes stops for a photo after having a friend try to throw a chocolate-coated marshmallow into her mouth. The pitcher was off by a little.

YOUTH RALLY FOR LIFE - DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

Celebrity Testimonies * Floating Balloon Rosary * Music * Friday, October 19, 2012

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The Offices for Youth Ministry, Faith Formation and Social Concerns of the Diocese of Owensboro are very excited to inform you that they will be hosting their first ever middle and high school Youth Rally for Life.

The rally will take place on Friday, October 19, 2012, at the Owensboro Sportscenter from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Julia Holcomb, Steven Tyler's former fiancée, will be sharing her testimony as a post abortive woman. When Julia Holcomb was 16 years old she became the legal ward of Steven Tyler, lead singer of the rock band Aerosmith and current American Idol judge. At age 17, when she was over 5 months pregnant with Tyler's first child, she barely survived a fire that burned their apartment. While still in the hospital recovering from smoke inhalation she was coerced into a horrific saline abortion. She is the author of the memoir *The Light of the World - the Steven Tyler and Julia Holcomb Story*, published on LifeSiteNews and credits her faith in Jesus Christ as the life line that helped her rebuild her life after her abortion trauma.

Kelly Clinger and her husband, Matt, will come speak as well. Ms. Clinger was once an extra on the Mickey Mouse Club and a background vocalist for Britney Spears. In November of 2010, Kelly wrote a painfully honest blog about her abortions and the trauma and hopelessness that ensued. It received over 10,000 views in the first 72 hours. She feels that God has given her a voice for the millions of women who live in regret, guilt, self-hatred and a voice for the unprotected children in the womb.

Ms. Holcomb and the Clingers all serve as speakers for "Silent No More," an organization that shares the stories of post abortive women and men in an effort to make a difference in the lives of those who hear them. <http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/>

Maria Spears will be providing music for the Youth Rally for Life. She is a professional musician from Bowling Green, KY. Her passion and love for the Lord, music and for people has taken her all over the world from the US to Europe, Mexico, Australia, Jamaica and Haiti.

Students from Hilltoppers for Life, a pro-life organization on the Western KY University campus, will be present as well. They will share their respect for human life with the students from a peer perspective.

The rally will end with a "FLOATING ROSARY" made up of environmentally friendly blue, pink and white balloons that will be launched. The Rosary will unite all in attendance in prayer, while petitioning for an end to abortion in our country, especially as our nation approaches the 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade in January.

Owensboro Diocesan Youth Conference November 16 & 17, 2012

Discipleship: Are you fully trained?

The Owensboro Diocesan Youth Conference will be held November 16 & 17, 2012 at The Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green, KY. The conference is open to middle and high school students (grades 6-12). The conference will be-

The attendance of hundreds of students, grades 7 – 12, from all Owensboro/Daviess County schools in addition to those in outlying areas is anticipated. This will be a quality experience for students and balanced with regard to the Components of Youth Ministry as encouraged by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' document, "Renewing the Vision."

Youth Rally For Life

When: Friday October 19th

Where: Owensboro Sportscenter

1215 Hickman Avenue in Owensboro

Who: Middle and High School Students

Time: 8:30am - 11:30am

Cost: FREE

"speak up for those
who cannot speak
for themselves"
Proverbs 31:8



Julia Holcomb - She is the author of the memoir *The Light of the World - the Steven Tyler and Julia Holcomb story*, published on LifeSiteNews and credits her faith in Jesus Christ as the life line that helped her rebuild her life after her abortion trauma.

Kelly Clinger

She was once an extra on the Mickey Mouse Club and a background vocalist for Britney Spears. She met Jesus in 2003 after years of heartache and pain caused by the music industry, divorce, addiction and abortion. Now, at 35 years old, she is a spokeswoman for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, a group of men and women who have chosen to tell their stories of the devastating affects of abortion.



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gin with registration at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night and end at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday. The cost is \$25.00 and you must be pre-registered. Contact your parish youth minister to sign up. The event will feature Cooper Ray and Brian

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Children And Their Grandparents Share A Special Bond

Submitted by Jackie Hopper

The St. Mary Middle/High School 1st Annual Grandparents' Mass was held on Wednesday, September 5. Fr. Brian Roby celebrated the Mass with close to 200 grandparents in attendance. In Religion classes, students had designed individual invitations to be delivered to their grandparents inviting them to attend. For those too far away, students sent notes to grandparents letting them know they would be missed but remembered in their Mass intentions that day.

Students whose grandparents were deceased wrote their names in a "Book of Remembrance." The book carried in the processional at the beginning of Mass in and placed in a prominent place of honor so that they too would be remembered.

Fr. Brian in his homily talked of the importance of grandparents and their influence in their grand children's lives. He spoke of his own grandparents and how blessed he was to grow to adulthood with a grandmother and grandfather on both his mother's and father's sides of the family. They shared a special bond and had prayed for him and his vocation to the priesthood. All four were present at his ordination, but he lost all of them within six months of that day. Father said he had no doubt that they had willed themselves to live to see the day he would become a priest, and was so grateful for the part they had played in that day becoming a reality. "Children and their grandparents share a special bond," said Fr. Brian.

During Prayers of the Faithful, petitions were offered for all grandparents - those present, and far away and unable to come, and for their deceased loved ones.

At the end of Mass, Fr. Brian had all grandparents stand and asked the congregation to extend their hands toward each of them as he offered a special blessing. Following the blessing, students came forward to receive a special "Grandparent Bookmark" that they then gave to their grandparents:

G is for giving us love

R is for rejoicing that you are in our lives

A is for always being there for us

N is for never giving up on us

D is for the delicious food you cook

P is for being a positive influence

A is for your answers that help us through life

R is for the reverence you show

E is for the everlasting bond we have

N is for the needs that you fulfill

T is for telling us your stories

S is for saying "Thanks" for all you do!

Following Mass, a reception was held in the Commons for all to enjoy.



St. Mary High School freshman Emily Meredith, and sophomores Alex Rich, Benjamin Hopper, and Katie Clark gather around the Book of Remembrance where they wrote the names of all of their deceased grandparents that were remembered during the Grandparents' Mass.

Fr. Brian Roby asks everyone to extend hands over all the grandparents as he offers a special blessing at the Grandparents' Mass.



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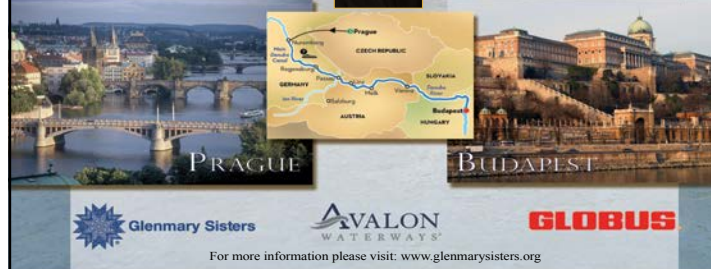
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Saturday, Oct. 20

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- ✦ Personal reflection time
- ✦ Questions and open conversation



LOCATION:

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse & Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center
8001 Cummings Road
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No cost for the day. Meals will be provided.

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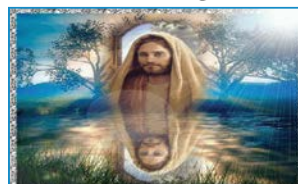
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By Chuck Stinnett

Charles Shade, who is remembered as a businessman, community volunteer, Christian and devoted family man,

died at his home on August 30, 2012. He was 82.

"He was a true gentleman," said the Rev. Ed Bradley, who for 16 years served as pastor at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, where Shade and his family attended. "He epitomized that word.

"He was one of the most gentle, loving and lovable men I've ever known," Bradley said. "He was a great husband, father and grandfather." Charles Shade, Henderson businessman and community volunteer, died Thursday.

Further, "He was so much a part of Holy Name," the priest said. "If there was such as thing as 'Mr. Holy Name,' it would be Charlie Shade."

"It's like the old Reader's Digest thing, 'The Most Unforgettable Character I Ever Met' — he was the most amazing character I ever met," said Landon Overfield, who became friends with Shade while they were both active in the ecumenical Cursillo movement here in the late 1970s and 1980s.

"Charlie Shade was truly a great, great person, someone that you remember the rest of your life," Overfield said. "He was the epitome of a Christian and a gentleman and a husband and a father and a family man. He meant a lot to this community."

A transplanted Hendersonian, Shade was honored with two of this community's highest honors: the Henderson Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 1994 — which recognized him for his long-term dedication to church, youth, community development and humanitarian efforts, both through public projects and private deeds — and the United Way's Gordon B. Tittle award.

A native of Louisville, he came to Henderson in 1958 and spent many years

with Sureway Food Stores here, retiring as Western Kentucky division manager in 1985.

"He was a good businessman," recalled Mayor Steve Austin, who as an advertising salesman, ad manager and later general manager at The Gleaner had an ongoing business relationship with Shade.

"He brought those Sureways to where they are," Austin said. "He put them on his back and worked all kinds of jobs ... He wore a lot of different hats when they were just getting started good ... He built them from not much to a big business."

Shade served on the board of Old National Bank and in leadership in numerous community organizations.

With the Salvation Army Board of Directors, he served as president as well as chairman of the youth program service committee, and conducted fundraising that helped construct the Center of Hope and funded a trip to the southeastern states to aid hurricane victims.

He volunteered for many years with the United Way, serving as chairman of the United Way of the Ohio Valley and its allocation committee.

Shade chaired the board of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce as well as serving as a director for some two decades and as a member of its executive committee. He was also a treasurer of the Henderson Regional Hospital Foundation Board.

A longtime member of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, he served on the finance committee and parish council, as well as serving as chairman of the Holy Name School board, among other work. He also performed the duties of lector and Eucharistic minister.

"He was a man of deep faith," Bradley said. "At finance committee meetings, I'd be wanting to do something and would worry that we didn't have enough money. He'd say, 'Father, I think you need to have more faith.' He meant that!"

Shade has also served on the board of trustees of Brescia College and with the Diocese of Owensboro Pastoral Council.

"There are literally thousands of people in western Kentucky who have had their lives changed by (Shade's) work for Jesus Christ," Overfield once said.

Shade and his wife, Rose Mary, raised 14 children.

"All of those kids are such great people," Bradley said. "You know, psychologists will say that the best thing a father can do is love the mother, and the best thing a mother can do is love the father. Charlie and Rosie had such a beautiful relationship that those children grew up in such a stable environment."

Bishop McRaith: Charlie Shade "A Man Of Deep Faith And With A Sincere Love For The Church."

Bishop-emeritus John Jeremiah McRaith wrote a brief message for *The Western Kentucky Catholic*, this diocese's newspaper which he founded in 1985, about his friend, Charlie Shade: "I would like to again express my sympathy and promise for prayers to Charlie Shade's wife, Rosie, and to their wonderful family. I have had the privilege to know Charlie Shade for nearly 30 years. I first got to know him when he was elected to our new Diocesan Pastoral Council and then elected to be the first chairperson of this new advisory group to the Bishop. It was under his leadership that the DPC became an important part of bringing the Diocese together and to helping me to know and respond to the needs of the Diocese. Many wonderful things have been said about Charlie Shade upon his death and all of them are so true. I found Charlie Shade to be a very great leader, a man of deep faith and with a sincere love for the Church. He was willing to use his many talents and his time to help all of us bring the Good News of the Risen Christ to all the people. I have a deep gratitude to have had the opportunity work closely with him during these years and have found him always to be that same man of faith in God and love for the Church - all The people of God. He will be missed by his equally devoted wife and his wonderful family and all the rest of us. Thank you, God, for bringing Charlie Shade into my life.

"In honoring me, you honor my wife, Rosie," Shade said in accepting the chamber's Distinguished Citizen award in 1994. "She gave me courage and insight" as well as patience and understanding as he pursued community involvement. "She's the one who is deserving."

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A Handmade Quilt Is Filled With Love, Pleasing To The Eye, And Soothing To The Soul.

The Daviess County Hospice Quilters, at work Aug.22,2012 in The Catholic Pastoral Center, Owensboro, in the picture above at left. At right, Rita Elder a member of the Quilters, gave a quilt to Luis and Vicky Aju August 29, 2012 as other quilters looked on approvingly. Luis Aju said, "On August 29, 2012 my wife and I were

invited to receive a blanket signifying two major events in our family's life, which are a birthday and the miracle of life. A rebirth after nearly a year of cancer treatment, the pain becomes a learning experience, as one learns to take things with calmness, wisdom and faith. I want to share this miracle with everyone. The ladies, who make

the quilts, are an example of patience, putting together one piece at a time to create a masterpiece, which ultimately expresses and symbolizes the beauty of life with the different phases we go through. Mrs. Rita and the other ladies who create these blankets, to them I say, may God bless you for sharing with me and my

family the beauty of your work, and teaching us that life is a process, just like each piece of cloth, in this case as it becomes a quilt, connecting with all the other pieces to form a beautiful quilt, just like you and the very special personnel at the Pastoral Center. God bless you and the love of the Aju family goes out to you." Mel Howard photos

"In God's Name"

By Luis Aju

The ill in our community



As members of a community as large as our Catholic community, we should ask ourselves; how close and active are we in the healing process of our ill?

The different experiences of the various illnesses that we have witnessed and in some cases lived through, as a community, have made us observe and feel the assistance of friends and family. But over time as health is restored and those special attentions are no longer required by the ill person we assure ourselves that everything is back to normal, but the reality of that person who suffered from such an illness is that they will continue with a spiritual and physical struggle.

In the life of every ill person, there are difficult times, because an illness touches the spiritual and emotional components of a person. Some people remain bed after going through the hardest part of their illness and sometimes we come to believe that the worst is over and everything is back to normal. Talking with people who have had or are in the process of healing, myself included, we shared our moments, that no one else understands which are the ones of how deep and how acute the feeling of passing moments of solitude is, not a physical solitude but a solitude feeling of loneliness in the sickness itself, nobody else can feel it but only he or she who is suffering it. It is very hard to go through these times but the company provided by friends and their embrace is of great value in the healing process. The drugs help but affect one's state of mind and body. Although it is also true that they help alleviate physical pain it is also true that they affect one's mood and spiritual state. Here is where only God can take us by our hand and provide us with

the strength to carry on. In the experience of a cancer survivor, one realizes the love that God has for each person, in which he gives us life at birth allowing us to grow but especially when he gives the second chance to life, which becomes a physical renewal. This renewal touches the most intrinsic part our being, not only by the change of appearance one goes through, but also in how we relearn to live our life externally. While we have learned that a crisis of any kind serves as a lesson, what we can learn from this is to follow Jesus, a teacher of excellence in humility and unconditional love. Just like our Native Hawaiian brothers say when greeting or saying farewell to a person, "ALOHA" which its true meaning is, hello and also good bye until I see you next time, giving unconditional love at both times making one feel welcomed and leaving feeling loved. Being able to give love without expecting anything in return is being able to see the greatness of the other person as they are made in the image of God.

In the healing process of any kind we

meet people of different nationalities, religions, languages, etc.. Even though our differences, they treat us with love, compassion and understanding, all without seeing our particular religion or origin. We are all equipped to give love, compassion, support and time to the needy, remember that it is Christ himself who we are accompanying when we do this, we accompany him in his pain for humanity during these times when humanity itself aches from all types pains. Whoever it is that reads this article, I invite you to take a look around and see that there are so many people suffering from different illness, lets become humanitarian and assist them, lest we maybe the cause of human pain. It is time to change attitudes, because we only have this life. Take a moment of your time and make a deep reflection to examine your actions. What do you think of this article? Is it an exaggeration? If so I invite you to reflect upon it. God bless you and your family. One thing is certain, and that is to live what we preach. Thank you and God be with us.

In Your Charity, Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sister Rita Redmond, 81, O.S.U., Who died Sept. 3



Maple Mount — Sister Rita Redmond, 81, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Sept. 3 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 63rd year of religious life. She was a native of Fort Scott, Kan.

Sister Rita was an Ursuline of Paola, Kan., before the merger of that community with Mount Saint Joseph in 2008. She was a born teacher, and stayed in contact with students she had from 60 years earlier. She was a multi-tasker before that word was invented, and always looked for an opportunity to help someone in need.

She taught school in Kansas from 1950-69, then worked with people with special needs from 1969-2001, much of that as coordinator of educational materials at the Lakemary Center in Paola.

Survivors include the members of her religious community. The funeral Mass was Sept. 6 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery.

Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements. Memorial gifts for Sister Rita may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

Passionist Nun Celebrates 50 Years In Vows

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - Sister Mary Elizabeth of the Holy Spirit (Betty Sauer formerly of Stanley/Sorgho), a Passionist Nun of St. Joseph's Monastery here, celebrated 50 years as a consecrated religious on July 9, 2012.

A public celebration was held July 8 with a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception. The following message from Sister to her family and friends was featured in the Mass booklet. We wanted to share it with you.

"From Janssen's painting of our Suffering Redeemer on the front cover, we see Jesus looking out at us and over the whole world. From the cross, He saw all generations from beginning to end, and the loving thirst in His Heart burned to save each and every human person. This made our Divine Savior send out from the cross His agonizing cry: 'I thirst.'

"The sacrifices and sufferings we embrace in union with Jesus become our language of love, to satisfy His 'thirst.'

"The charism of our founder, St. Paul of the Cross, was to keep alive in the hearts of God's people the grateful memory of Christ's redeeming love and thirst for every soul. In solitude, silence and prayer within the life of our cloistered community, I strive to let the Holy Spirit renew the Passion within me.

"Daily I strive to live our Passionist vows (5 vows: vow to promote devotion to and grateful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus, chastity, poverty, obedience, enclosure) in the atmosphere of Christ's sacrificial love, offering myself with Jesus to the Heavenly Father for the salvation and sanctification of all.



Sister Mary Elizabeth of the Holy Spirit

"As I celebrate the wonder of Christ's love to which I have committed myself by vow, I invite all of you to honor Him with me each day by offering this prayer:

Lord Jesus, by Your suffering and death, You made it possible for us to be holy and to share in the eternal joy of Your resurrection. With trust and confidence we look upon You on Your cross and strive to unite ourselves with You in the passion of our daily lives.

"Look down upon us and draw us close to You. Give us, we beg You, a share of Your courage in times of adversity and anxiety. Strengthen us in our struggle against physical and spiritual evil. In our efforts to imitate You

In Your Charity, Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sr. Margaret Spalding Wathen, SCN, Who Died Sept. 6



Margaret Spalding Wathen, SCN, daughter of the late Samuel Spalding and Margaret Richardson Wathen, died at Nazareth Home, Louisville, Ky., on Thursday, September 6, 2012. She had been a Sister of Charity of Nazareth for 61 years.

Sister Margaret Spalding served in elementary education as teacher and principal in Kentucky and Ohio; as Director of Nazareth Campus Service; as Choir Director at St. Stephen Cathedral Parish, Owensboro, Ky.; in health ministry at Memorial Hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn.; as Volunteer in the Western Province Office and in family ministry.

Survivors include four brothers, Robert Louis Wathen of Orlando, Fla.; John Hamilton Wathen, Sr. of Louisville, Ky.; Samuel Thomas and William Patrick Wathen of Hardin, Ky.; one sister, Margaret Bauer of Norman, Okla.; and her religious community.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated September 10, 2012, in St. Vincent Church, followed by burial in Nazareth Cemetery. The celebrant was Rev. J. Patrick Reynolds, Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah, Ky. Memorials may be made to SCN Missions, P.O. Box 9, Nazareth, KY 40048.

In Your Charity, Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sister Jean Richard Stukenholtz, OSU, 89, Who Died Sept. 8



Maple Mount — Sister Jean Richard Stukenholtz, 89, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Sept. 8 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 70th year of religious life. Sister Jean Richard was a lifelong learner and a very spiritual person. She always had a smile on her face and a desire to help those in need.

A native of Nebraska City, Neb., she was an educator for 49 years. She taught at St. Paul School, Leitchfield, 1945-46; Saint Charles, Bardwell, 1946-50; St. Elizabeth, Curdsville, 1955; St. Anthony, Browns Valley, 1956; St. Romuald, Hardinsburg, 1956-57; St. Anthony Public School, Peonia, 1972-74; and Clarkson Public School, Clarkson, 1974-77. She also taught in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in New Mexico and Nebraska.

Survivors include four sisters, Rosemary Anna Nelson, Renton, Wash., Leora Kowitzky, Seattle, Joan Meyer, Avoca, Neb., and Kathleen Stukenholtz, Nebraska City; and two brothers, Lou Stukenholtz, Peru, Neb.; and Carl Stukenholtz, Perry, Iowa. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, and the members of her religious community. The funeral Mass was Sept. 12 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery. Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements. Gifts in memory of Sister Jean Richard Stukenholtz may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

in Your Passion, help us to look upon those around us with loving care and concern.

"We pray that those who have turned away from You may be drawn back to You through the merits You gained for us on Calvary, so that all of us might live in never-ending peace with You forever. Amen."

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Holy Name School 140th Anniversary Celebration

Holy Name School celebrated the 140th Anniversary of the school in September. The school had a wagon parade with food collected that circled the block and was received by Bishop Medley prior to mass. Holy Name School cheerleaders led the parade and stationed themselves on the steps of the church to welcome all to Mass.

Sept. 7, 1872 was the First Day of School for Holy Name. On Sept. 1&2, 2012 the people of the parish celebrated the school's 140th Anniversary Celebration with events in the parish.

In photo at far left, 140th celebration assembly, four Holy Name School's teachers who have taught the longest, after a game of "Dress The Sister": Debbie McArdle, Susan King, Carol Gibson, and Audrey Young. Holy Name was started by 4 Sisters of Charity in 1872.

In the picture at near left, Holy Name Kindergarten students celebrating 140th birthday of Holy Name - front row (L to R): Patrick Hauke, Clara Hazelwood, Kate Cassidy; back Row (L to R): Caiden Summers, and Ryan Roberts. HNS Photos

Submitted by Sandy Fleming

Holy Name School began on Sept. 7, 1872 by Fr. Jenkins and four Sisters of Charity. Many great stories surround Holy Name School due to the dedication of Sr. Mary Paul, Sr. Charlotte, Sr. Ellen and Sr. Edith. They traveled to Henderson in the caboose of a freight train. Their vision and energy was contagious to the Holy Name Catholic Community. Boys and girls alike were educated in the Catholic faith and high standards of education. The school began with 50 total students at all age levels. The first high school diploma was issued in 1903.

This year, the Holy Name School Community celebrated a great legacy. We appreciate and honor the many alumni and friends that support our school in so many ways today. The celebrations began with a day of celebration on Sept. 1st. Alumni and Friends were invited to participate in a game of friendly basketball. The honorary coaches were Mayor Steve Austin and past pastor, Fr. Ed. Bradley. The evening concluded with a dinner/reception in which a history of Holy Name was presented with the use of the archives located at the Henderson Public Library. Linda Schriener developed and presented this to the over 250 people in attendance. Daryl Hagan, former principal, and Sandy Fleming, current principal, were the emcees for the evening. A celebration dinner was prepared by the Holy Name Men's Club with dessert prepared by Angela Deckard and Lori Deckard. The evening concluded with the traditional birthday song and the blowing out of candles by Fr. Larry McBride, Fr. Ed. Bradley, Daryl Hagan, and Sandy Fleming.

On Sept. 7th the Holy Name School student body celebrated the 140th with a parade of wagons filled to their brim with food for the Martha and Mary Outreach at Holy Name and a beautiful celebration of Mass with Bishop Medley. That afternoon the student body assembled in the café for a birthday celebration. One of the activities was to dress 4 of the teachers as one of the founding sisters. Birthday balloons, songs, and fun was the theme of the ceremony. The afternoon ended in prayer, a prayer for the continued success and support of those who have come before us, are among us now, and the many families that will be a part of Holy Name in the future.



A basketball game between the Holy Name School Alumni and Friends was played on Sept. 1, 2012 as part of the 140th Celebration of the founding of Holy Name School in Henderson, Ky. In the picture at right, Meredith Tappan Lovell, Greg Thomas, Jack Adams, Maxx Hagan, Chad Sellars Above left: Fr. Ed Bradley, former Holy Name pastor, coaching John Gabe, Steve Schwailler, Mark Manion, Holden Staples. HNS Photos



The Contemporary Woman Program Welcomes Dennis Linn: Healing the Future

OWENSBORO, Ky. - - Brescia University's Contemporary Woman Program is delighted to bring Dennis Linn to campus on October 25, 2012 at 7 pm in the Taylor Lecture Hall, located in the Science Building.

Linn and his wife, Sheila, and his brother, Matt, work together integrating physical, emotional and spiritual wholeness. Linn has taught courses on processes for healing in over forty countries and in many universities and hospitals, including a course to doctors accredited by the American Medical Association. The Linn's twenty-two books have sold over a million copies in English and have been translated into more than twenty languages. Their most recent book is *Healing the Future: Personal Recovery from Societal Wounding*.

The Linn's purpose is to support personal growth and the evolution of our planet by integrating spirituality, psychology and science in ways that empower all of us to heal personal and social wounds and discover our unique gifts for carrying out the special purpose of our lives. Their ministry is committed to the nonviolent resolution of personal and social conflicts, care for the earth, gender and racial equality, economic justice and respect for all faith traditions.

Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. They are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Contact Sr. Rose Marita O'Bryan, Director of the Contemporary Woman Program, at 270-686-4275 or rosemarita.obryan@brescia.edu for more information.



Dennis Linn



We Gather Together To Sing The Lord's Praises

Submitted by Monica Rice

STANLEY, KY – Sunday, August 26, 2012 – Members of the congregations of both St. Augustine (Reed, KY) and St. Peter of Alcantara (Stanley, KY) parishes gathered together on the steps of St. Peter's church for a group picture after the Installation Mass of our new pastor. Included in the photo is Bishop William Medley, who officially installed Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal as pastor. The two parishes gathered for Mass and a potluck meal celebration afterwards. Volunteers from both parishes formed a small choir and joined in the ministries for the Mass. St. Augustine church (62 registered families) and St. Peter church (137 registered families) have shared a pastor for many years. Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal, 34, was ordained on December 27, 2004. He came to the United States for the first time

this spring, and he became pastor of both parishes in May. Fr. Jegin comes to us from his home country of India. He has truly been a blessing for both parishes, and we hope we can help him feel at home and enjoy his stay with us.

Hebrews 10:24-25 - "We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and this all the more as you see the day drawing near."

The parish gathering photo above by Steffan Hart; To the Left: Rev. Bishop Medley and Fr. Jegin pose for a picture together at the official Installation Mass for Fr. Jegin as the pastor of St. Augustine and St. Peter of Alcantara parishes. Photo by Angie Morris.



LIFE ISSUES FORUM - *The Voice for the Voiceless*

Ken's Story: Conceived in Rape, Born for Love



By Deirdre A. McQuade

A man named Ken recently called in to a Washington, DC radio talk show discussing the question of abortion after rape. In the midst of a politically charged discussion, his personal story caught the host off guard. Ken explained that he was adopted as an infant, and at age 30, located his birth mother and learned the circumstances of his conception.

"Her story was that she was hit over the head with a baseball bat and was raped at 15. So she went away to Catholic Charities, had me, made the brave decision to keep me -- and, well, keep me alive. And then I was adopted and I have three beautiful children now, have been married for 15 years -- and I would just like to speak up for those [voice breaks] who have no voice."

Ken defended both women who are the victims of rape, and their innocent children who are conceived in violence: "It really eats me up when I hear people talk about rape, because it is horrible. My mother won't tell me who my father's name is because he threatened to kill her if she ever said anything. So she has not told me his name, but if I was ever to meet him, the first thing I would probably do is punch him. I think rape is horrible, but what I want to say to women out there is: you can take something that was terribly done to you, and make something good out of it. And that's, [voice breaks] that's me."

At first, the talk show host was stunned, but then he asked questions that unfolded into a nine-minute long segment.

Ken talked about growing up in a loving adoptive home -- his parents had

just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary -- and how he shares a relationship with his birth mother, her husband, and their children (his half-siblings). He expressed gratitude for his birth mother's going through so much to give him life. He admired how she rebuilt her life after her assault, pregnancy, and adoption placement, saying: "That was a hard time in her life. She sacrificed a lot...But she moved on in her life, and she was able to overcome the shame that was put on her."

He urged listeners to see that children conceived in rape are just as human, just as "real", as everyone else. "It's an emotional topic because I just get tired of people treating these unborn children like they're, like they're nothing. And they can be born, and they can grow up, and they can have a great life."

As a teen, Ken promised himself and God that he would return the favor of adoption, a promise that he and his wife fulfilled four years ago when they adopted a special needs premature baby girl

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from foster care. "I have an adopted child now because I was so grateful for having the opportunity to have my parents who took care of me....She's our, she's my daughter, and [voice breaks] I love her."

Although Ken was conceived in rape, that was not the final word in his life. Abortion would have multiplied the violence, destroying the life of an innocent human being. But thanks be to God, the power of love prevailed over violence. Through the generosity and courage of his birth mother, both he and his mother were free to love and be loved in many unanticipated ways.

Hear Ken tell the whole story in his own voice at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KcqRSMbtXA>.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Marriage Celebrations for October 2012 - Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and Over 50 Years of Marriage

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

George & Mary Virginia Ballard, 69
Tom & Patricia Anderson, 25

Christ the King, Madisonville

Maurice & Patty Jolley, 60

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

Kenny & Martha Barger, 64

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

John & Jeanie Burke, 25
James & Betsy Darche, 40
Clarence & Margret Kaminski, 63
Ray & Evelyn Shoemaker, 65

Herman & Mary Ruth Thomas, 59

Bill & Virginia Thomas, 66
Bernard & Debbie Wedding, 40

Michael & Patricia Wilson, 25

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

John & Cindy Scott, 25
Camille & Margaret Picciano, 69
Steve & Mary Jane Swigonski, 61

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Robert & Faye Gray, 51

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Edward & Carol Miller, 25
Thomas E. & Joann Castlen, 66
Joseph & Mary Jane Clark, 50
Martin & Jane Cravens, 53
Velma & William D. Dunn, 55
David & Patricia Hamilton, 60

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

George D. & Jennie Howard, 66
William & Janice Morton, 51
Bill & Anna C. King, 62
J. C. & Mildred Higdon, 58
Helen & Lester Schaick, 63
Hubert & Margie Terry, 54
George L. & Anna Weldon, 56
Joe & Ann Roth, 50

Kenny & Sheila Cecil, 40

Mark & Kathy Sterling, 25

Precious Blood, Owensboro

David & Ima Axley, 40
Terry & Tracey Black, 25
Sacred Heart, Waverly
Donald & Ellen Buckman, 58

St. Agnes, Uniontown

David & Connie Simmons, 25

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Bob & Janette Warren, 56

St. Ann, Morganfield

Eddie & Peggy Salyers, 61
Raymond & Sue Alvey, 67

St. Anthony Axtel

John & Shirley Coffey, 61
Alfred & Edna Critchelow, 52
Dan & Pat Rhodes, 52
William & Roswitha Clark, 51
Francis & Sue Henning, 51

St. Anthony, Peonia

James & Janice Ballow, 51
Eugene & Georgetta Smith, 54
Carlton & Betty Clemons, 53

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

John & Kathleen Forrister, 40

St. Benedict, Wax

Gary & Vanessa Logsdon, 40
Russell & Rudell Higdon, 57

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Stuart & Lois Stephany, 52
Joe & Betty Tucker, Sr., 53
Siro & Marcella Pandolfi, 64
Paul & Catherine Floyd, 51

St. Henry, Aurora

William & Pat Day, 53

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Jack & Mary Ann Purcell, 54

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Lawrence & Dorothy Halvorson, 61
Gerald & Pat Roof, 52

Bob & Barbaranell Tackett, 52

Larry & Carla Zacherette, 25

Paul Louis & Martha Wurth, 52

Ray & Martha Levesque, 54

Charles & Margaret Ballard, 52

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

James P. & Nellie Alvey, 63

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Richard & Pat Blackman, 40

Robert & Judy Hayden, 50

Mike & Nancy Bixto, 51

Harold & Barbara Hayden, 57

Joseph & June Elliott, 65

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Bernard & Kathleen Wright, 55

St. Leo, Murray

John & Marie Clark, 51

Alfred & Patricia Koehler, 55

Bruno & Helen Zubko, 68

St. Martin, Rome

James & Margaret Bickett, 57

John & Eloise Chandler, 57

Bill & Patti Wink, 57

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Jeff & Shelly Riney, 25

Jerry & Linda Ebelhar, 40

Bobby & Faye Millay, 54

William D. & Mary Ann Knott, 52

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady

Jim & Sharon Snider, 25

Perry & Patty Wright, 25

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

David & Regina Dollins, 25

Audry & Martha Hagan, 66

Harold & Barbara Morris, 51

Val & Bernadine Payne, 51

M. C. & Barbara Roberts, 52

St. Michael, Oak Grove

Orin & Virginia Koch, 56

William & Sofia Craft, 25

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Frank & Catherine Gawarecki, 53

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Richard & Cathy Campbell, 25

Aaron & Cathy Williams, 25

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Marty & Merl Kannapel, 66

Alvin & Margie Mattingly, 50

Harold & Libby Osborne, 59

St. Rose, Cloverport

John & Libby Popham, 55

Richard & Dorothy Carter, 63

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Clay & Linda Durbin, 25

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Mark & Laura Mathis, 25

Ronald & Cissy Sullivan, 52

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Bill & Mary Brucker, 50

Kelly & Barbara Robinson, 54

Robert & Barbara Marty, 56

St. William, Knottsville

Ralph & Catherine Mudd, 53

Allen & Becky Payne, 52

Owen & Charlotte Cecil, 51

Kenny & Marguerite Lanham, 50

Charles & Patricia Lanham, 40

Claudia & Erma Millay, 60

St. William, Marion

Jim & Karen Freeman, 25

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Brad & Cathy Devine, 25

Melvin J. & Maxine

Fleischmann, 52

Chester & Deanna Kaminski, 52

James & Doris Mills, 54

Robert & Mary Helen Ward, 52

Sts. Mary & James, Guthrie

Glynn & Ina Lambert, 53

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Phillip & Ruby Carsons, 58

Lyndon & Sheila Goode, 52

Donald J. & Mary Langhi, 51

Lindall & Barbara Oatts, 52



Restoration and Renovation of St. Stephen Cathedral in the Diocese of Owensboro

By Luis Aju

ST. STEPHEN CATHEDRAL is both a symbol and the center of a rich and vibrant history of the Catholic faith in Western Kentucky.

The early sharing of the faith in Western Kentucky can be traced to the missionary work of Fr. Elisha Durbin, who in the 1820's traveled on horseback through a territory extending from Louisville to Union County. During that same period the original faith community of St. Stephen began in Owensboro (then known as Yellow Banks), as a mission outreach of St. Lawrence Church in Knottsville. Several families would gather in one of their homes to celebrate mass with Fr. Robert Abel. The faith community grew to 35 families, and the first St. Stephen Church was begun in 1833, a 40 ft. by 40 ft. brick structure located at Second and Cedar Streets, then known as Mulberry Street.

The cornerstone for St. Stephen Church at its present location was laid in 1924. The building was completed and dedicated in 1926. On December 16, 1937, the Holy See announced the appointment of the Most Reverend Francis R. Cotton, then Chancellor of the Louisville Diocese, to be Bishop and pastor of a new diocese in Western Kentucky. St. Stephen Church was designated as the new Diocesan Cathedral. On March 8, 1938, Bishop Francis R. Cotton "was installed as such with elaborate and impressive ceremonies held at the newly designated cathedral." "A vast throng filled the great Cathedral." (From *Sixty Years of Owensboro, 1883-1943*, by William Foster Hayes)

Today the Diocese of Owensboro spans thirty-two counties and more than 12,500 square miles, approximately the same territory ministered to by Fr. Durbin in the early 1800's. St. Stephen Cathedral remains both a symbol and the center of the faith heritage which now unites more than 20,000 Catholic families in Western Kentucky. And like those Catholics who gathered in the Cathedral in 1938, each may feel a true sense of ownership and pride as the Cathedral Restoration and Renewal seeks to honor the history of St. Stephen Cathedral, while enhancing its beauty and dignity as a center of worship, witness, and service.

The Cathedral differs from a Parish Church, where the Cathedral is the Seat of the Bishop and it's where he summons all his clergy to discuss matters of the Faith of the Diocesan Church.

The Cathedral Church, as its name says CATEDRA in Latin or in English would be professorship, is so called because it is the place where you learn, place where it teaches all the eternal truths, that is where we find the teaching of the Church as Mother and Teacher of the Faith in Jesus, left to us for over 2,000 yrs. Since its inception the Chair of St. Peter, as the Primate of the Apostles, remains the basis and standard of living that Christians must follow.

To our Cathedral of St. Stephen's in Owensboro, Ky, as we are all part of this family, we wish God's blessings to continue with the mission that Jesus left us to, "Go forward and make disciples of all the Kingdom of God." This is our motto to follow the teachings of Jesus, follow his footsteps in these difficult times. This is where we are all seeds of the New Kingdom proclaimed by Jesus, our Teacher. Amen and God bless all of us.

Main reredos for the renovated interior of St. Stephen Cathedral. <http://www.ststephencathedral.org/>



Restoracion y Renovacion de la Catedral San Esteban de la Diócesis de Owensboro

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Por Luis Aju

El principio del inicio de la coparticipación de la Fe en el Oeste de Kentucky, puede ser trazada hasta llegar al trabajo misionero del Padre Elisha Durbin, quien en los años 1820s, viajaba a caballo, en un territorio que se extendía desde Louisville asta el Condado la Union. En ese entonces la Fe Original de la Comunidad de de San Esteban de Owensboro estaba en su inicio (en ese entonces se llamaba La Ribera Amarilla). Como una extensión de misión de la Iglesia de San Lorenzo en Knottsville. Varias familias se juntaban en sus casas para celebrar la Santa Misa con el Padre Roberto Abel. Entonces la fe de la gente crecería y se veía que eran 35 familias, y la por vez primera se fundo la primera parroquia San. Esteban en 1833, un edificio de ladrillo que media 40 pies cuadrados localizada en la calle Segunda y Cedar ahora conocida como Mulberry.

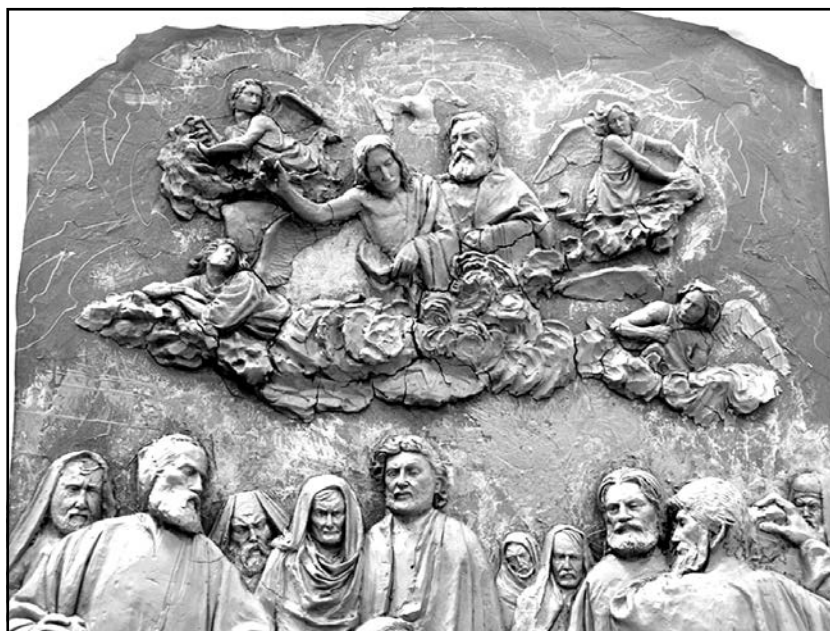
La piedra Angular de la Iglesia San Esteban en ese tiempo fue colocada en el año 1924, el edificio fue completado y dedicado 1926. El 16 de Diciembre de 1937, la Santa Sede nombra al Muy Reverendo Francis R. Cotton canciller de entones, en la Diócesis de Louisville a efecto de ser Obispo y pastor de la Nueva Diócesis del Oeste de Kentucky. La Iglesia de San Esteban entonces fue Asignada como la Nueva Catedral. El 8 de Marzo 1938 el Obispo Francis R. Cotton, "fue instalado como tal con ceremonias muy elaboradas e impresionantes que se levaron acabo en la nueva catedral designada". "Un inmenso sentimiento lleno la gran Catedral." Actualmente la Diócesis de Owensboro, abarca 32 condados y más de 12,500 millas cuadradas, aproximadamente el mismo territorio de ministerio de cual llevaba acabo el Padre Durbin en los principios de los 1800s. La Catedral de San Esteban sigue siendo el símbolo de nuestra fe y el centro de nuestro patrimonio de fe, que hasta al momento une a mas de 20,000 familias católicas en el oeste de Kentucky. Y como esas familias católicas cuales se reunían en la catedral en 1938, cada uno puede sentir un sincero sentimiento de pertenecía y orgullo hace a la restauración y renovación que persigue dar honor a la historia de la Catedral de San Esteban mientras se realiza su belleza y dignidad como un centro de alabanza, testimonio y servicio.

La Iglesia Catedral, difiere a la Iglesia de una Parroquia, en que la Catedral es la Sede del Obispo y es el lugar donde convoca a todo su clero y tratar asuntos de la Fe de la Iglesia Diocesana.

La Iglesia Catedral, como su nombre lo dice CATEDRA, se le llama así, porque es el lugar donde se aprende, se ensena a todos las verdades eternas, es ahí, donde encontramos la enseñanza de la Iglesia como Madre y Maestra de la Fe que Jesús nos dejara hace mas de 2,000. anos. Desde sus orígenes la Cátedra de San Pedro, como el Primado de los Apóstoles, sigue siendo la base y norma de vida que los Cristianos debemos de seguir.

A nuestra Catedral, de San Esteban en Owensboro, Ky, les deseamos como familia muchas bendiciones de Dios y seguir con la misión que Jesús nos dejo de, "Id y Ensenad a todos, el Reino de Dios". Este es nuestro lema seguir con las enseñanzas de Jesús, seguir sus pasos en estos tiempos difíciles para todo el mundo. Aquí es donde todos somos semilla del Nuevo Reino proclamado por Jesús el Maestro de todos. Amen y que Dios bendiga a todos los que formamos el Pueblo de Dios.

Retablo mayor para el interior renovado de San Esteban Cathedral. <http://www.ststephencathedral.org/>



Respetemos La Vida

Desde la Secretaría de Pro-Life Activities, Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de 2012 Programa de Respeto a la Vida

En el año 2013, nuestro país observará un aniversario vergonzoso que marca los cuarenta años de una “cultura de la muerte” que comenzó cuando la Corte Suprema de Estados Unidos, en *Roe v. Wade*, derogó todas las leyes de los estados que restringían el aborto. Desde la llegada del aborto “legalizado”, más de 53 millones de niños han perdido la vida, y sus padres y familiares han sido cambiados irrevocablemente para siempre.

Además de abrir la puerta al aborto a pedido durante los nueve meses de embarazo, la decisión de la Corte Suprema hizo perder el respeto por la vida humana y llevó a una creciente aceptación de la muerte como la “solución” a los problemas personales y sociales. La eutanasia y el suicidio asistido ahora se promocionan como respuestas a la salud en decadencia y a la discapacidad. Se defiende la investigación con células madre embrionarias humanas, en la cual se sacrifican embriones de semanas de vida, como un medio para curar enfermedades. Con el fin de resolver el problema de la baja fertilidad, muchos doctores crean embriones humanos en sus clínicas, sabiendo perfectamente que algunos embriones sobrevivirán y nacerán y la mayoría serán descartados o morirán. Y aún se defiende enérgicamente la pena de muerte como la respuesta al crimen violento.

Hace mucho tiempo, Dios Padre permitió a los israelitas vagar en el desierto durante cuarenta años dolorosos. Este exilio fue no solo un castigo por haberlo rechazado, sino también una prueba de su fidelidad antes que se les permitiera entrar a la tierra que les había prometido. Al final de su tiempo en el desierto, a los israelitas se les dio un desafío final: “Te puse delante la vida o la muerte, la bendición o la maldición. Escoge, pues, la vida y vivirán tú y tu descendencia. Ama a Yavé, escucha su voz, uniéndote a él”. (Dt 30,19-20)

Incluso después de llegar a Canaán, los israelitas tuvieron que soportar muchas batallas antes de que pudieran ocupar libremente la tierra. Todo esto aconteció para fortalecer su fe en Dios y afirmar su total confianza en Él. También de la misma manera, estos últimos cuarenta años han puesto a prueba nuestra fidelidad. Pero también han fortalecido la determinación de muchos cristianos, especialmente adolescentes y adultos jóvenes, de estar más decididos que nunca a ayudar a construir una “cultura de la vida”.

¿De qué manera fortalecemos nuestra fe y determinación hoy, mientras nuestro país marca los cuarenta años de estar en el páramo de la cultura de la muerte? De manera providencial, el Papa Benedicto XVI ha declarado un Año de la fe en todo el mundo, que comienza el 11 de octubre de 2012, y concluye el 24 de noviembre de 2013. Al presentar el Año de la fe, el Santo Padre habló de las graves dificultades de nuestro tiempo y de la necesidad que tiene la Iglesia de sacar a las personas del desierto y llevar a los pecadores a su seno. Sugirió un camino de penitencia y renovación, y llamó a una conversión auténtica y un testimonio de caridad para que la Iglesia sea la comunidad visible de la misericordia de Dios.

El Santo Padre nos recuerda que la fe es un viaje, una peregrinación. El camino a la verdadera felicidad es un camino de penitencia y renovación. A medida que los peregrinos progresan, el camino y el viaje pueden cambiarlos profundamente. Los israelitas que emprendieron viaje a la Tierra Prometida no eran los mismos israelitas que finalmente entraron en Canaán. A medida que crecían en su fe, finalmente pudieron reconocer el tesoro que Dios puso delante de ellos. La fe nos abre los ojos al verdadero valor de lo que tenemos ante nosotros. A la luz de la fe, llegamos a comprender que cada ser humano es invaluable a los ojos del Padre porque nuestra vida ha sido rescatada al precio de la sangre de su Hijo Jesús.

El cuarenta aniversario de *Roe v. Wade* cae directamente dentro del Año de la fe. Es como si el Santo Padre hubiera dado a la Iglesia de Estados Unidos un tiempo concentrado para reconocer el enorme pecado del aborto con sus múltiples consecuencias, y para abrazar un tiempo de penitencia y conversión. Sobre todas las cosas, en este Año de la fe, que la Iglesia y todos sus miembros sean testigos vivos del deseo que tiene Dios de perdonar y derramar su misericordia sanadora sobre todos los que han promovido la cultura de la muerte o han sido heridos por esa cultura.



LA FE ABRE NUESTROS OJOS
A LA VIDA HUMANA
EN TODA SU BELLEZA
Y SU ESPLENDOR



RESPETEMOS LA VIDA

El Papa Benedicto nos ha invitado a un viaje de fe para que abramos los ojos a la belleza y esplendor de toda vida humana y para que nos convirtamos en valientes y eficaces defensores de cada vida humana.

¿Cómo responderás a esta invitación?

La Santa Sede nos llama a cada uno de nosotros en este Año de la fe a estudiar las enseñanzas de la fe católica y a fortalecer nuestra relación personal con Nuestro Señor. Aunque la Iglesia indica al Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica como base para nuestra reflexión, también llama nuestra atención a las bellas enseñanzas de la encíclica pro vida *Evangelium Vitae*, *El Evangelio de la Vida*. Por tanto para el pueblo estadounidense, el Año de la fe puede ser un tiempo para reflexionar y responder a los 40 años de la cultura de la muerte con la visión inspiradora del Evangelio de la Vida. Que podamos aprovechar al máximo este año que viene, como individuos, parroquias y organizaciones, en nuestra oración, reflexión y actos de reparación. Al entrar en el Año de la Fe, que esta jornada nos abra los ojos a la vida humana en toda su belleza y esplendor.



Como miembros de una comunidad tan grande como es nuestra comunidad católica, deberíamos de preguntarnos; ¿que tan cerca y activos estamos en el proceso de sanación de nuestros enfermos?.

Las varias experiencias de enfermedades que nos han tocado presenciar y en algunos casos vivir, como comunidad, nos han echo ver y sentir la asistencia de varios amigos y familiares. Sin embargo con el tiempo nos damos por seguros que la salud regreso y no se necesita mas atención, pero la realidad de aquella persona que padeció de tal enfermedad es que sigue con su lucha, espiritual y física.

En la vida de cada persona enferma, hay momentos difíciles, porque toca el aspecto Espiritual y emocional, hay personas que aun yacen en su lecho y nosotros nos damos por entendidos de que todo paso y que todo esta normal. Conversando con personas que han padecido o están en proceso de sanación nos compartimos los momentos en que nadie mas sabe que tan profundo y tan agudo es el sentimiento de estar pasando momentos de soledad, no una soledad física sino una soledad en la enfermedad, que nadie mas lo puede sentir si no solamente quien lo esta padeciendo, es muy duro pasar por esos momentos, la compañía de los amigos, el abrazo de los amigos son de un valor grandísimo en el proceso de sanación, los medicamentos ayudan pero también afectan el estado de animo y físico, es cierto que pueden aliviar los dolores físicos pero afectan el estado de animo y espiritual y ahí es donde solo nuestro Padre Dios puede llevarnos de la mano y darnos la fuerza para seguir adelante. En la experiencia como sobreviviente de la enfermedad del cáncer, se da uno cuenta del amor de Dios que tiene a cada persona, que nos da la vida al nacer, crecer pero sobretodo que nos da una segunda oportunidad de vivir una vida que físicamente es una renovación. Pero esto toca lo mas intrínseco de nuestro

Nuestros enfermos en la comunidad

ser, no solo con el cambio de apariencia sino de la forma de vivir externamente. Si bien hemos aprendido que una crisis de cualquier índole nos sirve de lección, lo que aprendemos de esto es seguir a Jesús, el Maestro por excelencia, de la humildad y de amor sin limitaciones. Como dicen nuestros hermanos Nativos de Hawaii al saludar o despedirlo a uno, “ALOHA” cual su verdadero significado es el saludo de bienvenida y de despedida dando amor incondicional en ambas situaciones, haciéndonos sentir bienvenidos y haciéndonos sentir amados al despedirnos hasta la próxima vez que nos veamos. Dar amor sin esperar algo a cambio, es ver la grandeza de la otra persona como imagen y semejanza de Dios.

En el proceso de sanación de cualquier índole nos encontramos con personas de diferente nacionalidad, religión lengua, etc. No obstante la diferencia, nos tratan con tanto amor, compasión y entendimiento, todos sin ver religión en particular, estamos dotados de dar amor, compasión, acompañamiento y tiempo al necesitado, recordando que es a Cristo mismo a quien lo acompañamos en su dolor en este tiempo en que la humanidad gime tanto a causa de toda clase de dolor. Sea quien sea que lee esta columna, lo invito echar un ojo a su alrededor y ver que tanta gente padece de algún mal, seamos humanitarios y asistámoslos, no sea que seamos causantes de algún dolor humano. Es tiempo de cambiar actitudes porque solo tenemos esta vida. Tomemos un momento de nuestra vida y hagamos una profunda reflexión para examinar nuestras acciones. ¿Que piensa usted de esta columna? ¿Acaso es una exageración? Si lo fuera lo invito a reflexionarla. Dios lo bendiga a usted y a su estimada familia. Una cosa es cierta, que lo que predicamos lo vivamos. Gracias y que Dios nos acompañe.

Calendario del Sr. Obispo Medley para Octubre 2012

11 12:00 p.m. Misa Inaugural del Año de Fe, Universidad de Brescia
13 11:00 a.m. Misa, Celebración Centenaria de las Ursulinas, Monte San José 14 de Octubre
 10:00 a.m. Misa de Celebración de 125 Aniversario, Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro
15-19 Retiro de Sacerdotes, Monte San José
20 9:00 a.m. Misa de Acción de Gracias, Monasterio de las Pasionistas, Whitesville
 4:00 p.m. Misa, Día Diocesano de la Familia, Centro de Campamento Juvenil y Retiros de Gasper River
21 10:30 a.m. Misa de instalación de nuevo Párroco. P. Joosa Marydasan, San Judas Tadeo, Sagrado Corazón y San Eduardo @ San Judas, Clinton
21 3:00 p.m. Celebración del 50 Aniversario, Centro Católico de Santo Tomas Aquino, Western Kentucky University



Una cobija bella llena de amor y hecha a mano, que trae alivio al alma

El día 29 de Agosto de 2012 mi esposa y yo fuimos invitados para recibir un cobertor celebrando dos acontecimientos familiares. El primero, mi cumpleaños y el segundo el milagro de la vida, un renacer por casi un año de tratamientos. El dolor se vuelve una escuela, porque se aprende a vivir con calma, sabiduría y plenamente. Un milagro que quiero compartir con todos. Las señoras que elaboran las cobijas son ejemplo de paciencia, como ponen pieza por pieza que al final expresa la belleza de la vida con las diferentes facetas. Que Dios bendiga a la Sra. Rita y las otras damas que elaboran las cobijas, por compartir conmigo y mi familia la belleza de su labor. Ellas nos enseñarnos como la vida es un proceso, semejante a un tejido que se elabora pieza por pieza hasta completar un lienzo bello. Así son ustedes y todos los que formamos el personal del Centro Pastoral. Dios las bendiga y el amor de la familia Aju siempre será para ustedes. Foto por Mel Howard.

21 6:00 p.m. Reunión del Grupo Juvenil de Espíritu Santo
22 9:30 a.m. Reunión del Comité de Personal Sacerdotal, Centro Pastoral Católico (CPC)
 1:30 p.m. Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes, CPC
23 10:00 a.m. Misa Escolar, Escuela Primaria de Santa María, Paducah
 12-3:00 p.m. Oficina de Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes, Paducah
24 11:00 a.m. Unción en la Villa, Monte San José
25 8:00 a.m. Misa Escolar, Escuela San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville
 2:00 p.m. Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de Brescia
26 Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de Brescia
28 8:30 a.m. Confirmación, Santa María, LaCenter
 11:00 a.m. Confirmación, Santo Tomas Moro, Paducah
30 8:00 a.m. Misa Escolar, Santa María del Bosque, Whitesville
31 8:00 a.m. Misa Escolar, Cristo Rey, Madisonville

¡VOTE! ¡Es el deber de un ciudadano! ¡Es el deber de un cristiano!



+Monseñor
William Medley,
Obispo de la
Diócesis de
Owensboro

Mis queridos amigos, Lectores del periódico católico occidental en español: este artículo, dirigido a los ciudadanos de este país, viene en un tiempo en que nos preparamos para una elección nacional muy importante. A los

que no son ciudadanos de este país y no pueden votar, les pido sus oraciones para este país y nuestra sociedad. Gracias.

Como ciudadanos de una nación que ha celebrado más de dos siglos de tener un gobierno democrático, uno supone que el día de las elecciones debe ser una ocasión de mucha alegría y celebración. Compartiendo en una sociedad que ha producido la abundancia material más grande que se ha conocido en la historia humana, tal vez pensaríamos que el día en que escogeríamos a nuestros líderes nacionales, sería un día feriado para marcar nuestra unidad nacional.

Sin embargo, se acerca el día de las elecciones del 2012 y millones de nosotros iremos a votar de mala gana y sin mucho entusiasmo. Millones más ni siquiera van a ejercer su derecho y privilegio de emitir su voto. Y aún así millones más celebrarán que su lado ganó y ahora impondrán su mandato, su voluntad, sobre los “perdedores.”

Desde 1976, los obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos cada cu-

atro años han emitido una llamada a los católicos sobre la ciudadanía responsable. El documento del 2007, “Formando la conciencia para ser ciudadanos fieles”, fue escrito de nuevo en 2011 con una actualización. Un estudio nacional ha revelado que la mayoría de los católicos americanos no conocen a este documento. Quizás los obispos, párrocos y líderes catequéticos no han trabajado lo suficiente para dar a conocer las enseñanzas que se encuentran en este documento. Quizás los medios de comunicación ahora son más y más partidarios y parciales y simplemente no contarán la misma historia porque no apoyan a un partido político u otro. Aunque hombres y mujeres de buena voluntad y de buena intención están orgullosos y entusiasmados con las ideologías de los partidos, yo no veo que ninguno de nuestros partidos políticos que presenta una agenda totalmente convincente basada en los valores del Evangelio.

El Obispo Richard Pates, el presidente del Comité de Justicia y Paz Internacional de la conferencia Episcopal Católica de los Estados Unidos, habló de algunas realidades políticas en un artículo en la revista América del 13 de Agosto del 2012. Él nota que un partido político “ha reconocido por lo menos por medio siglo que el gobierno tiene un rol legítimo de ayudar a los pobres y vulnerables... pero hoy en día con más frecuencia llaman la atención con sus esfuerzos de redefinir al matrimonio o tratan de determinar cuáles actividades de

la Iglesia son “religiosas” o intentan forzar a las instituciones católicas a proveer cobertura a sus empleados para esterilizaciones y anticonceptivos, incluyendo drogas que inducen abortos.” Se escucha sencillo. Claro y conciso.

Pero el Obispo Pates luego observa que otro partido político “se ha opuesto por los últimos cincuenta años a la decisión de la Corte Suprema de aprobar los abortos y ha apoyado a valores familiares...pero ahora llama la atención apoyando rebajar drásticamente a programas federales incluyendo los programas para los pobres, y proponiendo legislación anti-inmigratoria.” Se escucha sencillo. Claro y conciso.

Tal vez por simplemente en escribir estas últimas frases les hago enojar o molestar a algunos y como pastor esta no es mi intención. Cada año de elección hay llamados a los líderes religiosos que deben simplemente condenar a ciertos políticos o partidos. Y algunos líderes religiosos están dispuestos a hacer eso. Pero los obispos católicos de nuestra nación llaman a los ciudadanos a ser informados sobre todos los asuntos y juzgarlos con mucho cuidado a la luz del Evangelio. ¡Y después votar! Todos los asuntos no son iguales en importancia. Sin embargo al votar tal vez sentimos que algunas veces somos cómplices

en algún mal prevaleciente. Muchos de nosotros no nos vamos a sentir contentos después de haber votado porque, sin importar cual candidato o partido gane, es probable que vaya a haber asuntos morales decididos en una forma ofensiva.

Cientos de millones de la población del mundo nunca han tenido la oportunidad de expresar sus convicciones morales a sus gobiernos. Sus votos, aún cuando se emiten, tal vez no los cuentan realmente. En los Estados Unidos de América tenemos un voto.

El día después de las elecciones del 2012 los medios de comunicación hablarán mucho de cómo votaron los católicos. Probablemente no va a estar muy dividido. Oremos que todos los que voten hayan pedido la orientación de Dios y hayan sido informados por el Evangelio y las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. Personas de cada lado encontrarán los resultados alarmantes. Pero una cosa en que podemos estar de acuerdo--es alarmante el número de católicos que no votarán por nadie.

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Suyos en Cristo,

+Monseñor William F. Medley
Obispo de Owensboro

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Maestro del Programa Levantate Prepara a un Grupo de Lideres de las Parroquias de la Diocesis

En la foto de arriba, El Padre Alejandro Lopez comparte e imparte los lineamientos de l programa diocesano LEVANTATE con los lideres de las diferentes parroquias con ministerio hispano de la Diocesis de Owensboro. Ideas actualizadas para la Eneueva e vangelizaion. Gracias por la exelente presentacion del tema.

A la derecha estan fotografiados los ministros hispanos del Centro Latino y de las parroquias: San José y Pablo en Owensboro, San Miguel en Seebree, y las de Morgantown, Beaver Dam y Madisonville. Recibi la bienvenida de parte de todos, ya que ha sido un tiempo dificil por asuntos de salud. Dios nos bendiga a todos. Diferentes lideres del ministerio hispano estuvieron presentes en esta ocasion. Estás fotos muestran el interés de las personas en aumentar su fe. Esta diócesis debe estar muy bendecida por tener a tantos que se preocupén por el proceso de aprendizaje de su fe. Gracias por darnos los medios para hacerlo. Fotos por Luis Aju



El obispo Soto invita a los hispanos a dialogar con los obispos



Washington—Debido a un esfuerzo continuo a tener más contacto efectivo con los hispanos católicos y de habla-español; la conferencia de obispos católicos estadounidenses

(USCCB) lanzó una página web en Español en la red social de facebook. La página, que puede ser encontrada en el internet vía la dirección www.facebook.com/USCCBEspanol, va a presentar una variedad de actualizaciones por USCCB sobre las noticias, temas refiriéndose a la iglesia Católica y a los recursos disponibles para fomentar el crecimiento de la fe.

“Los hispanos forman el 16 por cien-

to de la población total de los EE.UU., casi el 40 por ciento de los católicos en los EE.UU. y el 50 por ciento de los católicos en los EE.UU. bajo la edad de 25 años”, dijo el obispo John Wester de Salt Lake City, el presidente del comité de las comunicaciones de los obispos en los EE.UU. “Es extremadamente importante atraer a esta demográfica especialmente mediante la expansión de esta esfera de red social y proveerles con información, tanto correcta como de calidad para estimular el crecimiento de su fe”.

La USCCB ha moderado una página en Facebook en el lenguaje de ingles por www.facebook.com/usccb desde el 2009. Hasta hoy está ha recibido la marca “gustar” por 40,000 personas. USCCB también provee en ingles y en español la oportunidad de expresarse a través de Twitter por <http://twitter.com/usccb> y <http://twitter.com/USCCBEspanol>.

El lanzamiento de la página coincide con la celebración del mes de la herencia hispana. Al mismo tiempo, el secretario de la USCCB para la diversidad cultural anunció que



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las nuevas estadísticas reflejan como el crecimiento de los hispanos ha precipitado su presencia en la diócesis y la archidiócesis a un nivel nacional. Los estados incluyendo: Carolina del Norte, Carolina del Sur, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi y Tennessee han experimentado un crecimiento de más de un 100 por ciento en la última década, según el censo de los EE.UU. La información está disponible en la página del internet: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/hispanic-latino/demographics/