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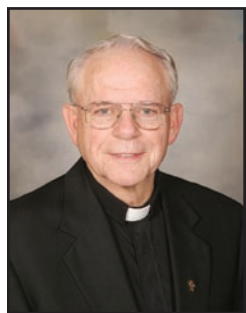
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## Bishop William F. Medley Announces Changes in Key Diocesan Administrative Positions

Bishop William F. Medley has announced some changes in key administrative positions within the diocese to be effective in the months to come.

The Very Reverend Gerald Calhoun will retire as Vicar General. Father Calhoun is a native of Owensboro, KY and was ordained in 1961 and has served the Diocese of Owensboro in a variety of assignments over his 50 years of



**Very Rev. Gerald Calhoun**

priesthood, most recently as Pastor of Christ the King parish in Madisonville, Ky. Having reached the retirement age of 75 in December, 2010, Fr. Calhoun will step down from these posts and plans to continue to live in the Madisonville area and assist as needed throughout the diocese.

Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU will step aside as Chancellor and CFO, positions she has held since she was appointed by Bishop John McRaith in 1989. She had been serving as treasurer of the Ursulines Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph since she was named to that position in 1969. Though relinquishing her top administrative responsibilities, Sr. Joseph Angela will remain a full-time member of the finance and administrative team. Sr. Joseph Angela holds a master's degree from The Catholic University of America



**Sister Joseph Angela Boone, O.S.U.**

in math and physics. Sister has and still serves on numerous boards and councils throughout the Diocese.

Bishop William F. Medley has announced three administrative appointments. Reverend Patrick Reynolds will become Vicar General, Kevin Kauffeld will become chancellor and chief administrative officer, and Ernest Taliaferro will become chief financial officer (CFO) effective July 1, 2011.



**Rev. Patrick Reynolds**

Fr. Reynolds was ordained in 1980 and received his Canon Law degree in 1994 from The Catholic University of America. He served from 1994 to 2001 as Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Owensboro. He will continue his responsibilities as Pastor at St. Thomas More in Paducah, KY where he has served since 2003.

The Vicar General by definition is a priest appointed by the diocesan bishop to assist him in the governance of the Diocese of Owensboro; he has executive power of governance for the entire diocese at the discretion of the bishop.



**Mr. Kevin Kauffeld**

Kevin Kauffeld, a native of Elizabethtown, KY and Brescia University alumnus, has worked for the Diocese of Owensboro since 2003 as the director of stew-

ardship and development. He also serves as coordinator of staff and executive director of the Catholic Foundation of western Kentucky. Prior to his beginning his work at the diocese, he was Dean of Student Affairs at Brescia University. Kevin will retain his duties as Director of Stewardship and Development.

He is married to Ann (Shade) Kauffeld and they have three children. He is a member of Blessed Mother Parish, serves on the President's Advisory Board for Brescia University and a board member for KLEA.

The chancellor by definition is an official whose principal task is to oversee the diocesan archives. The chancellor also serves as the notary and secretary of the curia, the diocesan staff.

Ernest Taliaferro has been the Assistant to the Chancellor since March 2008. He is a graduate of Brescia University with a degree in accounting and an MBA from Murray State University. Prior to coming to work at the Diocese, he retired after 30 years from Texas Gas Transmission Corporation where he had managed areas in accounting, research & engineering, sales & marketing and (sox) compliance.



**Mr. Ernest Taliaferro**

He is married to Shirley (Osborne) Taliaferro and they have six children and three grandchildren. He is a member of Immaculate Parish, sits on the Board of Trustees for Brescia University, Wendell Foster Campus, St. Benedict's homeless shelter as well as several committees for

the Owensboro Catholic Schools.

The Chief Finance Officer by definition is an official who administers the goods of the diocese under the authority of the bishop.

"The Diocese of Owensboro has been richly blessed and well served by Fr. Calhoun and Sr. Joseph Angela. They will both continue as important confidants to me as Bishop. In June we will plan a reception to honor them for their work and service."

"I look forward to a collaborative relationship with Fr. Reynolds, Mr. Kauffeld and Mr. Taliaferro. Each of these has been an integral part of diocesan administration and ministry for many years. We are genuinely blessed to have such gifted servants ready to assume these positions when Fr. Calhoun and Sr. Joseph Angela were ready to refocus their own ministries."

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## 2 Lenten Spring A Time to Reflect upon the Grace That is Ours in Baptism

My dear sisters and brothers,

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the Church believes that we should celebrate the saving work of the Lord Jesus as a sacred commemoration on certain days throughout the course of the year. Each Sunday, we recall the eighth day of creation and the day of the Lord's Resurrection. These observances are cast as seasons of the liturgical year beginning each year with Advent as we recall the long wait of the Chosen People for the coming of the Messiah. But our liturgical seasons are not just historic reenactments, but proclamations of faith. Thus in Advent we do not just recall the promised coming fulfilled by Christ's birth at Bethlehem, but rather inspire the Church and the world to anticipate Christ's coming again in glory at the end of time.

For most of us, we have throughout our lives experienced Lent as a penitential season, emphasizing repentance and self denial. These are good and laudable exercises. They should lead us to reflect



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

upon the more historic character of Lent as a season to reflect upon our Baptism. Historically the season of Lent evolved in

the church as a time of final and intense preparation for those preparing to receive the Easter sacraments on Holy Saturday. In recent decades the Church has reclaimed this origin of the Lenten season with greater emphasis on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children.

Pope Benedict XVI in his 2011 Lenten message notes that the new life in Christ the Lord was already bestowed upon us on the day of our Baptism, when we became "sharers in Christ's death and resurrection," and there began for us "the joyful and exulting adventure of his disciples."

A parish community's great joy is the welcoming of new members into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. But an equal joy for every parish, and indeed every Christian, can be the day in and day out living of our Baptismal life. Thus, the Holy Father reminds us, "Baptism is not a rite from the past, but the encounter with Christ, which informs the entire existence of the baptized, imparting divine life and calling for sincere conversion; initiated and supported by Grace, it permits the baptized to reach the adult stature of Christ."

The word Lent means spring. This year Easter comes very late and thus the parallel of Lent and spring is more obvious than usual. My prayer for you is that the remaining weeks of Lent call you to reflect upon the Grace that is yours in Baptism. At the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday morning all of us are called upon to renew our Baptismal promises. Get ready!

Yours in Christ,

*William F. Medley*

Most Reverend William F. Medley  
Bishop of Owensboro

## April 11 Prayer Service For Healing To Be In St. Stephen Cathedral

My dear sisters and brothers:

As you know, the Diocese of Owensboro strengthened its safety policies for youth in response to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, and that process continues. Yet for those efforts to have value, every adult needs to join in the responsibility to make our Church communities safe havens for growth in faith.

I thank you adults serving our younger participants for educating yourselves through our Safe Environment training and for going through our background check screening requirements. I thank you parents who bring your children for annual Safe Environment training opportunities, helping them recognize their value as God's children. I thank all in our parish communities for committing themselves to making our Church settings the safest possible.

In addition to our prevention efforts, the Diocese of Owensboro continues to seek healing for those who have been sexually abused, especially those whose abuse was caused by those in positions of trust within the Church. If you or someone you know has been harmed in this way, I encourage you to contact me or the Diocesan Review Board at the Catholic Pastoral Center (270-683-1545).

The Diocese of Owensboro plans to acknowledge Child Abuse Prevention Month in April by hosting an annual prayer service at alternate locations in the diocese. This year I invite you to join me at St. Stephen Cathedral on Monday, April 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. to pray that those harmed by physical, emotional, or sexual abuse may find healing through our loving response and that our faith communities effectively protect the children under our care. If you are unable to join me in person, I ask you to pray for these needs.

Yours in Christ,

*William F. Medley*

Most Reverend William F. Medley  
Bishop of Owensboro

## Bishop Medley's Calendar for April, 2011

April 2	6:00 p.m.	Permanent Deacons - Ministry of Acolyte, St. Anthony, Browns Valley
April 3	6:00 p.m.	Campus Mass, Murray State, Newman Center
April 5	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Pastoral Center Staff Mass and Mtg.
April 9	9:00 a.m.	Blue Mass, St. Joseph, Bowling Green
	6:00 p.m.	Permanent Deacons - Ministry of Acolyte, St. Thomas More, Paducah
April 10	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
	8:00 p.m.	Campus Mass, Western KY University, Catholic Campus Center
April 11	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Service for Healing, St. Stephen Cathedral
April 12	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. John the Baptist, Fordsville
April 13	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam
April 17	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Mass, St. Stephen Cathedral
April 18	9:30 a.m.	Personnel Board
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council
April 19	6:30 p.m.	Chrism Mass, Sportscenter, Owensboro
April 20	8:30 a.m.	Administration/Finance Committee Meeting
April 21(Holy Thursday)	7:00 p.m.	St. Stephen Cathedral
April 22(Good Friday)	7:00 p.m.	St. Stephen Cathedral
April 23(Holy Saturday)	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass, St. Stephen Cathedral
April 26	10-3:00	Paducah Office
April 27	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, Resurrection, Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception, at Resurrection, Dawson Springs
April 28	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. William/St. Lawrence, Knottsville
April 30	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation, Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

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OLD TILE FLOORS

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For more information contact  
 Paula Hazel at 270-281-4881  
 or 270-281-5804



Save the Dates!!  
 Saturday and Sunday, August 20-  
 21, 2011



## World Youth Day Local Celebration

Gaspar River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center near Bowling  
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Sponsored by The Office for Youth (& Young Adult) Ministry  
 Diocese of Owensboro

For more info call Robin Tomes at 270-683-1545

Target Ages: High School and Young Adult (18-35)

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## Become An Ecumenical Advocate



Fr. Tony Bickett

The Catholic Church desires that we have parishioners in all our parishes designated to promote unity among Christians that Jesus prayed for at the Last Supper. The goal of the Diocesan Office for Ecumenism is to have at least two people in each of our parishes to serve as Ecumenical Advocates. If you are interested and would like to find out more contact Fr. Tony Bickett at [ftonyb@yahoo.com](mailto:ftonyb@yahoo.com) or call 270/756-2356.

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## April 2-3, 2011 Annual CRS Collection

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection, which has provided core funding for the work of five separate Catholic social ministry agencies in the United States, is slated for the weekend of April 2-3, 2011 this year. CRS is the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community.

The annual appeal, to which Catholics contributed about \$16 million in 2009, provides an opportunity for Catholics to support the less fortunate as part of the Lenten season. The CRS Collection supports agencies that build the international social ministry of the Catholic Church through advocacy on behalf of powerless and impoverished people and through relief, recovery, and resettlement

services to victims of earthquakes, floods, war, and religious and ethnic persecution.

For more than 60 years, generous support from Catholics for this collection (formerly known as the American Bishops' Overseas Appeal) has provided core funding for the work of Catholic social ministry agencies in the United States that are engaged in international emergency relief, refugee resettlement, immigration, peacemaking, pastoral care, and advocacy for a more just and peaceful world.

Catholic Relief Services is the international humanitarian relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community. The Baltimore-based agency provides assistance to people in more

## 2011 Parish Picnic Schedule

Date	Serving Time	Parish
May 6-7	International Barbecue Festival	Downtown, Owensboro, Ky.
May 21	11:00 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
May 29	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
June 4	4:00 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
June 4	11:00 a.m.	Saint Joseph, Leitchfield
June 4	5:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
June 11	4:00 p.m.	St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro
June 12		Holy Spirit, Bowling Green, Ky.
June 18	3:00 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
June 18	3:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
June 25	4:00 p.m. Mass; serving	following-St. Peter, Waverly
July 2	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
July 2	2:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Peonia
July 2	3:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Axtel (Rough River)
July 4	11:30 a.m.	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
July 9	4:00 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
July 16	11:30 a.m.; 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles, Bardwell
July 16	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
July 23	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
July 24	4:00 p.m., parish family picnic,	St. Anthony, Browns Valley
July 30	3:00 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield.
Aug. 2	5:00 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
Aug. 6	10:00 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Aug. 6	Noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Aug. 13	4:00 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Aug. 20	3:00 p.m. (EST)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Aug. 27	4:30 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
Aug 28	1:00 p.m. parish family picnic,	St. Thomas More, Paducah
Sept. 10	4:30 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
Sept. 10	11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 11	11:30 a.m.	Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Sept 17	11:00 am	St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Sept. 17	4:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Sept. 17	4:00 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
September 18	11:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence/St. William Parishes Picnic
Sept. 18		St. Leo, Murray
Sept 23-24	Holy Name Fall Festival,	Henderson, Ky.
Sept 24	3:00 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
Oct. 1	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

than 100 countries and territories on the basis of need, not race, creed, or nationality. They offer a number of services to the poor in these countries including programs in emergency relief, HIV and AIDS, health, agriculture, education, microfinance and peacebuilding.

Please consider responding generously to this joint effort of the Catholic community in the United States to meet the needs of those so desperately in need of help. And thank you for your great generosity in the past to this effort. It could not be done without you. For more information about the CRS collection, please contact Richard Murphy at 270/683-1545 or access the website for CRS at [www.usccb.org/crscollection](http://www.usccb.org/crscollection).



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## Diocese Listening Session Feb. 11 at St. Martin

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ROME,Ky. - Residents and those who minister in Daviess County came to St. Martin Church outside Owensboro on Feb. 11 to take part in a diocesan listening session, one of six sessions being held across the Diocese of Owensboro. The goal of the sessions is to gather feedback to help build a five-year strategic plan for the diocese. Participants were broken down into tables of six people and asked to share their thoughts on what is being done well, and would needs to be strengthened in the following areas: worship and prayer, leadership, parish life, faith formation, evangelization, human dignity, and stewardship. A recorder for each table submitted the shared information.

### Strategic Planning: An Overview

Strategic planning is a vibrant process that helps you envision the future and then attain your vision. It teaches you to design results, focus where the needs are, maximize strengths, competencies, capabilities and infrastructures. Strategic planning deals with fundamental questions such as: How are we carrying out our mission? Whom are we serving? Whom should we be serving?

It also is an effective way to answer the following: Where are we? Where do we want to go? How do we get there? How much does it cost? When do we arrive? Who is responsible?

The planning principles you will use in are: planning is about identifying priorities; planning is a tool to build ownership; planning provides direction and content for an organization; strategic planning focuses on what to do NEXT.

Planners look at the organization systemically and globally, considering data that has been gathered in listening sessions, the current environment, and their own knowledge and expertise about what is most important. Planners must consider the prophetic as well as the popular.

Strategic plans typically involve a time frame of two to five years providing coherence to an organization's actions and decisions over time. In essence, a good strategic plan is really a management tool.

#### Elements of Planning

The process involves several elements and takes time and practice to do well. The results are well worth the effort because the process produces effective plans, precise execution, and helpful evaluation.

A goal is a clearly-defined, constructive statement of desired direction or activity, expressed in broad, general terms. An objective is a specific, time-oriented, and realistic statement of how to carry out the goal. Each



Sister Amelia Stenger, development director for the Ursuline Sisters, makes a point about stewardship to Susan O'Bryan, of St. Alphonsus Parish, as Sister Audrey Gold, right, a Sister of the Lamb of God, listens.

action step is a measurable, specific action that carries out the objective.

Goals, objectives, and action steps answer the following questions: What must or needs to be done? When must it be done? What constitutes satisfactory performance? How must it be done? How much progress is being achieved? When and how corrective action should be taken?

In a nutshell, planning creates your road map and the planning process gives you a sense of intention and a sense of mission. Priorities and efforts become more focused and aligned within the Diocese.

*Ed. Note: This is a handout which facilitators handed out to participants at the start of each Listening Session.*

### Diocesan Listening Session in Leitchfield



In the picture above, Father Randy Howard, pastor of Saint Joseph Church, Leitchfield, stopped in for a few moments to visit with the people who came to the Diocesan Listening Session on February 17. Facilitators were Sister Geri Hoye, O.P., and Sister Georgia Acker, O.P. at right back. Mel Howard Photo



Sister Margaret Ann Aull, right, enjoys a moment with Diane Willis before the session began. Sister Margaret Ann is the coordinator of pastoral care at the Parish of the Immaculate in Owensboro, and Willis is the director of faith formation at the parish. Beth Wilberding is at back. MSJ Photo



Sister Ann McGrew jots down some thoughts as she sits between two priests who live at St. Martin, Father Pete Hughes, left, the pastor, and Father Pike Powell, who is in residence. Sister Ann is director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.



Sister Karla Kaelin, left, makes a point as Sister Mary Matthias Ward, center, and Sister Rita Scott listen. Sister Karla is the director of religious education at St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville. Sister Mary Matthias is director of community life at the Ursuline Motherhouse, and Sister Rita is the plant administrator and a member of the leadership Council.



## All are invited and encouraged to attend our Diocese's celebration of the Chrism Mass at the Owensboro Sportscenter on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Please join the Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro for the annual blessing of the oils at the Chrism Mass. These oils will be distributed among the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Owensboro for use during the next year. All priests are invited to this special Mass and will be given the opportunity to renew their vows during the Liturgy. General seating is available to those who would like to attend.

### About the Chrism Mass

At the Chrism Mass -- which is usually the largest annual gathering of clergy and faithful most dioceses have -- the priests renew the commitments they made at their ordination. The Mass takes its name from the most eminent of the three holy oils which the bishop commissions for his local church's use over the following year.

While the Oil of the Sick, used for those who seek the anointing, and the Oil of the Catechumens, which is imposed on those preparing for baptism, are simply "blessed," the Sacred Chrism is "consecrated," and all the priests present participate in the latter moment by extending their hands toward the vessel containing it as the bishop says the prayer of consecration.

The Chrism is used at the ordination of priests and bishops, baptisms, confirmations, the consecration of altars and the blessing of churches, where the walls are smeared with it in the shape of the sign of the cross.

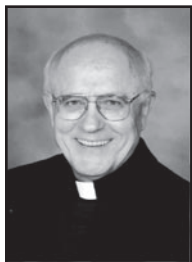
As part of the consecration of the Chrism, balsam is poured into the oil, which gives it a sweet smell intended to remind those who encounter it of the "odor of sanctity" to which those people and things who are marked with it, and by extension all of us, are called to strive for.

The Chrism Mass also provides an opportunity the faithful of the diocese to show support for their priests. Please consider submitting your name and attend the Chrism Mass.



**Bishop William Medley blessing Holy Oils during the 2010 Chrism Mass. WKC File photo**

## The Holy Land



**11 days**  
hosted by  
**Rev. Frank Ruff**  
September 20-30, 2011

Fr. Frank Ruff, a Glenmary priest serving in Todd County, KY is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land September 20-30, 2011. For information and a free brochure, contact him at 364 Watts Rd, Trenton, KY 42286, 270-466-5457, or fruff@glenmary.org Fr.

Frank promises this will be a "Journey of a Lifetime." This will be his ninth trip, so he is well experienced.

## Catholic Campaign For Human Development 2011 Local Grant Request Information

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a national social justice program of the United States Catholic Bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations, and through transformative education of the non-poor.

Each year in November, the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky participates in the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection. From that collection, 25% of monies are retained to provide grant funding to local organizations, which meet CCHD criteria. Catholic Charities administers and allocates the grant funding, by consulting with a group of panelists who review and recommend allocations to various groups that meet funding criteria.

To apply, please request an application from Richard Murphy by calling at 270/683-1545, or emailing Richard.Murphy@pastoral.org. The application will ask for a brief narrative of your organization, budgeting information, how your organization would meet the CCHD criteria of systemic change, what community organizations your group receives support from, and whether your organization's policy-making board has one-third low-income members (if your board does not contain one-third of its members who are low-income also include an explanation of why this is not so).

Applications for grant funding must be received by June 10, 2011 so that grants can be awarded by June 25, 2010. The grant is a non-renewable and must be applied for each year. Three years is the total number of years any one group can receive this grant. Each year several grants are awarded averaging between \$800-\$1200 each.

In 2010, seven programs requests local CCHD funds. The available monies were \$ 6,500 . All seven were awarded some funds.

**Criteria:** 1. The applicant's project must be within the thirty-two counties, which comprise the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro. These counties include: Fulton, Hickman, Graves, Ballard, McCracken, Carlisle, Calloway, Marshall, Trigg, Lyon, Livingston, Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenburg, Todd, Logan, Simpson, Allen, Warren, Butler, Edmonson, Grayson, Ohio, Breckinridge, Hancock, Daviess, McLean, Henderson, Union, Webster, and Crittenden.

2. The applicant's project policymaking board must be at least one-third low-income. If this is not the case, the applicant must explain why the board does not have setting low-income board members. (Low-income board members do not include those considered voluntarily poor such as clergy, religious sisters, students, VISTA volunteers, etc.)

3. The applicant's projects efforts must seek to benefit a poverty group.

4. The applicant's project must seek to create institutional or systemic change by changing the structures that keep people poor and powerless.

5. CCHD will consider favorably only those projects, which demonstrate respect for the dignity of the human person. CCHD will not consider projects or organizations, which promote or support abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, or any other affront to human life and dignity.

6. The activity for which funding is requested must be consistent with the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

7. Projects should generate cooperation and solidarity among and within diverse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.

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

## Invitation to a Fun Party Time!

**Daughters of Isabella Card Party/ Bunco**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall**  
**Thursday, April 28, 2011, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**\$6.00 includes lunch**

**Continue your Easter celebration by joining us for a good time and helping us to continue our work in helping others.**

**If you have any questions call 683-2397.**  
**Sheila Thomson, Regent, Daughters of Isabella**



By Mel Howard

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On February 17, 2011, Kentucky Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Program met with members of the Owensboro Area Human Trafficking Task Force which meets in the Catholic Pastoral Center every couple of months. The diocesan Offices of Social Concerns and Justice for Immigrants of Catholic Charities hosted this event sponsored by the task force. About 12 members of various helping professions in Western Kentucky attended the training.

They came to know more about human trafficking - a form of modern-day slavery which is pervasive on international, national, and state levels. The trafficking may take the form of sex trafficking, child sex trafficking, or labor trafficking. Yes, even in Kentucky; even as close as a county near readers of this diocesan paper, according to Nicole Love, BA, Human Trafficking Outreach Advocate from Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center in Lexington, Ky. who presented a Powerpoint program on "Screening Human Trafficking Survivors" at the Feb. 17 training for the men and women who do social work or counseling in the Owensboro, Henderson, and Bowling Green areas. Participants learned more about identifying victims of trafficking, the control patterns of their traffickers, and the screening tools available to helping professions to guide a victim out of the trafficking relationship.

How does a person get into this form of slavery? A training worksheet described a typical situation: A man travels to Indonesia, for example, to meet a young girl whom he met online through a "mail order bride" website. The man makes arrangements to marry the girl in Indonesia and to bring her to his house in the USA. He gives her and her family gifts, may say he is wealthy, and would send her family money to help support them. He may be acting on his own or as a part of a trafficking ring or criminals; organizations pick towns in which families have some experience with a rich man from America coming to marry a native girl, and bring her back to the USA to live with him. The man pays for everything to get her to America, and lets her know exactly how much she now owes him. When she arrives in the US, things change. She may be forced or coerced to work as a maid or as a part of a brothel. The trafficker typically controls her every movement, and the girl cannot do anything or go anywhere without the trafficker present. She is coached what to say to authorities or to store clerks or any questioner. The trafficker may use force, fraud, or coercion to exploit the victim, typically a young woman, but young boys may also be victims of trafficking.

Victims do not know that they have the right to be free from exploitation. To identify victims of human trafficking, the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center has developed The Inclusive Human Trafficking Checklist (IHTCL). Learning how to use this checklist to identify uses of force, fraud, or coercion by a trafficker and thereby identify a person as a trafficking victim was the work of this Feb. 17 training. Once having reliably identified someone as a trafficking victim, the advocate/counselor or social worker must slowly gain the victim's trust, no easy task after he or she has been lied to, cheated, robbed, kidnapped, or forced into a life of slavery. The victim may even initially say and do things to protect their trafficker out of fear that the perpetrator of the abuse against them will hurt or kill them or their family, a typical form of coercion used by traffickers.

The helping relationship between the victim and the counselor or social worker may take a long time, Ms. Love said, and in the end, after the victim has been fairly and honestly informed about the situation he/she is in, and guided about how to get out of the slavery of trafficking, the person offering inter-



Nicole Love, BA, Human Trafficking Outreach Advocate from Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center in Lexington, Ky., standing in the photo above, presented a Powerpoint program on "Screening Human Trafficking Survivors" for participants at the Feb. 17 training on human trafficking for professionals and community members. Mel Howard Photo

vention must allow the person to decide on her/his own to stop being a victim and take steps toward being a more self-actualizing person.

That is the hope, the goal. Toward this end, KY Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking offers to train members of helping professions and community members to use the IHTCL checklist and make available confidential services to survivors of human trafficking which may include comprehensive case management, basic needs assistance, legal advocacy, medical advocacy, counseling and therapy, 24-hour crisis line, and consultation.

Human trafficking takes place in many countries of the world. Materials are provided in English, Spanish, Traditional Chinese, Indonesian, Thai, Korean, and Vietnamese at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/about/brochures.html>

Think someone is a victim of trafficking? Call (1.888.373.7888) KY Rescue and Restore, 2911 S 4th St., Louisville, KY 40208

**• Have you or someone you care for been threatened?**  
**• Are you being controlled by someone else?**  
**• Have you felt forced or tricked into working, stripping or having sex?**  
**Get help now!**  
**Call the National Hotline: 1-888-3737-888**  
**[www.rescueandrestoreky.org](http://www.rescueandrestoreky.org)**

## KY Rescue & Restore Victims Of Human Trafficking Program Coalition Information:

- The KY Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Program is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement. The purpose of KY Rescue and Restore is two-fold: 1) To increase public awareness and identification of trafficking cases through educational workshops and trainings, and 2) To provide direct services to identified victims of human trafficking, helping them to achieve self-sufficiency and rebuild their lives.

- The KY Rescue and Restore currently consists of six contract coalition members: Catholic Charities of Louisville, the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center (Lexington), the Women's Crisis Center (Covington), Western KY Refugee Mutual Assistance Agency "The International Center" (Bowling Green), Adanta Sexual Assault Resource Center (Somerset), and the Purchase Area Sexual Assault and Child Advocacy Center (Paducah). The Coalition also partners with the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs to provide trainings and awareness statewide.

- There are seven Human Trafficking Task Forces in Kentucky: Louisville Metro, Northern Kentucky (PATH), Lexington, Bowling Green, Lake Cumberland Area (Somerset), Paducah and the Purchase Area, and Owensboro. The task forces include representatives from law enforcement, social services, education, health care, legal services, faith communities, and other NGOs. The task forces focus on local human trafficking issues and ensure that there are local processes in place for public awareness and victims identification/services.

- To date, KY Rescue and Restore has provided more than 400 trainings on human trafficking to more than 10,000 professionals / community members.



## 8 Paducah Faith Formation Catechists Retreat for Prayer, Echoes of Faith

Eleven catechists and two board members of Paducah Faith Formation attended a retreat on January 22 at St. John Church. Facilitating the day's retreat was Patty Blair, director of Lay Ministry and Formation of the diocese. It was not the first time Patty was with the group. She came in August of last year to help the catechists in their in-service training for the school year.

The retreat was centered on Prayer and its different kinds, highlighting meditative and contemplative prayer, and Lectio Divina. The participants found the retreat very helpful in their ministry with students. More importantly, they felt strongly encouraged as "echoes of faith" to continually develop an active, ever-growing prayer life.

**The Catechists on Retreat:** from left, top row: Glynn Smith, Dr. Frank Block (catechist and STM Board Liaison), Steve Shoulta, Tracy Courtney, Deanna Burnett, Laura Todino, Michele Livesay (Office Assistant), Jeanine Cudd, Krista Mitchell, Vickie Bilski, Kathy Caruthers, and Bobbie Edds (St. John Board Liaison); in the bottom row: Joan Wientjes, Patty Blair (Retreat Facilitator), Ging Smith (Director), and Cheryl Arboleda (STM Board Liaison) Submitted by Ging Smith



## HOW DO YOU MEASURE QUALITY EDUCATION

The Christian County Board of Education recently recognized Hopkinsville High School students as 2011 Governor's Scholars Nominees.

Eight of the nominees attended Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School. Congratulations to the following students:

Brittany Kinnard  
Abigail Pace  
Isabell Park  
Amy Shelton  
Nicolette Shouse  
Christiane Soldo  
Jerome Soldo  
Stanley Gant Unfried



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## Catholic Students Shine in Hopkinsville



At the March 17, 2011 Christian County School Board meeting held in Hopkinsville, the 2011 Governor's Scholars Nominees were announced. Of the 14 nominees who attend Hopkinsville High School, eight of the nominees previously attended Sts. Peter and Paul School. The nominees previously from Sts. Peter and Paul in the front row from left to right are: Nicolette Shouse, Amy Shelton, Abigail Pace and Brittany Kinnard. In the back row are: Isabell Park, Jerome Soldo, Stanley Gant Unfried and Christiane Soldo. Congratulations Saints! Photo taken by Vicki Kinnard. Photo by Dawn C. Ligibel

Established in 1947, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School offers students a quality education within an academic as well as a religious community. The school operates a Preschool program for four-year-olds and

provides instruction for grades Kindergarten through Eight. The only Catholic elementary school serving within a 20-mile radius of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Saints Peter and Paul makes a unique contribution to the cultural and religious life of the community.



# Patty Blair: A Professional Lay Minister Alive in the Zeal and Joy of Being <sup>9</sup> Called by The Lord



Patty Blair

**“Just a reminder: If you have not already done so, please schedule your annual Safe Environment training for children and youth as soon as possible. I keep the records for this training and I will be retiring from my position on March 23. I would like to have as much of this report completed as possible before that date.” - Patty Blair**

**By Mel Howard**

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On Feb. 22, 2011, every parish secretary and pastor in the Diocese of Owensboro received an email from the Director of Lay Ministry and Formation for the Diocese of Owensboro, Patty Blair. These parish leaders had been used to reading Patty's emails about the Safe Environment Program because she has been an integral writer, planner, and video producer for the materials which every parish must use to prepare any parish volunteer, teacher, staff person, anyone who works or guides programs involving children and young people as well as other persons who may be at risk because of a disability or other state of life. What surprised folks was that she said she would be retiring March 23.

Patty Blair has been like a beacon over our diocesan sea since 2002 when the Dallas Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth was put into practice by the U.S. Bishops for every diocese. She has been the diocesan go-to staffer for priests, sisters, bishops, catechists, youth ministers, parish secretaries, any Catholic educator who needed any materials or an understanding about our own diocesan Safe Environment Program. Patty Blair came up through the ranks of church service and ministry. Here's a part of her ministry journey:

From 1984-1993, Patty worked at Brescia University in the Financial Aid Office and Mail Room while working on Bachelor Degree. In those years, she also worked as Middle School Youth Minister at St. Stephen Cathedral, and Blessed Mother Parish, and served as Hospital Chaplain at Mercy Hospital on weekends.

In 1991, Patty graduated Brescia with a BA in General Studies, with emphasis on Religious Studies. From 1993-1999, she worked at Blessed Mother Parish as a Pastoral Associate. In 1995, she graduated Saint Meinrad School of Theology, earning a Master's Degree in Theological Studies. In the 1999-2000 school year, Patty was a Religion Teacher at Trinity High School in Whitesville.

In 2000, she was hired by Bishop John McRaith to serve the diocese as Diocesan Director of Religious Education, and worked in this office until 2008 when she accepted the post of Diocesan Director of Lay Ministry and Formation.

*The Western Kentucky Catholic* asked Patty some questions about her time in church ministry:

**WKC:** First question: Working for the church may be viewed as an occupation that lay people may not even consider. And some try, but find it is not for them. Do you think that for a lay person working for the church is a career, an occupation?

**PB:** “I don't really think of it as an occupation; it is a ministry.”

**WKC:** Do you think that only God can call a lay person to be a church minister, and if there is a choice involved, it is God's?

**PB:** “Yes, it is a calling from God.”

**WKC:** What was your most harrowing experience in church work?

**PB:** “Helping to develop the Safe Environment Program.”

**WKC:** Whom did you find the most challenging people in your church work?

**PB:** “Lay persons and priests who did not agree with the Safe Environment Program.”

**WKC:** Who encouraged you? What do you think they saw in you that the people of the church respond to well?

**PB:** “Sister of Charity Maggie Cooper and Fr. Richard Meredith were wonderful teachers in the Brescia University Lay Ministry Program. Diocesan FamilyLife Director Theresa Hayden encouraged me. Fr. Phil Riney believed in me, and gave me an opportunity to serve at Blessed Mother Parish. Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, O.S.U. was a wonderful mentor. Sr. Kathy Gallo, O.S.U. saw my potential as a leader. Bishop John McRaith gave me the opportunity to serve the diocese and allowed me freedom to use my talents and gifts to the best of my ability.

Molly Thompson is inspiring in her dedication in helping people implement our diocese's Safe Environment. She is superb. I took a break from the Safe Environment for several years, but was brought back. Martha Hagan and Donna Sauer also played a part in keeping the programs going while I was enjoying being the Director of Religious Education again.”

**WKC:** What job did you do for the church that you liked the best?

**PB:** “All of the jobs had their blessings and their drawbacks. My favorite was visiting the parishes doing workshops and retreats. I love being with people and meeting as many parishioners as possible. I liked taking my 'job' to the people.”

**WKC:** Which job kept you sort of scratching your head, trying to figure out how to get it done?

**PB:** “Again, it was the criticisms we received during the beginning days of the Safe Environment training. I asked the Lord why I had to endure some of these difficult times and the unkind words of others. Eventually, I came to realize that God put me here in this place and at this time because God knew I was the right person for the job, even though at the time I wasn't sure of it myself. I am grateful to Fr. Greg Trawick for being so diligent in getting the program started. It was a painful time for both of us.”

**WKC:** How has working for the church affected your own family life?



**Being a lector at daily Mass in the Catholic Pastoral Center is a liturgical ministry which Patty enjoys. Hers is a calm, quiet delivery, focused on the Word. Mel Howard photo**

**PB:** “The Lord truly blessed me when he brought Dean into my life. Although Dean is not Catholic, he has supported and encouraged me in my pursuit of higher education and my church work. In fact, on our first date, I explained to him my commitment to church work so he would know what was involved if he wanted to continue seeing me. He thought my work and my pursuit of a Master's degree was great. I think he is great. My younger children benefited, I hope, from my involvement in church work. Every time we had a youth event, they had their mother there. I think sometimes they would have preferred that I not be there, but I was the youth minister! One time they went on retreat to Saint Meinrad and I got other chaperones to go in my place. I think they were glad to have a break from Mom.

“Dean and I together have 8 children, 5 are mine and 3 are his, and we have 20 grandchildren.”

**WKC:** What about the pay: is it enough for a person raising a family?

**PB:** “When I was single mother with two children still at home, with no child support, it didn't seem like enough but I always got by.”

**WKC:** What would you recommend for all those people working in professional lay ministry in this diocese?

**PB:** “Be dedicated to you work.”

**WKC:** Has knowing God been harder or easier for you because of working in the church?

**PB:** “Working for the church has certainly made me aware that all humans are not perfect, and it doesn't matter where they work. I pray a lot.”

**WKC:** We notice that on the diocesan web site you are listed as someone who works with Returning Catholics. What experiences influence an ex-Catholic to go back into parish life as a practicing Catholic?

**PB:** “For some, it is one of those 'last things' on their bucket list as they prepare to leave this world. They want to get right with God, and back into the church before dying. Some younger people who were raised Catholic but left the church find that when they have children of their own, they want the child to be baptized a Christian, and see that they, too, need to be better Christians themselves in order to raise and teach their children well. So, they come back to the church.

“Another motivator to bring people back to the Church is maturity. When they realize that the whole word doesn't revolve around them alone, but the world is bigger than they

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# 10 Why We All Must Pray for Vocations And Help Our Young Hear God's Call To a Vocation

By Dr. Fred Litke

Some months ago in 2010, Father Anthony Shonis, Associate Pastor of Holy Name Parish in Henderson, asked me to help him gather information on changes in the Diocese of Owensboro over the last 50 years, especially in conjunction with the Diocesan, national, and world-wide priest shortage. Fr. Shonis was particularly interested in the statistics concerning the numbers of priests and seminarians in 1960 compared with the year 2010 (a 50 year span). This information is presented to emphasize the fact that there is a priest shortage in our Church and even in our Diocese. By bringing these facts and figures to light and discussing them, it is hoped that parents, teachers, principals, priests, and pastors in our Diocese will understand the need which exists. We ALL must attempt to create a climate and culture for Vocations to the Church in our homes, parishes, schools, and society. It is important for each of us who are Catholic to promote, pray for, and work for vocations.

The Diocese of Owensboro was created in

## Bishop Appoints Dr. Fred Litke As Associate in Vocations Office

On February 15, 2011, Bishop William Medley announced the hiring of Dr. Fred Litke to the diocesan staff as Associate Director of Vocations and Seminarians for the diocese. Following is Bishop Medley's letter to the priests of the diocese about the appointment of Dr. Litke:

"In 2010, Fr. Andy Garner was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Church in Bowling Green while continuing to serve the diocese as Director of Vocations and Seminarians. At the time of the appointment it was agreed that we would review the work of the vocation director's office and strive to engage additional priests and others in this vital ministry.

"Since then I have consulted with former vocation directors of the diocese and others and sought counsel on how to restructure this ministry. Today I have two important announcements.

"Dr. Fred Litke, a retired optometrist from Holy Name Church in Henderson, has accepted an appointment as a part-time Associate Director of Vocations and Seminarians. His primary focus will be vocation education and promotion. He will be available to undertake diocesan-wide initiatives and to assist parishes in their own efforts at vocation promotion. He will assist as well in the screening and evaluation process with candidates and seminarians.

"Dr. Litke, along with his wife Nancy, has long been involved in the Serra Club ministry. Their son, Deacon Austin Litke, O.P., is a former seminarian of our diocese and will be ordained to the priesthood in 2011.

"To broaden the screening and application process for candidates, Fathers Mike Williams and Jason McClure will be assisting Fr. Garner in interviewing and presenting candidates to me for acceptance as seminary students. Thus I will have written recom-

mendations from at least four sources before accepting a candidate.

1937. Owensboro Diocese is located in the western portion of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and comprises the following thirty two counties: Allen, Ballard, Breckinridge, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Edmonson, Fulton, Graves, Grayson, Hancock, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, McCracken, McLean, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Union, Warren, and Webster.

Since its beginning, the Diocese has grown from 33 parishes and 19 missions of western Kentucky to 79 parishes and two Newman Centers. The Diocese supports 19 Catholic Schools (which includes 3 high schools and a university), a hospital, two retirement homes and several religious orders.

Church attendance rates in the Diocese of Owensboro are among the highest in the nation, with an average of 60% of registered members attending Mass on a typical Sunday. When you look at the number of Catholics in the diocese (over 51,000) and consider that 60% attend Mass on Sunday that means that our priests must serve over 30,000 Catholics each and ev-

ery Sunday!

At top right on this page is a table that lists many of the most pertinent statistics concerning the number of priests, the number of seminarians, changes in the population at large and changes in the Catholic population over the past 50 years. It can be readily seen that the population of our Diocese has changed by 238, 644 over the last 50 years which is a 37% increase! The number of Catholics in our Diocese has increased by 13,588, which is a 36% increase! However, the number of Active priests in our Diocese has decreased from 62 Active Diocesan priests in 1960 to 52 Active Diocesan priests in 2010! However, the number of priests available in the diocese has changed more dramatically than that because of the increase in numbers of retired, sick, and absent priests.

That brings us to the fact that we currently have 49 priests serving the entire Catholic population of over 51,000 in the Diocese of Owensboro, which means our priests serve between 600-800 Catholic parishioners EACH. That is, when our priests say Mass on Sunday in the Owensboro Diocese, they are addressing over 50,000 parishioners each and every week! Consider the amount of time spent with reconciliation, marriage preparation, funerals, weddings, communion visits, hospital visits, jail and prison visits, committee meetings, ministry functions, and all the other (unknown) extra activities that they must attend, preside over, and conduct, and you can understand why our priest shortage is so relevant!

The number of men attending seminary for our Diocese has changed even MORE dramatically over the past 50 years.

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**Dr. Fred Litke, left, posed with his wife Nancy and their son, Rev. Bro. Austin Litke, O.P. after his Solemn Profession of Vows. Submitted Photo**

mendations from at least four sources before accepting a candidate.

"In inviting Fathers Williams and McClure to assist in this ministry, I am consciously striving to identify our vocation ministry with our college campus ministries. As we go forward we may want to expand this identification to Brescia University and our Catholic high schools also.

"I welcome your feedback on these appointments. Above all, I invite every priest to identify himself as a vocation director and to proudly tell people of our lives, our ministries and our joys.

"Let us pray for one another and pray that we may assist the Lord in calling laborers to his abundant harvest.

"Yours in Christ,

*William F. Medley*

Most Reverend William F. Medley,  
Bishop of Owensboro "

### Changes in the Diocese of Owensboro, 1960 to 2010

	1960 50 years ago	1985 25 years ago	2000 10 years ago	2010 today	Change in numbers in 50 years	Change in % in 50 years
Number of Diocesan priests	62	64	63	52	-10	-16%
Number of retired/sick/absent priests	4	15	19	21	+17	+425%
Number of non-Diocesan Religious Priests serving Diocese	16	16	16	18	+2	+12%
Number of priests available in Diocese	74	65	60	49	-29	-37%
Number of Seminarians	56	26	17	19	-37	-66%
Number of parishes	66	83	79	79	+13	+20%
Number of parishes with pastor in residence	40	55	53	50	+10	+25%
Number of parishes without pastor in residence	26	28	26	29	+3	+11%
Catholic population in Diocese	37,653	53,865	50,187	51,241	+13,588	+36%
Total Population of Diocese	629,323	765,750	778,235	867,967	+238,644	+38%
Number of students under Catholic Instruction	13,533	10,489	9,059	9,163	-4,370	-32%
% of Catholics student per Catholic population totals	36%	19%	18%	17%	-32%	





## Trinity Students Known For Service and Good Works



Trinity High School in Whitesville, KY celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a school Mass, Religion bee, and various activities.

**Pictures: bottom left, extraordinary minister Jordan Fulkerson offers the Precious Blood to Zack Rhodes.; top left, THS students celebrating Mass with Fr. Dave Johnson; above right, Blake, Knott, Zack Rhodes, Chris Hamilton, Sam Howard & Isaac Rhodes led the musicians. Submitted by Cindy Ward**

## Why We All Must Pray for Vocations ...

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In 1960, there were 56 men in seminary training for the Diocese of Owensboro; however, in 2010 there are currently 18



**Fr. Andy Garner, left, was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Church in Bowling Green in 2010 while continuing to serve the diocese as Director of Vocations and Seminarians. Dr. Fred Litke was appointed Feb. 5, 2011 to the diocesan staff as Associate Director of Vocations and Seminarians. WKC Photo**

men in seminary training! We KNOW that not all 56 of those who were studying back in 1960 finished seminary and were ordained priests, and I could not find records that would have enabled me to determine what percentage of those men continued their studies until ordination. Likewise, we cannot be certain that all 18 current seminarians who are studying at this time will be ordained, either.

The breakdown for these 18 is revealing: 2 are from Mexico, 2 are from Guatemala, and two are from Africa. So, the real truth is that 12 are actually men raised, educated, and nurtured in the homes and parish church communities in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Out of 79 parishes, comprised of over 51,000 Catholics in our Diocese, shouldn't we be able to provide more than 12 young men who are answering the call to priesthood?

See chart at top right of this page.

If you look at the numbers of ordinations to priesthood over the last 10 years, you will have to say that the numbers have improved measurably since 2005. At that time, our Bishop decided to designate a Full-time Vocations Director. Each year, there has been an increase in the number of men attending

college (minor) seminary and theological (major) seminary programs for the diocese.

Formation for priesthood requires several years of intense and rigorous study. Ordinarily, 6 years of seminary training and schooling are required... AFTER college! So, including college, a young man can expect to study and prepare for 8-10 years in formation for priesthood.

Understanding that it will require a commitment of 8 or more years, we must understand that priests are not made quickly. Regardless of how many men pledge to become a priest today, there are many struggles to go through and some cannot make it through to the end. Knowing that it takes such a commitment, we must constantly be looking for men who can enter the process. Below I have listed the number of priests that have been ordained by the Diocese of Owensboro over the last 10 years.

Here is that breakdown: 2001- 2 priests were ordained; 2002-2 priests were ordained; 2003-2 priests were ordained; 2004-No priests ordained; 2005- No priests ordained; 2006- No priests ordained; 2007- No priests ordained; 2008- No priests ordained; 2009- 2 priests ordained; 2010- 3 priests ordained; 2011- 1 priest will be ordained, God willing.

Over the next several years, more and more priests will become ordained for our Diocese. However,

since the average age of a priest in our Diocese is 56 years, we will need a substantial increase in vocations to the priesthood to replace those retiring.

An increase in vocation to priesthood can only be accomplished through and within our families! Our religious vocations come from our families. We NEED all mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and grandparents to promote vocations in the family. We also need our school teachers and instructors to promote and inform our children about religious vocations.

We MUST have vocations supported and promoted within our churches by our pastors and associates. These great men can promote by their example, their homilies, and their commitment to vocations.

We have all read and heard the verses from Matthew 9:37-38: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

There are many things we each can do to promote vocations in our home, churches, schools... but the most important thing we can do is to PRAY FOR VOCATIONS! Pray for our Lord to CALL young men to priesthood and religious life. Pray for our young men and women to LISTEN and HEED the call! Pray for our priests and religious and pray that their example will excite and encourage young men and women to inquire and discern their vocations.





Several Trinity Students getting ready to March in the swarms of people in DC. They are from Left to Right, Jessica Beyke (Sophomore), Rachel Russelburg (Sophomore), Jonathan Rhodes (Senior), Kathy Bickwermert (Junior) Elizabeth Rhodes (Junior) and Myranda Isbill (senior)



Bishop William Medley speaking with several of the pilgrims outside of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Basilica in Washington DC before the Vigil Mass for Life. Photos submitted by Joe Bland

## March For Life Makes Real For Trinity Seniors The Purpose of Their Pilgrimage



Caty Gerteisen, (C:) left, gestures during their talk at St. Mary of the Woods Church March 6. Myranda Isbill (M:) follows their script waiting for one of her statements. Mel Howard photo

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - March 6, 2011.

**C:** Good Morning. My name is Caty Gerteisen

**M:** and I am Myranda Isbill.

**C:** We are seniors at Trinity High School and we would like to tell you about our experiences on our pilgrimage to Washington DC for the March for Life

**M:** The one thing that really impressed me about this experience was that, during not just the March, but also the Mass for Life at the Basilica, the feeling of “oneness” or unity with each other was powerful. Sitting next to a stranger at the Basilica or marching beside groups from all over the country seemed awkward at first, but after the long wait in the cold, feeling hungry or tired, things begin to start moving and you began to forget your complaints and find yourself so into the moment that it doesn’t matter anymore who’s behind you, what religion, race, or



where they’re from. What matters is that we are all there for that one cause: to end abortion.

**C:** On Monday, before we went to the March, we had the opportunity to visit the Holocaust Museum. While walking through the exhibits, there was one hallway in which shoes that were taken from the Jews at the concentration camps were lined up and down the walls. This exhibit struck me because there were so many shoes symbolizing so many lives lost. As we proceeded to march down Constitution Avenue yelling anti-abortion chants and holding signs that read Stop Abortion Now towards the Supreme Court building, I kept seeing the image of the shoes in my mind. When we had finally reached the Supreme Court building, I saw a man with a wooden framed glass box filled with baby shoes. There was a sign on the box that said “137 babies lost every hour: SOLES equals SOULS.” This really struck my heart to think about the holocaust that is occurring everyday in our country, and made it real to me the purpose of our pilgrimage.

**M:** This trip has helped me to hope; hope that, even though there is evil in the world, we have the power to stand as one against the injustice of the world. And like the Apostles after Pentecost, we have the courage to speak boldly for what is right.

**C:** Thank you to all who supported us in our various fund raisers and for your prayers. This pilgrimage was an amazing chance for all of us to stand up for what we believe in and be a witness for Jesus to the world. Thank you and God Bless!

Caty Gerteisen and Myranda Isbill speaking from the ambo under the Crucifix of Christ at St. Mary of the Woods Church. Mel Howard photo



## What does the Christian do?

*Editor's note: The pictures shown on the pages in this edition marked "Youth In Ministry" are presented to show some of how young Catholics in the Diocese of Owensboro answer the question, "What does a Christian do?"*

"We enter the world each day as ambassadors of Christ and his kingdom—sensitized to the effects of sin—loving others by seeking their welfare through the proper ordering of things and relationships. We look for and respond to opportunities to bring relief to those who are suffering. We seek the good of others and when possible, we create systems and institutions that serve the common good and promote human flourishing. We work for remedy in the daily situations and when necessary, the reformation or abolition of whole systems that oppress. We disciple people in the Truth, showing them the way that leads to a life that thrives through having a right relationship to God, to self, to others, and the rest of creation ...

"When confronted with the opportunity to demonstrate Christ's commandment to love others, we don't wait for the appropriate feelings to emerge. Instead, we recognize the providential moment and press forward in faith, seeking God's grace to love so that it is his love that is manifested to his glory.

"If we fail to act, then we are not trusting in Jesus. Our actions reveal our trust in Jesus and according to Jesus, how we treat others ultimately demonstrates how we treat God (cf. Matthew 25:34-40)."

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### DO/DID YOU KNOW...

- that the Office of Youth Ministry will come and conduct a *Building a Youth Ministry Workshop* in your parish?
- that 173 youth and adults from the Diocese of Owensboro attended NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in Kansas City, MO, Nov. 19-22, 2009!! The next NCYC is Nov. 17-19, 2011, in Indianapolis, IN!
- what NET stands for and what they do?
- what SLIM stands for or what they are?
- that there is now a Basic Certification in Youth Ministry Process for Adults volunteering/working in Youth Ministry in our diocese?
- that we have our own Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center near Bowling Green? Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center [www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org)
- that the next WYD is going to be in Madrid, Spain?
- We took 68 youth and adults to the March for Life in DC Jan. 21-25, 2011.

## Youth In Ministry

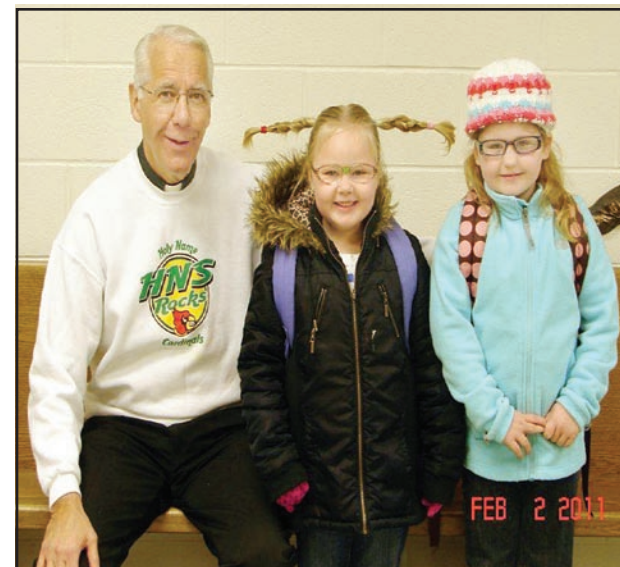


Besides praying and worshipping, a big part of what a young person does in a Catholic parish is to help out wherever they are able. In the picture above, two 13-year-olds, carrying the processional Crucifix, Blake Booker, who attends St Mary of the Woods Catholic School in Whitesville, and Lauren Beyke who attends Daviess County Middle School, led the recessional with pastor Father Dave Johnson after the 7:00 a.m. Mass Feb. 27, 2011 at Saint Mary of the Woods Church. Blake and Lauren are altar servers who assist the priest and the assembly during Parish liturgies. Mel Howard Photo



### Students Imitating Saint Angela Merici

Students Silva Stauffer, Brianna Murphy, and Chassity Roberts collect baby bottles for Birthright of Owensboro. These members of the YDOSA club at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School in Whitesville, KY sponsored this activity to celebrate the January 27, the feast day of St. Angela Merici, the founder of the Ursuline Sisters. These students admire and strive to imitate this saint in their young lives. This change collection from school families will help provide diapers and other necessities for women who are pregnant and cannot afford these items for their newborn. Submitted by Cindy Ward for St. Mary Catholic School.



### Holy Name School Celebrates Catholic Schools Week with "Get Smart" Day!

Father Tony Shonis greeted first graders, Brextan Tinnell and Caroline Corino, on "Get Smart" Day at Holy Name School in Henderson, Ky. during Catholic Schools Week. HNS students also enjoyed Dress Up Day, Pajama Day, Mix and Match Day, as well as a pep assembly, an all-school Mass, and many other activities. Catholic Schools are truly A+ for America! Kamille Stich Photo



## 14 Youth 2000 brings 700 young people to the Eucharist

By Michelle Valego

The Diocesan Marian Shrine Committee with the Offices of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation organized the 14th annual Youth 2000, a Eucharistic centered retreat for young adults between the ages of 13 and 30. About 700 youth attended the retreat at Brescia University in Owensboro, Ky. on March 11-13, 2011.

During the three-day retreat the Eucharist is placed in the center of the gym as the focal point of the retreat. The young adults sit on carpet squares facing the monstrance, which sits on top of a "burning bush."

Bishop William Medley celebrated the Holy Mass on Sunday as he did last year. Bishop Medley spoke of vocations during his homily.

"I don't know where God is calling you," Bishop Medley said to the young people. "And for the most part, you don't either."

"It may be scary to go where few might follow," he said when referring to religious life. "God will not lead you to any place the grace of God will not sustain you."

After the Holy Mass, Brother



**Bishop William Medley, center, deep in prayer during Youth 2000; Rev. Mr. Ryan Harpole is at left. Kristin Bivins Photo**

Crispin, a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal, asked any person who has felt that he may be called to the religious life to come forward. About 60 people responded to the altar call.

As in past years, Sister Francis Teresa, a Carmelite Sister of the Divine Heart of Jesus, gives a talk about the brown scapular before the Carmelites enroll the young people with scapulars. This year Sr. Francis Teresa asked a student from Ow-

ensboro Catholic High School, Sarah Beth Caudill, to write a rap about the brown scapular.

The "Cool Carmelites" rapped the song about the brown scapular on Saturday with an encore on Sunday for Bishop Medley.

"Wear the brown scapular from our Mother, Heavenly armor to keep us under cover. We are soldiers, this is war. It's our souls we're fighting for," rapped the sisters.

The people attending the retreat gave a standing ovation to both performances.

The first reading on Sunday was the account from Genesis of the fall of mankind. During his homily, Bishop Medley talked about temptations.

"Usually, when we fall for temptations we are falling for something we already have," said Bishop Medley. "It's the same old trick and it keeps on working."

He explained that the devil is not going to change something that has worked since Adam and Eve. The Bishop said that if the devil tempts someone who is not in condition, he is more likely to fall.

"Every time one of us falls short," Bishop Medley said, "We are in effect falling down and worshipping a false god."

The retreat focuses the young people on spending time with Jesus in His sacraments, especially Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Every day the Holy Mass is celebrated while priests hear confessions throughout the entire retreat. Hundreds of people receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation,

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### You are invited to attend The Ordination of Rev. Brother Austin Litke, O.P. and tour Washington, D.C. with Toby Tours

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• Day 3: This morning after breakfast a Mass will be celebrated by the newly ordained at the Dominican House of Studies; we have an option to attend Mass or tour the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The afternoon will allow us to visit the Arlington National Cemetery & other places of interest as time permits.

• Day 4: This morning we will have the honor to attend Fr. Austin's First Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Peter Parish! Oh, what a blessing! After the morning festivities,

again finds us spending time exploring some of Washington's noted monuments & memorials! If this is your first time to visit our Nation's Capitol, you are going to be in for a treat!

• Day 5: This morning we depart our hotel to travel back to our "Old Kentucky Home," arriving in Owensboro at 7:30 p.m.

For reservations please contact: Martha Kauffeld (270) 771-5525 or 302-9120 Veda Mattingly (270) 233-0397. A deposit of \$50.00 per person is due at the time of making your reservation with the final payment due April 18th, 2011.

## Join us for Reflection Days

- April 1 - "Watered Gardens"
- May 6- "A Rushing Wind"
- June 3 - "Seeking and Finding"
- Aug. 5 - "Hearts on Fire"
- Sept. 2 - "Instruments of God"
- Oct. 7 - "The Falling Leaves"
- Nov. 4 - "Faithful Love"
- Dec. 2 - "Homecoming"



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## Youth 2000

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some of whom had not been to confession since last year at Youth 2000.

During his talk on Saturday night, Fr. Nathan Cromly, a priest from the Community of St. John spoke on Reconciliation.

“Jesus says, ‘Give me your imperfections,’” said Fr. Cromly. “But to do that you have to stand in front of Jesus and ask forgiveness.”

He told a story of a woman he knew from England. Her name was Abigail. Fr. Cromly described her as a woman who “lived by reconciliation.”

A man stabbed her when she was walking home in the safest county in England. Abigail lived; however, she is paralyzed. For the previous two days, her attacker had been taking drugs and looking at impure pictures.

Fr. Cromly asked Bruno, Abigail’s husband, if he was angry at the man. Bruno said that the man was a victim. He was angry at the people who told his generation that drugs and impure photos did not hurt anyone. Both Abigail and Bruno forgave.

“Your source of peace comes from Jesus,” said Fr. Cromly.

Next year’s Youth 2000 is scheduled for March 9-11, 2012.



The “Cool Carmelites” rapped a song about the brown scapular on Saturday with an encore on Sunday for Bishop Medley. A student from Owensboro Catholic High School, Sarah Beth Caudill, wrote the rap about the brown scapular. Kristin Bivins Photo



The photo at left center, the burning bush at Youth 2000 in Brescia University gym March 13.

In the picture at right, Bishop William Medley prayed with about 60 people at Youth 2000 who had responded to an altar call for those in attendance who had felt that he or she may be called to the religious life to come forward.

In the back of the picture praying with the Bishop are Diocesan Vocations Director Father Andy Garner, center, and with arms outstretched Father Richard Cash. Some of the diocesan seminarians are also in the back of this photo with Carmelite Sisters and others praying for the young people that they may respond to God’s call to vocation.

Kristin Bivins Photos



Bishop William Medley, at right, listened closely to what Kaleb Isbill from St. Mary of the Woods Church, Whitesville, said during the closing ceremony of Youth 2000 at Brescia University March 13. The crowd chanted his name as soon as he was introduced, and he delivered a personal message about what God had been doing in all their lives during Youth 2000, breathing in His Holy Spirit into the whole assembly. Mel Howard photo



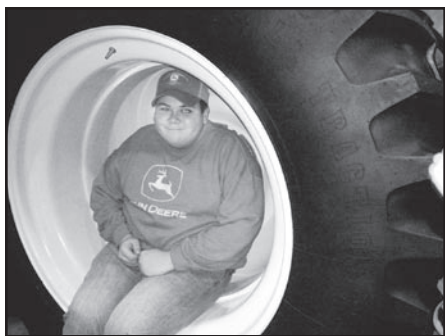
Saint Thomas More parish, Paducah. youth participants at Youth 2000 in Owensboro March 13.

Photo submitted by Nicole Strasser





## Trinity Youth In Ministry



Trinity High School's Ag Club made a trip to the Farm Machinery Show in Louisville in February under the leadership of Trinity coach and teacher Bryce Roberts. 26 members of the Ag club were on the trip. Above, some of the Trinity student participants gathered for a group photo outside the show; At top left, sophomores Kelsey Armes and Chelsea Howard; At middle left, Sophomore Dylan Aud seated inside a tractor tire; At lower left, juniors Abbie Hagan and Alesha Corley; At near left, Liza Howard, Hannah Coomes and Amanda Roby. Submitted by Lisa Armes

## Trinity Volleyball Players Fill the Circle of Training, Host Camp for Those Who Follow In Catholic School's Winning Footsteps



In the pictures on the left and at right, younger Catholic School students learn the sport of volleyball from older Trinity High School players and their coaches at a volleyball clinic hosted by Trinity's varsity volleyball team on Feb. 4. In the picture at left, at middle bottom is head coach for THS Adam Huff and sophomores Amanda Roby and Chelsea Howard.

They were circling up at the close of the camp, a fundraiser for THS volleyball; it cost \$30 to attend for the 3-hour camp. From 9am-12pm was for grades 3-5 and 12pm -3pm was for grades 6-8. Photos submitted by Lisa Armes



**"We seek the good of others ..."**

In the photo above, at back left are Trinity High School Coach Richard Armes, THS volleyball players, Tori Lanham, Liza Howard, Hannah Coomes, Sophie Henderson, Kalie Winkler, Kelsey Armes, Amanda Roby, Chelsea Howard, Jamie Mattingly, and Coach Adam Huff.

## Rome in November

You are invited to come along on a Nine-Day Pilgrimage to Italy November 3-11 with Fr. Tony Bickett and Fr. Dan Kreutzer. We will see all the major Shrines of Rome, attend Sunday Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, have an audience with Pope Benedict XVI, and visit the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and Assisi, Italy. The cost for this trip leaving from Louisville is \$2,248.00. For more information contact, Fr. Tony Bickett at (270) 756-2356 or Golden Frontier Catholic Shrine Pilgrimage at (618) 234-1445, [www.goldenfrontier.org](http://www.goldenfrontier.org).





In the picture above, Bishop William Medley was laying hands on Confirmation Candidate Jessica Hughes with her sponsor Victoria White standing behind her on Feb. 16, 2011 at Saint Augustine Church in Grayson Springs, Ky.

The picture at right is the Confirmation class with pastor Father Brian Johnson and their teachers - front row left to right, Aaron Meador, Cody Shellhart, Quendon Spears, Jessica Hughes, Bishop Medley, Holly Jewell, Joshua Ezzo, Brenda Semar; back row left to right, Father Brian Johnson, Jordan Grant, Jesse Graas, Chance Perkins, Kody Braun, Alex Shellhart, Chad Wilson, John Semar.

The confirmandi are from different Grayson County Catholic parishes as follows: St. Augustine - Jessica Hughes, Jesse Grass; St. Anthony - Aaron Meador, Quendon Spears, Holly



Jewel, Jordan Grant, Chance Perkins, Kody Braun; St. Benedict - Cody Shellhart, Alex Shellhart, Chad Wilson; St. Joseph - Joshua Ezzo; John and Brenda Semar were the catechist trainers and they are members at St. Augustine. Pictures By Greg Hughes

## Holy Name Students Learn the Joys of Serving their Community and School



Holy Name students deliver food from the Thanksgiving Food Drive to the church



Holy Name students process tab tops on a collection day for Ronald McDonald House. Photos submitted by Phyllis Brown



Holy Name students Harley Engle, Gary Cola and Katie Armstrong stock shelves at the Mary Martha Outreach Pantry



In the picture at left, Bruan Snow, Nikolas Thomas and Brett Lewis prepare a mailing of recycled Christmas cards to send to St. Jude's Ranch for Children



Holy Name students Logan Fleming and Evie Beckert serving a dinner for the Henderson Diabetes Coalition

At Right, Holy Name students Anne Beckert, Maci Brown, Cheyenne Warren, Courtney Morris and Elena Nunez prepare packages for mailing to soldiers in Afghanistan







## Game Time

Students at the OCS Elementary K-3 Campus who reach the 400 Point Club in Accelerated Reader Points get to invite three friends to “Game Time with the Principal”. Madalyn Hyland recently reached 400 Points and invited Katie Hayden, Kristina Stelmach, and Carsyn Settles for a fun game of SPLASH with Mrs. Whitehouse. Madalyn’s has set a personal goal of reaching 600 Points this year! In the picture left to right: Katie Hayden, Kristina Stelmach, Madalyn Hyland and Carsyn Settles at back right along with principal Mrs. Lori Whitehouse. Karen Gross Photo for OCS.



## Great Backyard Bird Count - Elementary 4-6 Campus After School Program

Fourth graders in the Extended School Day Program at Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus learned to identify some common birds in Owensboro area for the 14th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count which was held nationwide February 18-21. They studied photos of different birds, listened to bird calls, watched a short film of backyard bird watching, enjoyed a gummy worm, and had a great time on a Friday afternoon with Daviess County Audubon Society volunteer Winny Lin. The national bird count, co-sponsored by the Cornell University School of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, provides data for scientists. Karen Gross Photo for OCS.

## School Cafeterias Provide Good Nutritional Choices In Menus

Hello. I’m Angela Deckard. I’m 22 years old, and the cafeteria manager at St. Ann School in Morganfield. I went to Holy Name School, 2nd – 8th grade, and I’m a faithful parishioner at Holy Name Church. I went back to work at Holy Name in the kitchen with my mom Lori Deckard during high school and worked there until I went to St. Ann in April, 2010. I’ve worked around food and kids for as long as I can remember.

I took the manager position full time at St. Ann in August, 2010, and I’ve loved every minute of it. In taking this position, I’ve met lots of people and learned lots of new things. One thing I learn more and more about each day is child nutrition. Just this school year we’ve started a nutrition team at St. Ann. The team consists of our principal, Gail Ciecorka, a few parents, Diocese of Owensboro Food Service Director, Theresa Ballard, a couple of representatives from UK and myself. In our group we talk about different ways to implement healthier food choices in school lunches and how to en-

courage healthy habits and physical activity among our students. We discuss what goals we want to achieve and my goal is to get kids eating healthier and up and out of the house. I want kids to be more active in every day life. With this nutrition team we have also tried taste testing in order to open the kids’ minds to new foods. We did smoothies in October. We had chocolate peanut butter smoothies and berry vanilla smoothies for the kids to try. Some kids didn’t care much for them, but the ones that did like them had several.

In the cafeteria at St. Ann, I try hard to promote nutrition with our students, staff and parents. I’ve hung many nutrition posters on the walls and I even have a table in the corner of the cafeteria with a food group display made of play food. Taking this job has pushed me to want to learn as much as I can about nutrition, not only to implement in the school lunches, but also for my own benefit in what I eat every day. I want to help students realize and learn about making healthy choices.

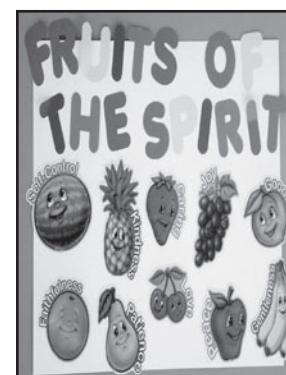
This year my main focus has been

to provide fresh fruits and vegetables for our school lunches. We have served carrots and celery sticks, also apples, bananas, blueberries, cantaloupes, grapes, honey dew, kiwi, oranges, and strawberries as well as some canned fruits. It can surprise you to give the students an option just how many of them will eat the various fresh fruits. I know I was impressed. During the winter we stop serving fresh fruits except for apples and oranges, and we’ve already had students asking when all of the fruits will be back.

Not only have I learned a lot from working with my mom, and from my boss, Theresa Ballard, as well as all of the people I’ve met at St. Ann, but also from classes and conferences all of the managers attend throughout the year. I



Angela Deckard shows a food group table in St. Ann School cafeteria.



look forward to each and every class and conference because I know I’m going to learn something that helps us provide good nutritional choices at St. Ann School cafeteria. I want to learn as much as I can and I plan to put it to good use for many years to come in my school cafeteria.



## You're Invited!

Come celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Spring Day of Wisdom on May 26th, 2011 at the Catholic pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, Kentucky. We will open with welcome and prayer. The remainder of the program will be filled with entertainment!

Bluegrass music: "Mystery guests;" Sing-a-long; and a special guest star; a Ventriloquist; Janie Jett Mason; And Jerry.

**Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.**

**Program begins at 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

**Cost \$6 which includes lunch.**

**Please register by May 23rd.**

**For information call Ginny Knight-Simon**

**@ 270-683-1545**

***This will be a great celebration.***

***Hope to see you there!***

### 2011 Spring Day of Wisdom Marks Our 15th Anniversary

It's hard to believe that 15 years have gone by since the Diocesan Office of Wisdom sponsored the first Spring Day of Wisdom on May 30, 1996.

The day of Wisdom is a diocesan event and is open to any senior citizen in the Diocese of Owensboro. In keeping with the national recognition of May as National Senior Citizen month, it was the perfect time to celebrate God's gift of years through a special day.

On Thursday May 30th, 1996, our first Wisdom Day program featured Dr. Jane Marie Thibault, Gerontologist, M.D. and author. Bishop John J. McRaith, and previous Diocesan Stewardship and Development Director, Tom Lilly were also on the program that started at 9:30 a.m. and ended at 4:15 p.m. You later told me the day needed to be shortened. I followed your advice. The focus was on the question, "Would we want to live to be 120 years old?" And we talked about the biblical story of Sarah and Abraham.

Over the years we've had presentations on life insurance, long term care insurance, funeral planning, and wills. We've learned about container gardening, what to do in weather related disasters, and how to recognize scams. We've been quizzed on our driving skills and myths about aging. We've exercised, sang songs, and prayed together. We've been serenaded by The Healing Harp, an old time fiddler, and a senior hand chime choir. We have seen videos about the people of the Diocese of Mandeville, fire safety, auto safety and The Red Cross. We've been entertained by comedians, storytellers, and a naturalist. We've heard from many wonderful speakers who have left us with enriching spiritual messages. And, we've shared our own stories of fun, sadness, adventure and faith, too.

The Day of Wisdom is a good time to come together in our Catholic peer group and learn about our faith, see friends, and make new ones.

The Spring Day of Wisdom has been so successful that we are into our fifth year of Fall Wisdom Days in Paducah each year on a day in October or November.

I hope you will make some time and come celebrate the 15th anniversary celebration of Wisdom Day on May 26th, 2011 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Please make your reservations early. This program will be filled with entertainment, fun and a few "unexpected" guests. If you have never attended Wisdom Day in the past - this is the time to start! A wonderful time is guaranteed!

## How Does Boulware Mission Affect Our Community?

It is no secret that homelessness is about more than affordable housing or jobs. Physical health issues, addictions, low educational achievements, family disintegration, poor coping and problem solving skills, and lack of necessary life skills are among some of the

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Hall Street Campus, Owensboro, Ky.

case manager develops an individual service plan that addresses their reasons for homelessness.

Boulware Mission offers a myriad of programs to our clients; including, but by no means limited to, those designed to address: physical health, mental health, effects of addiction on the family; boredom; legal issues; spiritual health; emotional health; forgiveness; anger management; financial literacy; parenting; coping skills; understanding the brain and addiction; life skills; education/training, job skills; relapse prevention; compulsive behaviors; exercise and meditation; criminal thinking; no-touch savings; and housing. We also offer DUI classes and Marijuana Dependence classes to the public; the 'Alcohol and Other Drug Entity' Treatment program is licensed under the KY Cabinet for



Wing Avenue Campus, Owensboro, Ky.

Health and Family Services.

Length of stay is individualized, but on average, our clients remain at Boulware for 140 days, allowing ample time to rebuild their lives.

## Zeal and Joy of Being Called by The Lord

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you are away, to come back to the comfort of home. Or, if you live somewhere else and you have that joy of coming back to visit your parents in the family home. Church is a lot like that. If we were brought up in the Catholic Faith, the yearning is still there in the hearts of many. I often see and hear of people who have left the Catholic Church who have found a new 'home' in a Protestant church. Their faith grows sometimes in that atmosphere, but many feel that something is missing. When they come back to the Catholic Church they discover what they were missing, most importantly, the Eucharist. Jesus coming into our bodies and nourishing our souls-- you can't get any better than that. That IS a personal relationship with Jesus Christ."

**WKC:** As you leave diocesan service, do you see yourself keeping your hand in the ministry?

**PB:** For many years, probably since 1995, I have been serving as an Advocate in the Diocesan Tribunal for those seeking a Declaration of Marital Invalidity (annulment). After retirement, I will continue to assist the Tribunal in their important ministry.



Patty Blair



# Megan Rhodes, Western Kentucky Catholic Native, Interns With Brooklyn Pregnancy Center



Megan Rhodes at the EMC Brooklyn Pregnancy Center

By Megan Louise Rhodes

BROOKLYN, NYC - It is with great excitement that I write to you all! My name is Megan Rhodes and I am an intern with EMC Frontline Pregnancy centers. I come from Whitesville, Kentucky where I grew up as the third of nine awesome children in a Catholic home. Needless to say, the very lifestyle of our family radiates a deep respect for life and a passion for putting belief into action. As a 22 year-old with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Chemistry with an emphasis in medicine, I feel that I have a unique responsibility to reveal the truth about the human person with in the womb and to speak out against medical treatment that is degrading and detrimental to women's



Three EMC Frontline Pregnancy Center clients with their first ultrasound photos of their children.

holistic health.

My past experiences in the pro-life movement and the Church have truly shaped and illuminated God's call for me to commit this part of my life to learning to counsel pregnant women. With the help of many dear friends, I was able to co-found and grow a campus pro-life group at Murray State University. We participat-



Megan preparing for another day of sidewalk counseling at Dr. Emily's Abortion Facility in the South Bronx.



Megan witnessing for Life in the January, 2011 March For Life in Washington, D.C.

ed in conferences, set up demonstrations and educated our peers with speakers and events that engaged and challenged apathy towards pro-life issues.

After graduation, my plan was to attend medical school and become a pro-life and pro-family physician in rural Kentucky. God had other plans. During a St. Ignatius based retreat, I was able to quiet myself enough to hear God's voice echoing loud and clear with a resounding, "NO" to my plan for my life. He instead gave me the gentle pushing and prodding of a loving Father, and guided me to move to New York City to be His voice of truth

and hope to women who find themselves in unexpected pregnancies.

During my time here in NYC, I have learned that 41% of all pregnancies in this city end in abortion rather than birth making NYC the abortion capitol of America accounting for nearly 1/10 of the total abortions in this country. I have seen women that have walked out of abortion clinics with such hurt and pain in their eyes. I have counseled 16-year-old girls who are 20 weeks pregnant and seriously considering late-term abortion. I have witnessed the joy on a young woman's face when she fell in love with her child after viewing her ultrasound. God has blessed me with many opportunities to speak with mothers that are keeping their children and getting help with everything from pre-natal care to food and housing. The miracles are amazing! As a sidewalk counselor, I stand on the streets and attempt to engage women in conversation and offer them information about the services and help available to them. Sometimes we are fortunate to get into a conversation—other times we have to trust that God will work through our little-ness to bring about His Glory. It is a place of great despair, but with prayer and trust there is great Hope!

I was graced this week to receive proof that my compliance with God's will yielded fruit. A boyfriend left Dr. Emily's Abortion Clinic in the South Bronx, to smoke on the sidewalk. His face was troubled and though I was concerned, I gave him space to think for a while. When he finished his cigarette, I approached him.

Hey, is your girl in there?

.... yeah why?

Is she pregnant?

... I don't know. I just don't know. Why?

Well, if she is pregnant, we can provide her with a free sonogram right over here, right now.

... yeah, can I have some information about that?

Here you go. And my name is Megan. I will be out here if you want to talk.

... thanks, I'll talk to her.

That simple conversation and the grace of God, was all it took to convince this couple to choose life! I had left to take a break, but another counselor was present and recounted the story. The couple left the clinic looking for Megan. They had a sonogram photo from the clinic,

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## Western Kentucky Catholic Native Counsels at NY Pregnancy Center

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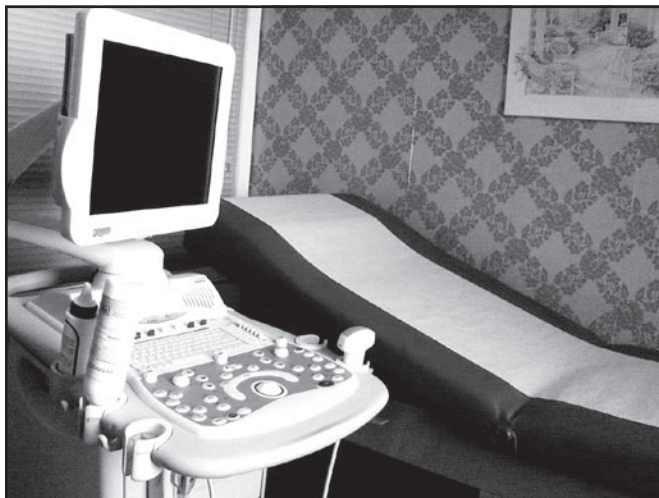
and decided after speaking with me and looking at the developmental facts inside of our pamphlet to parent their child! God often keeps us humble by not allowing us to see the fruits of our labors, but this time He granted me that gift and I am so thankful!

And God works everyday in the Pregnancy Centers as well! I have mostly worked in our Brooklyn office, and I have seen many women come in abortion minded and leave with a plan of how to parent their children. Women who enter these centers are lovingly informed about prenatal development, the complications associated with abortion, and the truth about what really happens in an abortion procedure. It is stunning to me to learn the amount of women who were simply never told these truths. Many of these women are post-abortive, meaning they have had abortions in the past, and they often tell me that, "If I would have known this before my abortion—I would have never done it."

The women are given love and



**To keep up with Megan on the blog, check online at [bronzlifehouse.blogspot.com](http://bronzlifehouse.blogspot.com).**



Ultrasound machine at the EMC Brooklyn Pregnancy Center office.

hope. We provide ultrasounds that give women the opportunity to meet their children face to face. By estimating the approximate age of the child, we are able to guide these women to pre-natal care, housing, employment, and any other need that might be present in their particular situations. We provide pre-natal care day every Tuesday. These days are my favorite because I am able to watch these women grow in both girth and in excitement about their motherhood. The work that we do in these centers is all through the love of God. I am learning to love each client that walks through the door in a way that is inspired from love of Christ and His Mother. I know now that this is exactly where God wants me to be for now. And though I am intimidated by the thought of not knowing the "next step", each day I attempt to hand my future into the hands of He that knows me best and loves me most.



Megan counseling over the phone at the Brooklyn office.

For His glory I will endure the sidewalk. I will prevail through harassment and persecution as I try to help women seeking real options. Though it is disturbing to speak about the horrible truths of abortion, I will not cease because these women deserve to make an informed CHOICE, after knowing all of the facts and consequences.

If you are interested in volunteering with this organization or others like it, I encourage you to give it a try and see what God will be able to do through your willing hands and faithfulness. You may apply at [www.prolifeinterns.com](http://www.prolifeinterns.com). You may also follow all of the intern's stories about our work in the abortion capitol of America at the blog --[bronzlifehouse.blogspot.com](http://bronzlifehouse.blogspot.com).

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## Cursillo Team Formation Shares "Rollo," Prayer, the Security of God's Grace

By Mary Hagan



Before a Cursillo Weekend, team formation brings each individual into the community of Christ with joy and enthusiasm. In our first formation, we were installed as a team by the Rev. Mr Nick Nichols, Deacon on our team. Men and women

prayed together and separated into two groups. Each of us gave an excerpt of our life with details about our family, education, spiritual roots and pilgrimage to today. We receive a prayer partner as we journey toward the weekend. We work hard, study hard, pray a lot and use all the gifts and talents God has given us. Listening to the "rollos" or talks of the weekend is broken by the wonderful lunches and snacks we share.

Rollos continue during the second and third formations. Eduardo Bonnin, the founder of the Catholic Cursillo Method, states that the process of the Lay Rollos is: that man or woman can be more and better



### Cursillo Calendar for April and May, 2011

- April** 1-3 Region IV Spring Encounter, Knoxville, TN  
4 School of Leaders 7-9pm St. Pius X Church  
10 Secretariat 2-3:45: Leader's Meeting 4-5:30pm  
Christ the King Parish Hall, Madisonville, KY  
11 Holy Hour 8-9pm at the Carmel Home  
19 Ultreya 7-9pm at Blessed Mother Parish Hall
- May** 2 School of Leaders 7-9pm St. Pius X Church  
8 Secretariat 2-3:45: Leader's Meeting 4-5:30  
Christ the King Parish Hall, Madisonville, KY  
9 Holy Hour 8-9pm Carmel Home  
17 Ultreya 7-9pm Blessed Mother Parish Hall

through their Ideal. Each of us can be better from where we are as a Layperson In The Church, discovering our heart through Piety, using our intelligence with conviction in our Study, which leads us to put our will in motion through our Action; the final outcome of this being, that we throw our whole be-

ing into becoming a Leader. As a Leader, we conduct a Study Of The Environment, learning to understand more about the different people one comes in contact with and whom we can help as part of Christianity In Action. As a Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo knows: it must be done in a personal way, in the ongoing friendship and support that is found in the Group Reunion and Ultreya, which gives Total Security.

Our fourth formation began with a prayer from Father Terry Devine who is, with Fr. Fidelis Levri, the women's Spiritual Advisors. We critiqued the talk, Total Security. Sr. Elaine Burke came for a short spiritual session. She read from the book by Joyce Rupp, *May I Have This Dance?* and gave us a prayer for Sheltering with God during Lent. Forty questions were given for Lenten Reparation. Deacon Nick shared a penance service before Father Terry, Fr. "Fid," and Fr. Jerry Calhoun shared Reconciliation with us. Finally we gathered to discuss our roles for the weekend. Team Formation was over and the joyful readying for the weekend continues.

## Low-Vision Vendor Day

Western KY Assistive Technology is hosting Low-Vision Vendor Day on May 10, 2011. Open to public & families 1-6 pm at the Wendell Foster Center in Owensboro, KY. A variety of vendors will be present to demonstrate adaptive devices for people with low-vision. Some items may be eligible for purchase by the Kentucky Department for the Blind. Contact the Department for the Blind regarding the application process.



## Catholic School Students Help An Applicant Family Build Their New Home

Prayer is a primary tool for a Habitat For Humanity building project. During a fund-raising planning session for a Habitat for Humanity house build to take place in March at 2314 W. Ninth St., Owensboro-Daviess County Habitat for Humanity Director, Virginia Braswell, second from left, prayed with leaders of Habitat for Humanity groups from Brescia University and Owensboro Catholic High School in Brescia's Student Center Feb. 23. The Catholic school and university students have indicated they will volunteer for that build starting on March 19, Feast of Saint Joseph the Builder, the Owensboro-Daviess County Habitat for Humanity's 95th house. Some of the fund raising projects that the OCHS group is doing are Cash for Trash, cleaning homes for donations, car wash in the spring, soliciting donations from area businesses for In-Kind donations, yard work. In this picture are from left, clockwise, Stephanie Dooper ( OCHS HFH Chapter President), Virginia Braswell (local affiliate), Hailey Hidenrite and Emily Gatton (from Brescia Habitat Chapter, John Marvin (Brescia sponsor) and Christopher Hayden(OCHS HFH Chapter officer), and Bev Howard (OCHS HFH sponsor). Mel Howard Photo



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## “Feeding Hungry People one Bowl at a Time”

OWENSBORO,Ky. - Tickets are on sale for the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser, which raises awareness of hunger in the greater Owensboro community. Empty Bowls 2011 will take place at Settle Memorial United Methodist ROC, across from Settle Memorial United Methodist Church, on Thursday, April 28 starting at 6 pm.

This local event is part of a national one as a way to raise funds for those in need of food. Brescia University's Art Department supplied the location, clay and glaze for local potters to make ceramic bowls. The bowls are



Michele Hartung pottery

then used to serve soup in at the fundraiser. The cost per person is \$15 which in-

cludes dinner and the handmade bowl. All money raised will go to fund local soup kitchen(s). The recipient(s) will be announced during the dinner. Last year \$3,085 was split between Third Baptist Church and Woodlawn United Methodist Church.

Tickets may be purchased by cash or check Monday through Friday at First Presbyterian Church (1328 Griffith Avenue, Owensboro), between the hours of 8-noon and 1-2:30 pm. You may also purchase tickets at Brescia University's Campus Center (717 Frederica Street, Owensboro), from 8-noon and 1-4 pm.

For more information, please con-



Early Summer

tact Tina Kasey at 270-686-2110 or tina.kasey@brescia.edu.

## Brescia University Announces New Education Master's Degree

OWENSBORO,Ky. - Brescia University is now enrolling students in a new education master's degree which begins this summer. The Master of Science in Teacher Leadership (MSTL) was recently approved by the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB).

This 33 credit-hour degree is designed to equip professional educators with the skills necessary to become master teachers and instructional leaders in public and private schools. It is ideal for

teachers who are passionate about making a difference in education. A key feature of this program is the integration of theory, research, and practice.

In the MSTL program, candidates will learn about their leadership styles, prepare to leverage the latest research to guide their educational decisions, and lead with greater confidence in their classrooms and in their community. The focus of the program is on equipping participants to work with all students in an

inclusive classroom setting.

Much of what is learned is immediately applicable to classroom settings as teachers investigate problems of practice and conduct action research in their own classrooms. The program can be completed in two years or at the candidate's own pace.

For more information about this degree, contact Dr. Patricia Akojie at 270-686-4200 or patricia.akojie@brescia.edu.





## Rite of Sending at St. Thomas More

On Sunday, March 6, 2010 the parish of St. Thomas More, Paducah, celebrated the Rite of Sending with our catechumens who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, along with our candidates who are preparing for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. The Rite of Sending offered the parish community an opportunity to express its approval of the catechumens and candidates before sending them, later that day, to the Rite of Election at St. Jerome in Fancy Farm.



L to R (Rear) Chad Rudolph, William Yeisley, Timothy Fossett, SHERECE BOYD, Cathryn Wolfe, Pat Cairney, Coordinator. (Front) Michael Fossett, Dixie Childers, Julia Childers. Submitted by Missy Eckenberg

## The Lenten Season Begins with Ashes

The season of Lent, a special time for prayer, fasting, good works, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter Sunday, began Wednesday, March 9, 2011. St. Thomas More parishioners gathered at the 7 a.m. Mass to receive ashes in the form of a cross on their forehead symbolizing their mortality and reminding them of the need for penance. As the cross was formed, each person heard the words "turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel."



Mike Polashock marks a sign of the cross with ashes on Marietta Alvey's forehead (Fr. Pat Reynolds in the background).

At left, Fr. Pat Reynolds uses the aspergillum to sprinkle Holy Water as part of the blessing of the ashes.

## 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, Dr. Charles Bohle, Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kay Castlen, Rev. Pat Connell, Mr. Jeff Ebelhar, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Teresa Henry, Chair, Mr. Dan Howard, Sr. Eula Johnson, SCN, and Rev. Pat Reynolds, JCL. 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](mailto: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.

### A Note From Father Tom:

March 17, 2011: To everyone who wishes to know more about Divine Mercy and how to spread this message of mercy, I would highly recommend DivineMercy-Sunday.com as the place to go. Jesus said to Saint Faustina, "That the world would not have peace until it turned to His mercy." Remember to pray for those in Japan and through out the world who suffer because of natural disaster.

God bless, Father Tom  
ps 699 in the Diary is very important  
*Thomas Sullivan [tprs26@hotmail.com]*

*"His Mercy endures forever." -Psalm 136*



You're Invited to Celebrate  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** at the  
**FATHERS OF MERCY**  
Sunday, May 1, 2011



**CHAPEL OF DIVINE MERCY**

806 Shaker Museum Road  
Auburn, Kentucky

(Next Door to the Shaker Museum at South Union)

**10:00 a.m.**

Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

**11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Visitors are encouraged to bring their own picnic lunch; the FATHERS OF MERCY will provide space indoors and outdoors for eating

**2:00 p.m.**

Blessing and veneration of the image of Divine Mercy

Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance will be available before and after Mass, as well as during the Divine Mercy Sunday devotions.

**2:30 p.m.**

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Gospel Reading and Homily

**3:00 p.m.**

Singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, devotional prayers and veneration of the first-class relic of Saint Faustina Kowalska

**4:00 p.m.**

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament



## 24 Twelve Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are celebrating jubilees in 2011

### 70 years

Sister Mary Evelyn Duvall is celebrating 70 years of religious life. A native of Sunfish, she began her religious life as a housekeeper at St. Charles convent, Bardwell (1943-44).

For the next two years, she worked in the diet kitchen at the Motherhouse. Then she began a teaching career that spanned 44 years, beginning at St. Lawrence School (1949-51); St. Anthony School, Browns Valley (1951-57); St. William School, Knottsville (1960-62), and St. Pius School, Owensboro (1970). She taught at Immaculate Conception School, Earlington (1957-59) and Our Lady of Mercy School, Hodgenville (1965-69). In Breckinridge County, she taught at St. Rose School, Cloverport (1962-65) and St. Romuald School, Hardinsburg (1970-73). Sister Mary Evelyn also served in the Archdiocese of Louisville, in Missouri, and for 34 years in New Mexico until retiring in 2007. Her ministries in New Mexico included being a teacher, a school librarian, and a school registrar.

**Sister Pauletta McCarty** is celebrating her 70th jubilee. An educator for more than 36 years, she taught at Blessed Mother School, Owensboro, (1951-52 and 1969-76); St. Joseph School, Central City (1960-63), and St. Romuald School, Hardinsburg (1963-65, 1989-92). She taught in many other schools in Kentucky, Missouri, and Nebraska. She also served as minister to nursing homes at Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro (1981-86) and was a parish minister at St. Joseph Catholic Center, Greenville (1986-89). She was assistant local superior, director of transportation, and sacristan at Mount Saint Joseph. Sister Pauletta retired to the motherhouse in 1998, where she remains active in the Powerhouse of Prayer.

**Sister Jean Gertrude Mudd** is celebrating 70 years of religious life. She is a native of Fredricktown in Washington County and was a teacher for 49 years. She taught at Sts. Joseph and

Paul School, Owensboro (1967-73). She served in health care at Mount Saint Joseph (1980-84). She also taught in Louisville, Clementsville, and New Haven, and in Missouri and Nebraska. For 10 years until her retirement to the motherhouse in 2006, she was a quilter at the community's Saint Angela Convent in Louisville.

### 60 years

**Sister Susanne Bauer** is celebrating her 60th year of religious life. A native of Louisburg, Kan., she was an educator for 42 years and was assistant superior and treasurer of her religious community, the Ursuline Sisters of Paola, from 1990-98.

(The Paola Ursulines merged with the Maple Mount community in 2008). Sister Susanne taught and served as principal in various schools in Kansas as well as in Bartlesville, Okla. After retiring to the motherhouse in Maple Mount in 2009, she has served as the chapel sacristan, which is what she did in Paola, Kan., during her first few years as a sister.

**Sister Clarence Marie Luckett** is celebrating 60 years of religious life. The Greenbrier native began her Ursuline life as a teacher at St. Denis School, Fancy Farm, 1953-55. She was a teacher for 29 years, including at St. Lawrence School (1955-57); St. Martin School, Rome (1957-64); St. Paul School, Princeton (1964-67); St. Paul School, Leitchfield (1967-71), and in Louisville. From 1985-92, she worked in the craft room and helped with transportation at the motherhouse in Maple Mount. She provided parish ministry in Hardinsburg (1992-95) and Hispanic ministry in Stanley (1995-98). For 12 years and counting, Sister Clarence Marie has been involved in outreach ministry, primarily in Caneyville where she resides.

### 50 years

**Sister Helena Fischer**, a native of Rome, is celebrating her 50th year of religious life. Since 1987 she has ministered at Brescia College/University, Owensboro, as director of institutional research (1987-97), assistant registrar

(1987-90), and registrar (1990-present). She was also principal and teacher at St. Paul School in Leitchfield (1971-74). She served as chairwoman of the Mount Saint Joseph picnic from 1991-2000. She also ministered in the Archdiocese of Louisville, in Missouri, and New Mexico.

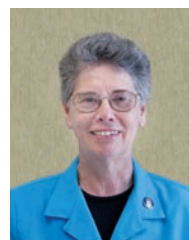
**Sister Julia Head**, a native of Stanley, is celebrating her 50th year of religious life. She ministered in Daviess County as head teacher of St. Alphonsus School (1972-73), as a teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes (1978-79) and then coordinator of religious education at the parish (1979-86), coordinator of religious education at Immaculate Parish (1986-88) and as pastoral associate there (1999-2010), director of religious education at Precious Blood Parish (1988-92), in the Office of Adult Education for the Diocese of Owensboro and coordinator of off-campus courses at Brescia College/University (1992-99). She was director of the apostolate at the Motherhouse (1973-76). She taught at Christ the King School, Madisonville (1977-78), and also ministered in Louisville and Nebraska. She is currently serving as assistant congregational leader of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.

**Sister Nancy Murphy**, a native of Curdsville, is celebrating her 50th year of religious life. She ministered at Brescia College/University as assistant financial aid director (1984-89), grants research writer and assistant director of institutional research (1994-97), and director of institutional research (1997-2002). She ministered in her community locally as director of the juniorate program (1984-91), as local superior (1989-94), director of novices (1997-2004), and as assistant

local community life coordinator (1999-2000, 2003-2005). She served as principal of St. Thomas More School, Paducah (1978-80). She also ministered in the Archdiocese of Louisville, in Illinois, and Missouri. She is now serving as congregational secretary and as a councilor on the Ursuline leadership Council.

**Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan**, a native of Owensboro, is celebrating her 50th year of religious life. She has twice served in Ursuline leadership, as a councilor (1976-84) and as major superior/congregational leader (1996-2004). She was vocation director, contact program coordinator, and director of postulants (1984-90). She served as pastoral associate at Sacred Heart Parish, Hickman (1991-96). She also ministered in Missouri. Since 2005 she has been director of Mission Effectiveness for the Ursuline Sisters, and director of the Contemporary Woman Program at Brescia University.

**Sister Rosanne Spalding**, a native of Springfield, is celebrating her 50th year of religious life. She taught at Mary Carrico School, Knottsville (1967-69), St. Peter of Alcantara School, Stanley (1976-78), and at Precious Blood School, Owensboro (1969-70, 1980-82), serving as principal there from 1978-80. She was a teacher and principal of Christ the King School, Madisonville (1982-86). She was director of religious education at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro (1986-98), and since 1998, she has been pastoral associate and director of religious education at Precious Blood Parish. She also ministered elsewhere in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in Nebraska.



## Spirituality of Work April 27

"Spirituality at Work: Being a Letter from God" is the title of a retreat taking place Wednesday, April 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The retreat is primarily for administrative assistants and secretaries in honor of Administrative Professionals Day. The retreat leader is Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch. To register, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-4103 ext. 802 or [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org). To find out more about the Center, visit [www.msjcenter.org](http://www.msjcenter.org)





**Sister Kathleen Kaelin**, a native of Louisville, is celebrating her 50th year of religious life. She ministered in Maple Mount as a teacher at Mount Saint Joseph Academy (1973-79), as director of the temporary professed for the Ursuline Sisters (1979-86), and as associate director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (1988-91). She ministered for the Diocese of Owensboro from 1983-89, first as co-director of the Office of Social Concerns,

then as co-director of the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life. She served in the ministry formation program at Brescia College (1985-88), and also ministered in Missouri. Today, she ministers as a therapist and retreat/spiritual guide at the Center for Sacred Psychology in Louisville.



**40 years**  
**Sister Betsy (Elizabeth Mary) Moyer** is celebrating her 40th jubilee. Her 16 years of teaching included two Owensboro schools: Bishop Soenneker (1999-2001) and Catherine

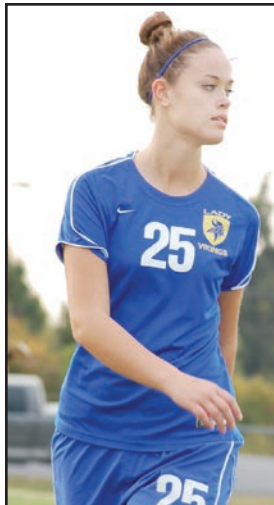
Spalding (2001-02). She also taught at St. Paul School, Leitchfield (1974-77), and in New Mexico. She was a principal at Holy Angels School, Sorgho (1997-99) and for nine years at schools in Missouri and New Mexico. A native of Nebraska City, Neb., Sister Betsy has also spent half her years in ministry in health care. She began as a nurse assistant in the Motherhouse Infirmary at Maple Mount, and then served as an LPN there intermittently for 10 years. She was the health care administrator of Saint Joseph Villa, Maple Mount, from 2004-08. She taught religion and helped in a health clinic for several months in Jamaica. She was an LPN in Kansas for a year. Since April 2010, Sister Betsy has

served as an LPN for St. Francis Hospital and Health Services, Maryville, Mo., while also teaching third-grade religion at a Maryville parish.

Jubilant congratulations may be sent to Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

Founded at Maple Mount in Daviess County, Ky., in 1874, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph currently minister throughout Kentucky and in Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, and Tennessee; and in Washington, D.C., and Chillán, Chile, South America. Visit us online at [www.ursulinesmsj.org](http://www.ursulinesmsj.org)

## St. Mary Student Selected First Region PNC/KHSAA Female Athlete Winner



PADUCAH, Ky. - Sarah Hendley, a senior at St. Mary High School was selected as the First Region PNC/KHSAA Sweet 16 female athlete scholarship winner. PNC awards 32 one-time \$1,000 scholarships, with one boy and one girl from each region receiving a scholarship. This award is open to any senior student-athlete in Kentucky that participates in any KHSAA sanctioned sport including cheer. She was nominated by the athletic director, Jim Larson.

Scholarships were based on excellence in three areas - academic achievement, leadership at school, and community service. Sarah was honored for this distinction on the floor of Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky during half-time of the 1st Region Boys State Basketball Tournament game on March 17, 2011.

In the picture at left, Sarah Hendley playing sweeper in the first district soccer tournament for St. Mary High School. Missy Eckeknberg Photo



**St. Thomas More EDGE** youth group gather at the end of the night to hear about the significance of Mardi Gras and wait to win door prizes. Submitted by Nicole Strasser

**ECUMENICAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO**

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### INSIDE VU

VU (pronounced view) is the quarterly newsletter of the Office of Ecumenism and Interreligious Relations of the Diocese of Owensboro. VU is itself witness to the Visible Unity of the People of God, the Church of Jesus Christ. VU also reports on current events within the Diocese of Owensboro that manifest and promote Christian unity. VU also offers timely articles on the status of Christian unity from the national perspective. Informative and instructive, VU is published quarterly and offered at no cost through the diocesan website.

### REVU

**GRASSROOTS** p. 2 Useful information for anyone seeking the visible unity of the Church.

**FROM THE TOP** p. 3 A summary report from the numerous ecumenical dialogues the Catholic Church has held with other Christian communions.

**E-TRENDS** p. 4 This last page feature is an in-depth summary of ecumenical trends from the grassroots of our diocese and throughout the world.

### NEW EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The following two resources are designed to help Catholics learn about Ecumenism and Interreligious Relations. To listen or view the resources contact your parish, your pastor or Fr. Tony Bickett.

**Audio/Computer CD Resource:** by Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP  
Growing Together as Followers of Jesus  
This is a four session course on Ecumenism. Fr. Ryan travels the road of Christian unity by looking at its contemporary history, the successes we have shared and the obstacles we continue to face. This course also looks at the importance of *spiritual ecumenism* (change of heart and holiness of life, public and private prayer for Christian unity). This course addresses, "What gifts might Catholics receive from other Christian traditions to enrich their own faith and practice (*receptive ecumenism*)?"  
Good News & Religious Pluralism  
This is a four session course on Interreligious Relations. Fr. Ryan reviews evolving Catholic perspectives concerning other religions (e.g., Islam, Buddhism, etc.) in the light of evangelization. He explains how we can deepen our appreciation for evangelization as well as dialogue and learn about opportunities to engage in both.

**DVD Resource:** by Brother Jeffrey Gros, FSC  
Handing on the Faith in an Ecumenical World  
Brother Jeffrey presents an up-to-date Catholic approach to Christian Unity with parishes in mind. The Diocesan Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs has produced copies of this workshop held in the Diocese of Richmond. Each parish has received a copy of this DVD program to be used as a catechetical resource in the parish. Christian Brother Jeffrey is a seasoned ecumenist and Professor of Church History at Memphis Theological Seminary. This is an excellent adult formation tool for every parish.

An image of the front page of a new newsletter from the Diocesan Office of Ecumenism announces a new effort entitled "VU," for "Visible Unity," by the Ecumenism Office to spread the word about working for more visible signs of unity among churches and faith expressions.





PADUCAH, Ky. - The Sisters of Service have been busy helping out in the community. The Sisters of Service choose a project each month to help out in the community. February's project for the SOS was to help out at Project Hope in Metropolis Illinois on the afternoon of March 26. Project Hope is a no kill animal shelter. The SOS took cleaning supplies, towels, blankets, and food for the dogs and cats that live in the shelter. They spent the afternoon washing dishes, doing laundry, and cleaning enclosures. When all of the cleaning was done, the girls got to pet, love, and brush the animals. The

animals that live in the shelter are surrendered by owners who can no longer keep them or rescued. The shelter is always in need of supplies and volunteers which receives no government funding.

To celebrate Mardi Gras, the SOS spent the afternoon of March 6 enjoying King Cake and making Lenten Bags. The Lenten Bags are filled with forty different deeds or sacrifices listed on slips of paper. The girls choose the good deeds or sacrifices that go into their bags. Each day during Lent, each girl chooses one slip of paper from her bag to follow that day. Ideas that went into the bags included not

fighting with siblings, sleeping on the floor, and "giving up" Justin Beiber for the day. The SOS also made tent cards using stamps to go to Lourdes Hospital for the patients' meal trays. Making tent

cards for the patients at Lourdes Hospital was a project that the original Jr. Daughters of Isabella did many years ago, which the Sisters of Service wish to promote.

The Sisters of Service is an organization for Girls 10-18 years old sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella, Circle 258. The mission of the Sisters of Service is "The Jr. Daughters of Isabella is a service organization of Catholic girls founded as an auxiliary of the Daughters of Isabella upon the principles of its motto:

**Unity, Friendship, and Charity.**

- We come together as a sisterhood to uphold the teaching of the Catholic Church, bringing spiritual benefits to our members and contributing to the common good of humanity.

- By our Faith we are called to serve, inspire, and challenged to do God's work.

- We are committed to foster individual participation by way of mutual understanding, charitable activities and social interaction." (Submitted by sbabbs.)

**Join us MONDAYS at 11 a.m.**

## Lenten Midday Prayers

Stop by Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center and join us for these brief, meaningful prayer services in our chapel, led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU.



**April 4, 11, 18**

## Easter Midday Prayers

**April 25 and May 2, 9, 16, 23  
and June 6**



Sister Ann McGrew

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# It Is Good Friday, the Most Solemn of Days, and We Are Catholics

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By Deborah Hopkins

SORGHO, Ky. - It is Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. in St Mary Magdalene Church, and the line for Veneration of the Cross stretches the full length of the main aisle. It is a rare moment in the Catholic tradition of liturgical, ritualized worship that we all know so well. The assembly has been invited to come forward and silently express their love for Jesus Christ, represented here by a large crucifix. It is rare because we are self-expressing to a degree, in this unique practice that dates to early Christianity. We all take our turn.

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Bishop-emeritus John J. McRaith carried the wooden cross up the aisle of St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro in preparation for the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, 2008. Photo by Lois Rutigliano

The forms of expression vary a bit. Some bow, many kiss the cross, some touch the cross and genuflect, or some combination of the above. It is a once-a-year devotion that never fails to move me to the brink of tears, though not because of my own moment of expression. It is the line, the long line of humanity that moves with due reverence, purposefully along, that tightens my throat for these 10, 15? minutes. I do not know how long this all takes to transpire, but the diligence of that line moving along fills me with a sense of great hope.

Parents with babes in arms, bashful little girls, and blushing little boys, they all approach the sanctuary. The gray hairs and the no-hairs, we are all there. Knees, surely creakier than mine, manage to meet the carpet in a genuflection before the cross, and in front of everyone. (Personally, I do not attempt this, for fear of the dreaded tip-over). We do not have to participate in this, but most do. There indeed can be an awareness of some self-consciousness, as the moment of each person's veneration arrives. We are not fully accustomed to even brief individual expressions like this, a bit of an altar call, on the one day when no Mass is offered anywhere. But we are Catholics, for heaven's sake, and this is Good Friday, the most solemn of days.

We prepare for the big day ahead, Easter Sunday, buying our ham and egg dye, of course, but this is Good

Friday, and there will be no cute bunnies today.

The news swamping the papers and the Internet recently is bad, really bad. I know a woman preparing to be baptized in a few weeks, and formally join the Catholic Church. She is doing this without a large support system of family and friends, and she calls me, in fear of what she is reading and hearing. Those around her also fear that she is joining an evil cult of global magnitude (hint: that's us).

I pray to find the words to calm her fears, and I suppose I did, for she is persevering on. We are Catholics, I think I told her, and this fullness of truth revealed, we call the Church, will stand. We have been promised that “the gates of hell will not prevail against it.”

Though guided by the Holy Spirit, our ranks are still filled by members of the human race. Our hope lies in our most gracious God, who loved us enough to live among us, kicking up dirt, working and sweating, knowing the depths of grief, and the joy of friendship and laughter. An all-loving God who gave us an unwieldy gift, one we can barely lift at times, called Free Will. And God is like the parent, who just gave the keys to the family car to the teenager, and watches in silent prayer as the taillights disappear.

Our God is also a God of hope. Many of the scandal-makers will fall, I pray, and the imagined millstones around their necks are only a symbolic reminder of the justice they will face. It is Good Friday, indeed. We may need a reminder though, that we are Catholics.

Our ancestors in Faith were a hardy people, perhaps you've heard of them, called the Hebrews. They, too, had some bad eggs (no Easter pun intended), but still managed to produce the most important persons ever to be born: Abraham, Moses, Mary of Nazareth, and Jesus, to name but a few. We owe much of our faith heritage to the Jews, a people continually derided, persecuted beyond understanding, and hated, most especially on Good Friday. But that is a story for another day.

“What is truth?” asked Pontius Pilate. I recall a great truth, which I heard years ago: “There can be no Easter Sunday without Good Friday.”

We are Catholics. We understand Good Friday. We must stand with (and pray daily for) the many good servant-leaders among us, and haul the millstone-laden ones to the curb. This is painful, and ugly, and like Good Friday, necessary. Let us support each other, and celebrate this Easter season by sharing a rare gift, divinely given, called HOPE.

Written in Spring 2010, in the wake of newly surfaced abuse cases involving Catholic clergy, worldwide.

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# Happy Anniversary!

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Louis & Mary Aull, 50  
Paul & Joyce Christian, 62  
Dennis & Thelma Clark, 59  
Thomas & Shirley Coomes, 52  
Brad & Beverly Hamilton, 51  
Hayden & Bobbie Head, 63  
Albert & Joan Hofmann, 51  
Ward & Mildred Pedley, 56  
Carl & Mildred Spurrier, 58  
Kenneth & Wanda Ward, 61

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

Joseph & Martha Thomas, 25

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

Richard & Pam Roberts, 25

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

Jack & Hiromi Adams, 40  
C. David & Bonnie Bartley, 40  
Robert & Virginia Davidson, 63  
Mero & Jane Nunez, 25  
Albert R. & Nadine Schwallier, 59

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

Galen & Patricia Smith, 25  
Michael & Darlene Fuqua, 40  
James & Helen Bailey, 55  
John & Constance Barbalas, 56  
Robert & Rena Livsey, 58  
Cecil & Cadilda Phelps, 51

### **Immaculate Conception, Earlington**

Gene & Edna Clark, 59  
Bob & Beverly Steckler, 58

### **Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

John & Robyn Marvel, 25  
Donnie & Judy Gray, 40  
Kenneth & Jeanie Hanks, 56

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James G. Barbara Alvey, 56  
James & Rose Duncan, 40  
James & Helen Howard, 64  
Eddie & Kim Lloyd, 25  
Ken & Dorothy Raley, 54  
Ralph & Judy Thomas, 52  
Charles & Anna Ruth Thompson, 55  
Maurice & Shirley Wink, 52

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

James D. & Rachel L. Mahoney, 50  
Charles A. & Mary Lois Payne, 50  
Frank B. & Ann R. Harris, 60  
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Frank & Barbara Crump, 56

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Gene & Anna Marie Roberts, 50  
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James & Gladys Austin, 65  
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### **St. Anthony, Browns Valley**

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Ronnie & Mary Katherine Knudsen, 63

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James A. & Lila Hayden, 51

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

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

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Joe & Rose Curry, 53

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

Rose & James Drury, 52

### **St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro**

Alan & Linda Howard, 40

Charles & Ruth Ann Mayfield, 58

James & Jeannetta Mayfield, 57

John & Wanda Williams, 55

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

John & Helen O'Reilly, 52

# The Death of a Parent

By Betty Medley



Betty Medley

The death of a parent is one of the most significant losses in one's life. Whether the death occurred recently or many years ago, you may still be struggling to come to grips with the loss.

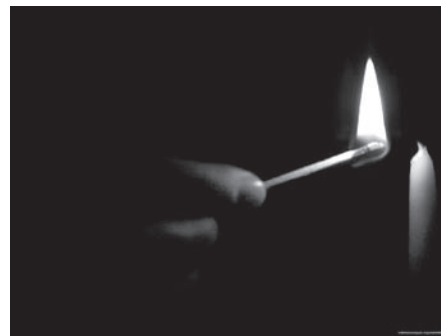
The relationship that existed before the death can affect the way we grieve. After the shock and numbness subsides, intense feelings of loneliness, depression, sadness, fear, despair, vulnerability, yearning, guilt, anger, and relief are not uncommon.

Even though we know that death is inevitable, that strong feeling of "expecting" to have a parents around "forever" to share our dreams, accomplishments, sorrows and support causes us to think our parents are immortal.

There are numerous other losses that are attached to the loss of a parent. It may be the loss of a home, support, the loss of that bond or link to the past, and the uncertainty of the future.

A parent's death is a life-shattering event. It shatters the foundation of our lives, and leaves us with a sense of abandonment. Many of us are not prepared for the intensity of the grief.

Each one of us is unique and grieves differently. It is important to remember that we need to grieve at our own pace. It takes time to grieve the loss of a parent. We never "get over" the loss, but in time learn to cope with the intensity of



Charles & Robin Henning, 25

Carl & Thelma Jarboe, 50

Rick & Virginia Bickett, 66

### **St. Rose, Cloverport**

H. C. & Shirley Reardon, 57

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

Paul & Dawn Cunningham, 61

Alfred & Victoria Gremillion, 55

### **St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**

Archie & Angela Clark, 56

Fred & Faye Whelan, 56

Anthony E. & Mary Alice Higdon, 59

### **St. William, Knottsville**

Jerome & Betty Hamilton, 56



the grief and pain.

We yearn to pick up the phone, but reality steps in. No more, "Hi Mom" or "Hi Dad." No more Birthday, Mother's Day or Father's Day cards. No more Mom or Dad!

Death ends a life, but it does not have to end a relationship. We let go of the "physical" person, but there is a bond that continues even after death that makes us feel connected.

"Linking objects" keep us connected. These are objects that remind us of our loved ones. Each time we use the item we feel connected. It may be a picture, jewelry, a piece of clothing, a mug, etc.

Our memories are interwoven with our loved ones. In life, they have contributed to us being who we are. If we do not cherish the memories, we will be letting go of our past.

Because we buried a body does not mean we buried our feelings for the person.

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR COPING:**

- Light a candle.
- Pray for your loved one.
- Ask God to give you the strength to cope with your loss.
- Share memories
- Create a memory book, collage etc.
- Journal, write about your thoughts.
- Write a letter to your loved one if there is "unfinished business."
- Donate to charity. Volunteer at a food kitchen, hospital, hospice, or nursing home in the name of your loved one.

Wendell & Mary Wood, 25

### **Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro**

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Martin & Jeneal Clements, 25

Raymond & Joann Galloway, 40

Darrell & Lois Hood, 51

John & Clara Patton, 55

Henry & Mary Patton, 63

Kenneth & Mavis Cain, 54

### **Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville**

Kenneth & Mary Dean, 52

Billy & Harriette Hancock, 56

Anthony & Sandra Mueller, 63

Clifford & Carol Simpson, 50



## Holy Name Wins Regional Governor's Cup Academic Competition!

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HENDERSON, Ky. - Congratulations to the 7th and 8th Grade Academic Team. They placed 1st overall in the KAAC Regional Governor's Cup Competition on Feb. 19, 2011, at Sebree Elementary School. Holy Name's total score was 32, and Owensboro Catholic Middle placed 2nd with a score of 30.5.

The following students represented Holy Name School in the KAAC State Governor's Cup Competition, held March 12 - 14, 2011, in Lexington, KY:

- Arts & Humanities: 4th place - Jack Hardy; 5th place - Hencye Sights.
- Quick Recall - 1st place to Holy Name School ( Hencye Sights, Joey Vettiankal, Erik Davis, Jack Hardy, Jose' Solorza, Farley Norman, Joe Galbraith and Justin Darr).
- Language Arts: 2nd place - Joey Vettiankal
- Math: 2nd place - Erik Davis
- Science - State-qualifier - Jack Hardy
- Social Studies - 1st place - Hencye Sights
- Future Problem Solving: 1st place - Holy Name School (Joe Galbraith, Amanda Marlin, Elena Nunez, Lindsey Risch) Alternates: Anne Beckert, Harley Engle. Also bound for State Competition is the Junior FPS Team. The members of the team from 6th Grade are Adrienne Ettensohn, Chris Galbraith, Warren Norman, and Samuel Ricketts.

The picture at right shows the 7th and 8th Grade Academic Team. Front row from left: Farley Norman, Jose Solorza, and Justin Darr Back row from left: Erik Davis, Joey Vettiankel, Hencye Sights, Jack Hardy, and Coach Tom Tweddell. HNS Photo



## Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon



Some of the members of the Senior Group in Saint Ann Parish are from left, top pictures: Rose Danhauer and Jeannie Hancock; from left, bottom pictures: Hattie O'Nan and Ruth Griggs. Ginny Knight-Simon Photos

Jean explained.

While I was there I was treated to a luscious lunch and heard all about the Union County Bicentennial celebration from guest speaker, Jerry Manning, Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee. Rose Danhauer read the news and asked for suggestions for their Lenten project. Each year the group does a project as a group during Lent. This year the group, of about 30, agreed on sending out cards and notes to those in the parish who are sick or homebound.

While I was there it was hard not to notice the caring and the genuine friendships of those in attendance.

I was pleased to be invited as a speaker for a future meeting!

I recently visited with the St. Ann's Parish of Morganfield, Kentucky, monthly senior gathering. The current leader is Jean Hancock, who with the help of the late Herschel Hancock, started the senior group over 20 years ago making St. Ann's one of the longest running senior groups in the diocese. "We started it and had over 70 members when we had our first meeting. It was, and still is, open to any senior. We always have a pot-luck lunch and usually have a speaker," said Jean Hancock. "We have a calendar and each month we have a different host. That means someone different is in charge of the meeting that particular month. It works out great because you get different ideas and all the work isn't up to one person. Rose Danhauer, Ruth Griggs, and Hattie O'Nan, all have been instrumental in keeping the meetings going."

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#### Lourdes Mardi Gras fundraiser

Metropolis, IL—Despite rainstorms, nearly 800 guests celebrated Fat Tuesday in true Mardi Gras style at Lourdes Foundation's 9th annual Mardi Gras & All That Jazz! fund-raiser held at Harrah's Metropolis Hotel. The event raised over \$56,000 in net proceeds to benefit the Foundation.

"Healthcare is such a basic need, and we can all relate to the challenges of those who are uninsured or under-insured," said Tara Miller, Executive Director. "More than ever, our donors recognize the importance of high quality, compassionate care for our entire community and are stepping up in amazing ways to support Lourdes' healing ministry."

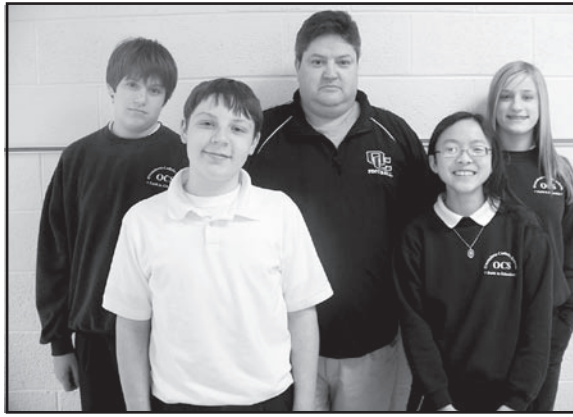
Party-goers enjoyed food and beverages from a variety of local restaurants, wineries and vendors. Lew Jetton and 61 South entertained the crowd with classic blues and southern rock music. Local artist and interior designer Bill Ford donated an original Mardi Gras themed painting, raising an additional \$2,000 from its live auction.

Funds raised at Mardi Gras & All That Jazz are used to support programs and services, provide facility upgrades and purchase state-of-the-art technology for Lourdes Hospital. The Foundation has raised over \$550,000 through the Mardi Gras fundraiser in nine years.

In the picture at right, Lew Jetton & 61 South perform for Lourdes Mardi Gras fundraiser.



### OCMS Math Counts Team Earns Second Place



Owensboro, KY. - Congratulations to the Owensboro Catholic Middle School Math Counts team who competed at Kentucky Wesleyan College. They placed second overall in the competition held on Saturday, February 19. Hannah Hagan earned first place out of 74 participants. Hannah Hagan won a \$500 scholarship to her choice, UK or UL. The team competed at state on March 25 and 26. The Math Counts team consists of Hannah Hagan, Meredith Bickett, Sam Booth and Logan Brown. The team is coached by Hank Harvey.

Pictured from left to right: Logan Brown, Sam Booth, Hank Harvey, Hannah Hagan and Meredith Bickett. OCS Photo



### Every Penny, Nickel, and Dime in Rice Bowls Helps Families Around the World

Students in Kindergarten Religious Ed class at Precious Blood pose with their Rice Bowls from Catholic Relief Services. Front row: Jenna Quinn, Shelbee Ayers, Hadlee Sanders, Karli Trogden. Back row: Preston Hays, Macie Green and Macy Ward. Their catechist, Chrissy Axley, explained the Rice Bowls to them and they each received a penny, a nickel, and a dime to put in the Rice Bowls before taking them home. Submitted by Sister Rosanne Spalding, O.S.U.



### Making Catholic School Improvements

Michael Morris, left, and Matt Boehman are construction workers from Morris Construction Company of Whitesville. Both are graduates of Trinity High School and St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School. They are shown here taking advantage of some sunny winter days to complete an overhang on the east and south sides of St. Mary's School. Recent grants and fundraisers provided the funds for this expansion of safety and protection for children before and after school. Photo submitted by Cindy Ward for St. Mary Catholic School, Whitesville, Ky.



## Maryknoll Society's Miracle in Maine

By Richard McGee

Madeleine Langley's relationship with the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers began with a miracle in her own family. Now this faith-filled woman from Dayton, Maine, helps make miracles happen for others through her ongoing support of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers and its mission to the world's most vulnerable people.

Mrs. Langley first heard about the mission society more than 30 years ago. She and her late husband, Jerry, and the youngest of their five daughters, Patricia, were at Mass in their home parish of St. Joseph's (Biddeford, Maine) where a visiting Maryknoll priest was speaking about mission in Africa.

"He told us one dollar would feed a child there for a month, and 10 dollars would feed a child for a year. We gave one dollar," said Mrs. Langley, explaining that with Jerry's job as a plastic molder subject to periodic layoffs, their budget was tight.

But after Mass, Mr. Langley, confident that God would provide for his family, suggested they give the other nine dollars to feed a child for a year. They went to the priest to offer their gift.

Mrs. Langley vividly recalls the meeting. The Maryknoll priest, she said, thanked her and Jerry for their gift and then noticed that Patricia was hiding behind her mother. He gently coaxed the child to come forward.

"We told Father that Patricia had become very shy and timid because of teasing by other children," explained Mrs. Langley. "She had serious eye problems and eye specialists had told us she would go blind by the time she was 12. Father asked if he could pray over her. As he held his hand over our daughter and prayed, I experienced an intense feeling."

Though their faith was strong, Mrs. Langley admits she and her husband were cautiously optimistic that Patricia would be healed.

"The next time we went to the ophthalmologist," she said, "without knowing about the Maryknoll priest's prayer, he asked us, 'Do you believe in miracles?' He couldn't believe Patricia's eyesight had stabilized."

Today, at 42, Patricia is a wife and the mother of two children. She works as an account auditor for a home-healthcare facility. She has stable vision and now, thanks to laser surgery, she doesn't even need to wear eyeglasses.

Though her husband has gone to God, Mrs. Langley continues her relationship with Maryknoll through her interest, prayers and fi-

nanial contributions. She has named the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in her will so that her support of the Society's mission work will endure even after she's completed her mission on earth.

More than a year ago, to celebrate Christmas, Mrs. Langley and her family decided to send a sign of God's love in a special way by giving gifts to children with AIDS in Haiti. They also sent their Christmas money so the children would have a good Christmas dinner.

"A gift of Jesus' love for the poor isn't that what Jesus expects of us?" asked Mrs. Langley.

*Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers* (<http://maryknollsociety.org> <<http://maryknollsociety.org/>> ) is the overseas mission outreach of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, following Jesus in serving the poor and others in need in 27 countries. All Catholics are called to mission through baptism, and Maryknoll's mission education outreach in parishes and schools throughout the country engages U.S. Catholics in mission through prayer, donations, as volunteers and through vocations.

During 2011, Maryknoll Fathers and



**Madeleine Langley enjoys many close moments with Patricia Richard, the youngest of her five daughters. Mrs. Langley and her family believe that their relationship with Maryknoll, a prayer by a Maryknoll priest and their faith helped stabilize Patricia's eyesight more than 30 years ago.**

*Brothers will commemorate its centennial with a theme of The Gift of Mission - The Maryknoll Journey. These missionaries will celebrate as they continue their journey into the next 100 years to share God's love and the Gospel in combating poverty, providing healthcare, building communities and promoting human rights.*

## Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon

**Madonna Gough Wyatt  
St. Ann Parish,  
Morganfield, KY**

I recently met Madonna Wyatt at the St. Ann parish senior gathering in Morganfield, Ky. where we talked about some experiences in her life.

"John and I have been married 51 years and we have three boys and six grandchildren. We are both from this area and have always been members of St. Ann's. I guess I have received all of my sacraments here. I received my First Communion here and was baptized, and confirmed here. I'll probably be buried here too! It's my home. I've been to and helped out on 10 of the 11 Koinonias we've had. I worked the T. E. C. until I go too old and too fat to sleep on the floor with the teenagers."

It didn't take me long to see Madonna's great sense of humor.

"Some years ago, Kay Owen and I taught the youth YRP class that started out to be a six week class and ended up being three years. The first classes were held at my house and it



was so much fun and so enriching for the teens. They taught us a lot too. Kay and I saw that they paid more attention to morals and religion and we ever thought they did. I still say that teenagers are the best crop Union County grows! Now when I see these kids all grown up and bringing their own kids to church and school, it makes me feel really good inside to think I may have had a hand in it."

Madonna said that she retired from Old National Bank in 2007 and is really beginning to enjoy her time off since she had surgery. I like not having to get out of bed when I don't want to get up. I can just "snuggle" back down in the covers! I was able to spend some good quality

time with my half sister before she died. I'll always be thankful for that time with her. It meant a lot to both of us.

"John is a home body and doesn't like to travel and I'm the opposite. I have several groups of friends that I enjoy doing things with. I really like to travel and I go with a group of women. We went to Savannah, Georgia last year. I love to go camping with my kids too. I meet a group about once a month for lunch and shopping. John and I are happy with the arrangement, because we can both do what we want.

"My faith means everything to me," Madonna said. "I don't think I could have lived this long without it." Madonna is a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at Mass and attends a lot of the senior group monthly meetings. "Mother Teresa is a very special person to me. I like reading about her. It's unbelievable how strong she was."

Madonna's mantra is "Faith, family and friends." That's what it's all about she said with her ubiquitous smile.

## Faithful Catholic Journalism Wins Award

Irondale, AL (EWTN) -- On March 15, 2011, the National Catholic Register was selected as the About.com 2011 Readers' Choice Award for best Catholic newspaper. Now in its fourth year, the About.com Readers' Choice Awards honor the best products, features and services across more than a dozen categories, ranging from technology to hobbies to parenting and more, as selected by its readers.

"This year's Readers' Choice Awards program had a record number of nominations submitted across more than a dozen categories and featured hundreds of finalists," said Margot Weiss, Managing Editor, About.com. "We are thankful to all our readers for their participation and congratulate the National Catholic Register on their success."

"It's clear from the voting that faithful Catholic journalism is on the rise. We want to thank all the voters who honor the Register and our faithfulness to the Pope and the Magisterium of the Church with About.com's award for Best Catholic Newspaper. This is a reflection of the hard work of a lot of good people who are dedicated to the mission of the New Evangelization. We acknowledge our responsibility as a faithful Catholic journalism enterprise, and About.com's award serves as a reminder of that responsibility," said Tom Wehner, Managing Editor for the Register.

EWTN Global Catholic Network has taken ownership of the National Catholic Register as of February 1, 2011. EWTN News, Inc. was launched as a subsidiary of EWTN Global Catholic Network this past January as the Register became its first division.



## WHEN A SIBLING DIES

By Betty Medley



Betty Medley

The death of a sibling can be among the most traumatic events in a child's life. Why?

Because not only has a family member died, but a family member for whom the child probably had a very strong an ambivalent feelings. As those of us who have brothers and sisters know, sibling relationships are characterized by anger, jealousy and a fierce closeness and love - a highly complex range of emotions. This complexity colors the surviving child's grief experience.

**Guilt.** For a number of reasons, bereaved siblings often feel guilty. Their power of "magical thinking" - believing that thoughts cause actions-might make them think they literally caused the death. "John died because I sometimes wished he would go away forever" is a common response

among children who haven't been given the concrete details of the sibling's death and who haven't been assured that they were not at fault.

**Relief.** A child may also feel relief as well as pain when a sibling dies. Responses such as "Now no one will take my things" or "I'm glad I have a room to myself" are natural and do not mean the child didn't love his sibling. It is important to provide an atmosphere in which the child feels safe to express whatever he may be feeling.

**Fear.** When a child's brother or sister dies, another young person has died. So, for a child confronting this reality can mean confronting the possibility of one's own death. Be prepared to honestly but reassuringly answer questions such as "Will I die, too?" The death of a sibling can also make a bereaved child fear that one or all of his/her other family members will die, too, leaving him/her alone.

**Confusion.** One eight year old girl

I counseled after the death of her brother asked me, "am I still a big sister?" This little girl was obviously struggling with the confusing task of redefining herself, both within the family unit and the world at large. The

answer to her question, of course, is both yes and no, but ultimately it is a question the child must answer herself. Adults can help, however, by letting the child teach them what this confusion is like.

## Holy Name Student Wins TIP Writing Contest

Katelin Maggard, a Holy Name School 6th Grader who enrolled in Duke University's TIP program in 2009 through Holy Name School, entered a writing contest sponsored by TIP and has won First Place from the country's sixth grade participants. The writing challenge asked participants to describe what their life will look like in the year 2040. Katelin's writing piece describes her life in 2040 as a physical therapist and details how she helps people overcome struggles and disabilities in their life.

As a result of Katelin participation in the program by way of Holy Name School's participation in the Duke TIP program, Holy Name School will receive \$250.00. Katelin is also personally awarded \$250 for winning first place.



Katelin N. Maggard

**Meet a winner: 1st place, 6th grade: Katelin N. Maggard (Holy Name Catholic School).** Katelin enjoys spending time with family and friends. In her spare time she likes to read, hunt, and fish. She also plays AAU basketball and travel softball in the spring and summer. One of her favorite things to do is to attend UK men's or women's basketball games. Photo submitted by Connie McFarland



## Don't miss out on Camp!

By Ben Warrell

Registrations are coming in for camp at an amazing rate! We are way ahead of last year's pace! Our goal for the summer is 400 total campers and the way things are headed, we'll pass the number. So bring a friend and come to camp this summer. God changes hearts and lives at camp! The word about camp is spreading quickly and not just in our diocese. We've had registrations come in from several cities in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, all over the state of Kentucky and we've even got a group coming from Dothan, Alabama. Please don't miss out on an amazing adventure of faith, fun and friends at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp this summer. All the forms and information you will need to register for camp can be found at our website, [www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org) under the CAMPS link. If you have any questions about our camp program, please contact our office at 270-781-2466. We can't wait to see you this summer.

### 2011 Summer Camp Schedule

Dates	Camp	Grade	Cost
May 30th to June 3rd	Eucharistic Life	18 and over	\$ 50
June 5th to June 10th	Expedition I	5th & 6th	\$250
June 12th to June 17th	Quest I	7th & 8th	\$250
June 19th to June 22nd	Explorer I	3rd & 4th	\$150
June 26th to July 1st	Expedition II	5th & 6th	\$250
July 3rd to July 8th	Camp Life I	9th - 12th	\$250
July 10th to July 15th	Quest II	7th & 8th	\$250
July 17th to July 22nd	Camp Life II	9th - 12th	\$250
July 24th to July 27th	Explorer II	3rd & 4th	\$150
July 24th to July 29th	High Adventure	10th -12th	\$350

Please visit our website, [www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org) for additional information on each camp and for all the forms you will need to register. Grade indicates the class the camper will enter in the fall of 2011. Financial aid is available. Please contact our office at 270-781-2466 if we can be of further assistance.

## MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 2011

- 1 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 1 Reitz Memorial Juniors Retreat
- 2-3 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 4 Lenten Midday Prayer
- 5-7 Theological Reflection
- 8-15 St. Meinrad Retreat Week
- 11 Lenten Midday Prayer
- 15-17 Christian Women's Retreat
- 16 Sts. Joe and Paul RCIA
- 18 Lenten Midday Prayer
- 20 Reitz Memorial Seniors Retreat
- 25 Easter Midday Prayer
- 27 Spirituality at Work (for Administrative Assistants)
- 30 MSJ Fundraising Dinner, Auction and Sale

Center sponsored events are in bold type. Please call to register.

### May 2011

- 2 Easter Midday Prayer
- 2-6 Spiritual Direction (Week 3)
- 6 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 7 Yarn Spinners Day
- 9 Easter Midday Prayer
- 14-15 MSJ Academy Alumnae Wkd.
- 16 Easter Midday Prayer
- 18 4-6 Campus Youth Prayer Day
- 21 Day of Reflection for Associates
- 23 Easter Midday Prayer
- 23-24 Riney Hancock Workshop

### June 2011

- 3 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 4 Private Birthday Party
- 6 Easter Midday Prayer
- 11 Associates & Sisters Day
- 11 Private Wedding Reception
- 16-27 Writers Retreat Workshop
- 18 Private Wedding Reception
- 25 Grief Camp for Children

Lenten and Easter Midday Prayers are at 11 a.m. in the Center Chapel



To register or to schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty  
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ext. 802

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# Dear Prison Warriors,

By Dr. Bob Cinnamond

We just had another wonderful REC at Daviess County Detention Center (DCDC). Tonya, Pat, and all of the team did a wonderful job leading, table leading, talks, and loving all of the beautiful women that made the REC (Residents Encounter Christ). They kept me busy too, but I was able to listen, pray, and think about where we are with prison ministry.

We set a new record for using Kleenex tissues! I wonder what the world record is for continuous crying? We had some possible contenders. The ladies received the Holy Spirit on Friday night and after that it just got better. The REC was great but we still have so much to do! Over and over I heard the women saying: "This is wonderful! I never realized that someone could experience God and live this way! But how can I keep it when I get out of here. I have no place to go! No job! No money! I have several children that want to be with me! I don't know anyone except my old boyfriend, who is on meth, to go back to!"

As of 2/28/2011 we have had 5 REC's at Green River Correctional Complex, 4 men's

REC's at DCDC, 3 women's REC's at DCDC and one women's REC at Henderson, along with the many women's REC's at Dismas House. We have two men's "Friends of Sinners Homes" and one for women, along with men's "Fresh Start" groups at DCDC, GRCC, Boulware Mission, Brescia, Dismas House, St. Mary's in Whitesville, Church of God in Fordsville, as well as several other churches in Owensboro. We have women's "Fresh Start Group's" on Saturday and Sunday at DCDC and one at Dismas House. We are impacting many lives but we have so much more to accomplish!

As Mary Oliver and I described a "Fresh Start Group," it's just the continuation of the group that we have had at our table all weekend, the ladies all responded: "Please help me be a part of one, in here and when I get out!"

Every one of us have addictions that we have to



Group photo from the mens' REC at Blessed Mother Parish Center on Feb 4-6, 2011, two weeks before the women's REC at DCDC. Bob Cinnamond photo

live with for the rest of our life. We counter those addictions by living the Group Reunion method of meeting together each week and helping and loving each other. The only difference with those men and women at DCDC is that their addictions are illegal and it sent them to jail or prison. Many are assigned to complete programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, NA, or Celebrate Recovery, but

they also need a group for continual growth closer to the person that God has created them to become. We encouraged them to make an Emmaus Walk or a Cursillo when they get out of jail but they need more than that.

A person that makes a Walk to Emmaus or Cursillo usually has a home, job, and some stability in their life. The men and women at DCDC don't have those things and need our help!

So how can we help?

1) We can build a bond with the people that have been in at our tables at REC, write letters to them, visit them, find out when they will get out and help them to find a group when they get out.

2) We can talk to our church pastors about starting a Fresh Start Group in our churches

3) We can volunteer to start or help with Fresh Start Groups at Boulware, and other facilities that house those that are assigned to those facilities by the courts.

4) We can help spread this movement to our friends in our Reunion Groups, inviting them to work on REC's and making their Reunion Group a Fresh Start Reunion Group.

5) We desperately need another "Friends of Sinners Home for Women". A home is available next to the present home on 11th Street. God has an answer for this need! Please pray and do what you can do!

6) We need some more women on our "Fresh Start Board" that meets monthly at the men's "Friends of Sinners Home." Presently we have 12 men and 2 women on the board.

## Fund Raiser Helps St. Nicholas Family Free Clinic Help Many

By Edie Keeney

The Paducah Leadership Class #24 held a pancake breakfast at St. Thomas More on February 26 to raise money for the St. Nicholas Family Free Clinic. Corporations and individuals pledged \$10,000 before the event and an additional \$3,000+ was raised at the breakfast. For the past 14 years the St. Nicholas Clinic has provided free health care to over 8,500 people who are not eligible to receive any health benefits from state or federal governments, do not have medical insurance or the financial resources to pay for private insurance and/or medical care and fall within the federal poverty guidelines. Some individuals have chronic medical conditions and receive long term care while others receive care for short periods of time.

One individual who received help from St. Nicholas is Steve Sanders. In 2004, he was laid off from his steel mill job. He began attending classes at Mur-



Steve Sanders

ray, worked at a part time job and in time was able to start a company to work on computers. He and his family were without health insurance and unable to pay for medical care. His wife took him to an emergency room for an episode of severe chest pain and it was there he learned about the Clinic. "I went to the Clinic for a little more than a year. It is really a great asset for this area for people who cannot help themselves. It makes an impact on people and it is done with compassion, kindness and competence; they never make you feel inferior. They truly saved my life." Steve now has a good job and has health insurance but he was happy to talk to the group at the fund raiser about his experience at St. Nicholas.

## 21st Annual Weekend of Prayer for the Addicted

Event: International Weekend of Prayer and Fasting

Date: Saturday, April 30 – Sunday, May 1, 2011

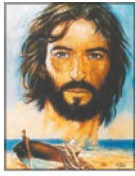
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Clearwater, FL -- The weekend of April 30 - May 1, 2011 has been chosen as the 21st Annual "Just Pray NO!" to drugs Worldwide Weekend of Prayer and Fasting. Since April 7th, 1991, "Just Pray NO!" Ltd. has sought to unite Christians from around the world in intercessory prayer on behalf of the addicted and their families. Not only is substance abuse America's number one health problem, the devastation of alcoholism and other drug addiction has impacted families and communities worldwide. Substance abuse has been directly linked to violence and sexual immorality and is a major source of income for organized crime and terrorist activities. The "War on Drugs" directly impacts the "War on Crime" and the "War on Terrorism!"

To learn how groups can participate in this annual prayer event, or find help for addiction through prayer and Christian ministries, log on to <http://justprayno.org> or email: [justprayno@aol.com](mailto:justprayno@aol.com).





## Vocation

**Mission, as a witness of divine love, becomes particularly effective when it is shared in a communitarian way, so that the world may believe.**

*A Meditation/Reflection*

**By Sister Cecilia Maria**

**I Call You by Name**

Behind the monastic practice of receiving a new, “religious” name at vestition, there stretches a long and rich tradition all the way back into the earliest Jewish history. Throughout the Old Testament, we find instances of people receiving a new name from God to mark the beginning of a covenant with Him. In the earliest examples, Abram becomes Abraham, Sarai becomes Sarah, and Jacob becomes Israel; this is carried on into New Testament times by the call of Mary to be “Full of Grace” (Kecharitomene in Greek), Simon to be Peter, Saul to be Paul. In each case – and in countless others, both recorded and unrecorded – God calls the soul personally and by a new name in order to signify that this is a pivotal moment. It is, in fact, the definitive moment that she begins to fulfill the unique role in God’s salvation for which He has created her.

In today’s world (at least in the West) some of the significance of receiving a new name has been lost. This is because some of the significance of a personal name has been lost to our culture. In



**Sister Cecilia Marie - the reception of the Holy Rule & Constitutions ~a cherished guide to holiness of life. Passionist Nuns photo**

Biblical times and in some cultures still today, a name is much more than a word by which a certain person is distinguished from another. A name had almost a sacramental nature; it was a powerful, verbal sign of an inner reality. One’s name said something about who the person was in his inmost being, in his truest self. One’s name often indicated his background and allegiance, and even more often, it reflected the role he played in his milieu. In many ancient cultures, simply hearing a person’s name would tell you important information about who he was and what sort of person he was. This more significant understanding of naming is that which under girds the tradition of religious names. The only real vestige we retain in America is the practice of taking the surname of one’s spouse when one gets married, and this is slowly falling to the wayside, probably because of the gradual loss of the significance of a name.

When, therefore, a novice receives a new name from God through her superior at the time that she re-



**Sr. Cecilia Maria with her beloved family.**

## Bro. John Pio’s First Profession

SAN JOSE, Ca - With gratitude to God, The Discalced Carmelite Friars of the Province of Saint Joseph announced the First Profession of Vows of Brother John Pio of the Most Sacred Heart (Charles “Dusty” DeLacey) on Saturday, February 5, 2011. The Very Reverend Matthew Williams, O.C.D., Provincial, was Principal Celebrant at the Eucharist at Mount Saint Joseph in San Jose, CA.



**Bro. John Pio’s First Profession - Saturday, February 5, 2011, Bro. John Pio of the Most Sacred Heart, OCD, made his First Profession of the Evangelical Counsels of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience in to the hands of Fr. Provincial Matthew Williams. Photos submitted by Margo Delacey**



**Brother John Pio of the Most Sacred Heart (Charles “Dusty” DeLacey) posing with his mother Margo Delacey of Owensboro on the day of his First Profession of Vows with the Discalced Carmelite Friars of San Jose, CA.**

**A Message From Brother John Pio of the Most Sacred Heart ...**

“I’m not asking you now that you think about Him or that you draw out a lot of concepts or make long and subtle reflections with your intellect. I’m not asking you to do anything more than LOOK AT HIM. For who can keep you from turning the eyes of your soul toward this Lord, even if you do so just for a moment if you can’t do more? You can look at very ugly things; won’t you be able to look at the most beautiful Thing imaginable? Well now, daughters, your Spouse (Jesus) never takes His eyes off you. He has suffered your committing a thousand ugly offenses and abomi-

nations against Him, and this suffering wasn’t enough for Him to cease looking at you. Is it too much to ask you to turn your eyes from these exterior (passing) things in order to look at Him (the eternal) sometimes? Behold, He is not waiting for anything else, as He says to the bride (Songs 2:14) then that we look at Him. In the measure you desire Him, you will find Him. He so esteems our turning to look at Him that no diligence will be lacking on His part.”

– St. Teresa of Jesus, “Way of Perfection” Chapter 26, paragraph 3

“This most beautiful Lord has looked at me, and is gazing on me still, wretched, unworthy, and sinful as I am. In answering His call to this life, I am doing no more than to return this divine gaze of love. The light of His face heals all our wounds! Just LOOK AT HIM! This is my vocation story.”

ceives the religious habit, she is receiving much more than a “label.” Her religious name contains significance for the whole of her religious life, helping to shed light upon her particular vocation, the unique way that she will live as a Bride of Christ. Like the patriarchs of the Old Covenant and the first disciples of the New, she receives a name to mark the beginning of a new chapter in salvation history. While her vocation may not have as epic pro-

portions as Abraham’s, or as eternally grand consequences as Mary’s, she is called by name, in spirit and in truth, to further God’s salvation upon earth by her following after Christ in the religious life that He sets before her. May each of us receive the grace to follow wholeheartedly Him who calls us by name to be His own!

Source: <http://www.passionistnuns.org/NovitiateCorner/SCeciliaMaria/Called-byName/index.htm>





Seven of the Owensboro Diocesan Seminarians gathered for the celebration of the Institution of Ministries at St. Meinrad Seminary on Tuesday evening, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Pictured from left to right: Michael Charles Ajigo Abiero, Jamie Dennis, Gary Clark, Emmanuel Udoh, Deacon Ryan Harpole, Julio Barrera, and Will Thompson. In a special celebration of the Mass that evening, Will and Emmanuel received the Ministry of Acolyte and Michael Charles and Gary received the Ministry of Lector. By being instituted in these ministries these men take the first former steps toward priesthood.

## ✠ Vocation Watch ✠

### Our Smiling Religious



*Rev. Brother Austin  
Dominic Litke, O.P.*



*Sister Cecilia Maria  
of the Body of Christ*



*Brother John Pio  
of the Most Sacred Heart, OCD*

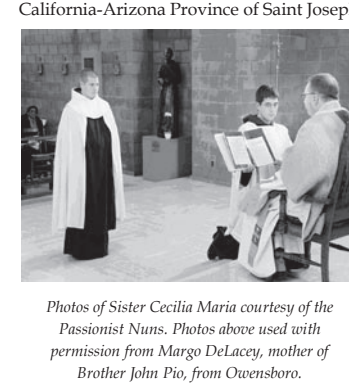
The Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Brother Austin Litke will be held in Washington D.C. at St. Dominic Parish on May 27, 2011

The Vestition of Ane Kirstine Wynn as a Passionist in the St. Gabriel Novitiate took place on Feb. 2, 2011

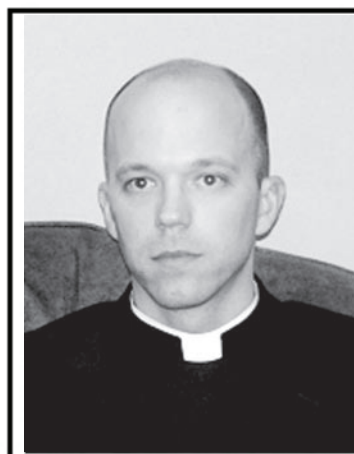
The First Profession of the Evangelical Counsels of Poverty, Chastity & Obedience made by Brother John Pio (Dusty Delacey) was held on Feb. 5, 2011

Consecrated Life Day

with the Carmelite Friars (Discalced) - California-Arizona Province of Saint Joseph



*Photos of Sister Cecilia Maria courtesy of the Passionist Nuns. Photos above used with permission from Margo DeLacey, mother of Brother John Pio, from Owensboro.*



Deacon Ryan Harpole will be ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Owensboro on Saturday, May 21, 2011. Deacon Ryan is a native of Henderson, Kentucky and a member of St. Michael Parish in Sebree. All are invited to attend this joyous celebration of The Sacrament of Holy Orders.



## Priest Appreciation Night – February 26, 2011

St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Grand Rivers, Kentucky held a priest appreciation night with a dinner consisting of a variety of homemade soups, sandwiches and deserts to honor Father Anthony Ottagan's dedication and service to the priesthood and the parish. A memorial contribution was presented to Father Anthony for the Heralds of Good News, Mary Queen of Apostles Province Seminary and will support a seminarian and vocations to the priesthood.

Story and Photos by Paul Frey



In the pictures at far right, and above right, St. Anthony of Padua Parish hosted a priest appreciation night for Father Anthony Ottagan and gave him a contribution for Mary Queen of Apostles Province Seminary.





## 36 Rite of Sending at St. Thomas More



In the picture at left, Fr. Pat Reynolds sends forth the catechumens and candidates during the Rite of Sending.

In the picture at right, the catechumens and candidates: Chad Rudolph, William Yeisley, Timothy Fossett, Sherece Boyd, Cathryn Wolfe, Pat Cairney, Coordinator. (Front) Michael Fossett, Dixie Childers, Julia Childers. Photos by Missy Eckenberg



On Sunday, March 6, 2010 the parish of St. Thomas More, Paducah, celebrated the Rite of Sending with our catechumens who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, along with our candidates who are preparing for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. The Rite of Sending offered the parish community an opportunity to express its approval of the catechumens and candidates before sending them, later that day, to the Rite of Election at St. Jerome in Fancy Farm.

## Seeing through the Lenses of Theology of the Body

## Disciples Response Fund Appeal

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By Joe Bland

When I was a young father like many other fathers I helped coach my daughter's T-Ball team. My daughter Chelsea played only two seasons of T-Ball and my wife and I came to the conclusion that baseball/softball was not her sport. She just didn't have the coordination for the game or so we thought. The following summer, right before the start of school, we took Chelsea to the eye doctor for a check-up and found out that her vision was very poor and that she would need glasses. I remember when she first put them on she began to read road signs and store signs and we were amazed because she said she could never read those before and she always thought that was "normal". A couple of weeks later I was playing pitch-and-catch with her in the front yard and low and behold she could catch. Why, because she could see! She had new lenses as to see the world. She saw and experienced things she never had or could

before.

I tell you that story because it is similar to my own faith journey. When I think back on my faith journey, I often think of the story from Mark's Gospel of the "Blind Man from Bethsaida," (Mk 8:22-26). To refresh your memory, in the gospel passage the man ask Jesus to give him sight and Jesus spits into some dirt and smears the mud on his eyes and ask him if he sees anything. He tells him, "I see people looking like trees and walking." Jesus has to lay hands on his eyes a second time for full vision to be restored. The first time Jesus touched my "eyes" was as a young child through the faith that was given to me by my grandmother and other friends and family that God had put into my life. The second time Jesus touched my "eyes" was through the study of Pope John Paul II and his writings on The Theology of the Body.

I was first introduced to Theology of the Body while in graduate school at St. Meinrad School of Theology where

I received my Masters Degree in 2006. As I read and studied this brilliant work by our great pontiff, the faith started to make more sense to me. Things began to be clearer, especially in the area of morality, more specifically sexual morality. As I studied in class I began to bring these teachings into my life and my classroom at Trinity High School. I knew that this was certainly "Good News" that needed to be heard by all. However, last June I had the privilege to attend a week long immersion class in Theology of the Body in Pennsylvania through the Theology of the Body Institute. It was here that Jesus gave me "New Lenses" to even see more clearly not only the church's teachings on sexual morality, but how these teachings in morality touches every facet of our lives from how we worship to how we treat our neighbors; from how we give our stewardship dollars to how we vote.

Through the Theology of the Body we come to see the full purpose of man's existence and the purpose of the body itself. What I learned from John Paul and the Theology of the Body was 1) What does it mean to be human and 2) How do I live my life in a way that will bring true happiness? We first must learn the true meaning of our sexuality and the true meaning of family before we can solve the ills of society. The family is the building block of society and we have come to know, how goes the family is how goes the society and the world.

At the Institute we were immersed

into John Paul's documents for a whole week. We listened to lectures as we studied before the Blessed Sacrament. We had daily mass and confession. We studied alongside others from all across the USA and around the world. We studied with not only Roman Catholics but also Eastern Rite Catholics. At the end of the week it was as if I received "New Lenses" as which to see the world, just like my daughter did those many years ago. I see the Sacraments differently. I see social issues, relationships, my marriage, how I am to be a father and teacher in a whole new perspective. I see Sacred Scripture in a whole new light. I am seeing the Church's teaching as a whole, not just social justice verses sexual morality. Now they are both/and together as one teaching. It's as if I have put "flesh" on "the rules".

I am truly grateful for my time at the Theology of the Body Institute and I plan to return to further my studies as I would like to pursue a certificate in Theology of the Body Studies. This whole week was made possible by the generosity of the Disciples Response Fund. I received a grant to attend this week-long class and I thank all of those who support the Disciples Response Fund with their financial support and prayers. My plan is to share what I learn from the Institute with my students, my parish, and all of the Diocese of Owensboro in any way possible.



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By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - When Principal Sarah Kranz took the helm of Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville last year, one of the first things she wondered was why the school didn't participate in the diocesan school lunch program. At the end of her first year as principal, Kranz was determined to make that change.

"Our children were just paying too much for lunch," Kranz explained. "Through the diocesan program, I know that they are eating healthy lunches, some at a discounted price according to federal guidelines. In addition, we now also have breakfast available which is a huge advantage for those students who arrive early for extended care," she added.

As with most any change or improvement, there was first a financial hurdle to overcome. "Adding all the improvements to our kitchen simply wasn't in our budget," explained Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul.

"Initially, our finance committee voted the lunch program down due to the additional expense it would require."

Kranz was not satisfied with the initial response she received from the finance committee. "It was simple, we didn't have the money," explained Rocky Spader, finance committee member. "We couldn't approve to spend money we didn't have," he added. After being convinced of the value of the lunch program, however, Spader went into action and took it upon himself to make the program come to fruition. "I just started calling people in the parish to see if they could help," Spader admitted.

"I am so thankful to Rocky for all his hard work on this project," said Kranz. In addition to soliciting donations, Spader also supervised all the renovations made to the kitchen throughout the entire process.

Once Kranz knew the program would be implemented, her next step was to recruit a program manager for the school. The logical place to start was with her current lunch room supervisor. "Yvette Holmes has been managing our lunch program for four years. I was thrilled when she agreed to become our new program manager," commented Kranz.



**Faith Folz and Graham Zrodowski, both in kindergarten, offer big smiles during lunch at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. Sts. Peter and Paul began a new lunch program on February 7, 2011. Photo by Sarah Kranz.**

"Yvette currently has three children in our school and has two others who were graduated from here," explained Kranz. "She has been a very strong supporter of our school for years. I know without a doubt that I can rely on her dependability and professionalism," Kranz added.

The first meals under the new program were served on Monday, February 7, 2011. Early feedback from program recipients has been extremely favorable. "They love the pizza and I completely ran out of chicken pot pie the first time we made it," said Yvette Holmes. "One of the most frequent comments is how much they love that the cookies are still warm," Holmes added with a laugh.

Kranz recalled one response she received from a student the first time the cookies were served as part of the new lunch program. Eighth grade student Lydia Buzzard told her principal, "I've had a cookie epiphany! The cookies were warm!"

Not only is the feedback from the students positive, but the numbers also support the success of the program. "Before we were serving about 50 lunches a day," explained Kranz. "Now we are serving 130 lunches and 25 breakfasts," she exclaimed.

## Welcoming the Roman Missal third edition

### The Mass: Source of Strength for Daily Life

*On Sunday, November 27, 2011, all Catholic parishes across the United States will begin using a new translation of the Roman Missal.*

Catholics believe that in the celebration of the Mass, they join the sacrifice of everyday life to the sacrifice of Christ, says Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Professor of Liturgy at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, New York. "The offering and self-emptying we do at Mass, in union with Christ, is the offering and self-emptying we are supposed to be living every moment of every day—that is what the Christian life is!"

The relationship between the Mass and everyday life is a reciprocal relationship, an active experience. At every Mass Catholics bring the offering of what's going on in their lives—and offer that in union with Jesus. It is that union, culminating in Holy Communion, that strengthens them for everyday life, explains Msgr. DeGrocco. "We do liturgy in order to try to do Christian life right. What we do at Mass is a summation or a 'microcosm,' if you will, of the way we are supposed to be living Christian life."

According to Msgr. DeGrocco, this awareness of what takes place at every Mass is precisely why Catholics should invest themselves into appreciating the Mass. "We cannot be Catholic without it," he says. "We cannot be fully united to Jesus without sacramental communion with Him in the Eucharist."

Not only is daily life about the Mass, says Liturgy Professor Sister Janet Baxendale, SC of New York City's St. Joseph's Seminary, but the Mass also "offers extraordinary help in my efforts to live my life well" through Scripture, the Word of God, the Prayers of the Faithful, and most powerfully, by receiving the Eucharist.

In Holy Communion, "Christ comes to us to nourish us; to be food for our souls as we struggle to fulfill our Baptismal call to be like Christ, to be His presence in our world," notes Sister Baxendale.

Distractions can make participation and appreciation of the Mass discouraging, notes Sister Baxendale. "Our thoughts stray; we find ourselves trying to solve problems of home, of office, of life in general. The people around us distract us: a crying child; someone with an annoying habit sharing 'my' pew; the choir is off-key; the readings can't be heard—and on and on."

Sister Baxendale says there are strategies to reduce the impact of these distractions:

1. Prepare for Mass. Read over that day's Scriptures. "In this way you will have done the 'ground work,' tilling the soil so that the seed of God's Word may find ready soil in you."
2. Participate in Mass. Sing the hymns, pray the responses, listen to the readings and to the prayers said by the priest on our behalf: the opening prayer, the prayer over the gifts, the prayer after Communion, the Eucharistic prayer. "Work at doing this well, and there will be less time for distractions."
3. Learn about the Mass. Check online sources provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and printed materials in your own parish for resources to "enhance your understanding and appreciation of the great gift God has given to His people in the Mass."
4. Take daily time to be silent and to listen. The self-discipline of a regular period of quiet reflection teaches us to "empty our minds of the cares, ideas, and distracting thoughts that press on us—and to concentrate on God, on His incredible love for me [personally], and His presence to me. Our perseverance can bear fruit in the ability to concentrate more fully when we are at Mass."
5. Don't get discouraged. "It is the effort that counts. The results are in the hands of God."

Christ is present at Mass in many ways, explains Msgr. DeGrocco, "in the gathered assembly, in the Word, in the priest, and most especially in the Real Presence of the Eucharist... The person in the pew who does nothing 'more' than being internally attentive and bringing the sacrifice of his/her life, and who does all the external participation (sitting, standing, kneeling, responding, singing) is nonetheless participating fully."

He notes, "The best way to improve one's appreciation of the Mass is to improve one's living of the sacrifice of one's life."

*Questions or comments may be directed to: Fr. Larry McBride (fatherlarry@bellsouth.net) or Martha Hagan (martha.hagan@pastoral.org) in the Office of Worship.*



## 38 Parish Blessed with Scripture Study

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - When the core leadership team of the "Foundations in Faith" adult catechesis program at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville first began meeting and making plans to implement a parish-wide scripture study last fall, they initially felt they might have been a little optimistic in the numbers of people they hoped would join the study.

"With the first seven-week study on the 'Passion and Resurrection of Jesus,' we had hoped to sign up at least thirty people," explained Dr. William Sweet, coordinator of the program. "So we decided to order fifty sets of books to be on the safe side," he added with a laugh.

"Our original estimation was that the second study might attract eighty to a hundred people. Our ultimate goal, which we thought would take until the third subject of study, was to have about 150 people participating," Sweet continued.

When 165 people signed up for the first study, before it ever began, the core leadership team was, needless to say, thankful. "Only the Holy Spirit could have brought that many people to us for this first study," Sweet admitted. "Our current group of leaders certainly joined in our vision for the parish, and each of them sought out participants to join their groups. Through their efforts, our study has flourished," he added.

With 165 people, additional small group facilitators needed to be recruited and trained as quickly as possible since the plan called for about ten participants in each study group. When the study began, the parish had fifteen small groups as well as a group of individuals participating through personal study. "We have small groups meeting in parishioner's homes and here at church every day of

the week," Sweet explained.

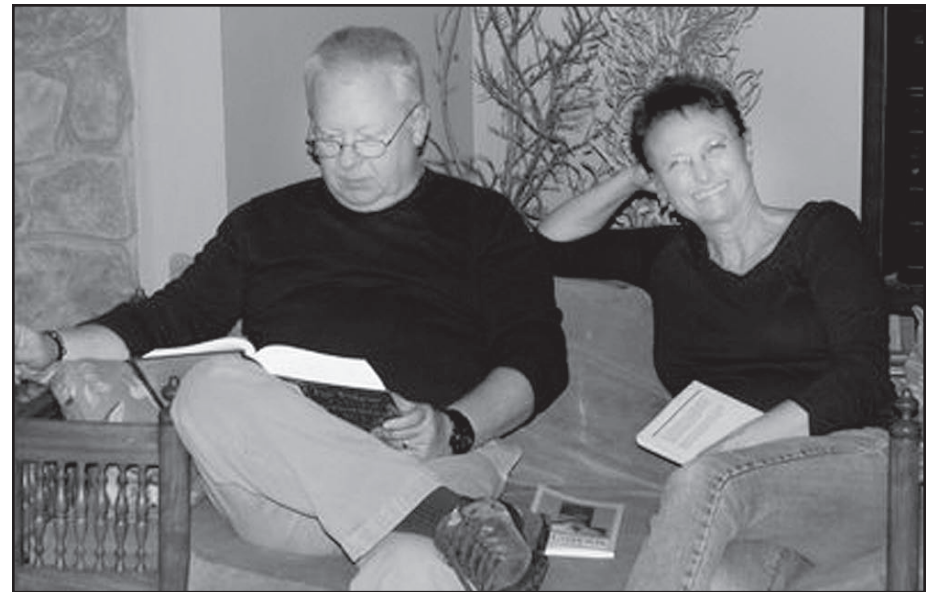
The first scripture study was scheduled to kick-off on Monday, February 7; however, the weather unfortunately impeded its start. Two separate snow storms prevented the study from starting until the following week. "I had no one expressing concerns during the first study," Sweet said. "Everything seemed to run smoothly, and our parish is getting excited about studying scripture."

At the conclusion of the first study, all participants and facilitators met at the parish hall for a wrap-up session on Thursday, March 31. The group first enjoyed a potluck dinner followed by a trivia game highlighting the material studied and discussed the previous seven weeks.

Looking ahead, the core leadership team hopes to kick-off the second formal study program the week following Easter. While "formal" studies of scripture offer a wonderful opportunity for group learning and sharing, Sweet encourages all participants to continue with personal scripture study in the interim between formal studies.

"We have provided them with materials that will help establish their habits of daily prayer and scripture study," Sweet explained. "I'd also like to see the groups continue to meet during this period between studies because in coming together we come to recognize the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives," he added.

Knowing that there will most likely be some shifting of group participants, facilitators and meeting times for the second study, Sweet hopes to keep the original small groups together until the second formal study begins. When the second study begins, however, he prays that once again the parish will be blessed by even



**John and Helen Watson, from Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, enjoy discussing the 'Passion and Resurrection of Jesus' during a small group session on Friday, March 11. This small group is one of fifteen groups which meet as part of a parish-wide scripture study. At some point during each day of the week, at least one small group meets either in parishioner's homes and at the church to discuss material studied throughout the week. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.**

wider participation in the parish-wide scripture study.

"It is our hope to continue with personalized and structured scripture study in the parish throughout the year," Sweet explained. "The study of scripture is fundamental to our personal and communal faith. Just as our celebration of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass brings Christ into our midst, so too does God minister to us when we study his Word. Scripture is alive within us when we read. It is real spiritual food, which sustains us in our faith and our daily struggles," he elaborated.

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**Swimming** - Friday, May 13, 11:00 a.m., OMHS Health Park, 1006 Ford Avenue, Owensboro, Ky. Total Fee: \$3.00

**Tennis** - Sunday, May 15, 9:00 a.m., Moreland Park, 1215 Hickman Avenue, Owensboro, Ky. Total Fee: \$3.00

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## Stars Light Up Gray Sky

In the picture at right, Matt Gray from Gray Sky Music graciously donated his time and talents to this year's song "There's Another Star in the Sky" for St. Jude Radiothon on WBKR 92.5fm. Not only did he serve as producer, he helped write and arrange it. "There's Another Star in the Sky" is inspired by the story of Robert Cunningham, a patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Matt is the Director of Music for Immaculate Catholic Church in Owensboro, KY. Submitted by Nicole Gray, Gray Sky Music



### Hardwood Wizards

Congratulations to The OCES 3rd & 4th grade Boys Basketball Team 'The Wizards'. The Wizards, were The Tournament Runners-up for the 2010-2011 season! Way to go Wizards! Pictured are: (Back Row L to R) Coach Mark Whitehouse and Assistant Coach John Teets, (2nd row) Bret Michael Gray, Josh Teets, Nolan Clark, Christian Abshier, Beau Ingram, (Front Row) John Cason, Sean Whitehouse, and Andrew Gray. Photo submitted-Nicole Gray

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<b>Saturday, August 13, 2011</b> Noon—2:00 p.m.	<b>HOPKINSVILLE DEANERY</b> St. Charles Church, Livermore <i>Lunch provided</i>
<b>Saturday, August 27, 2011</b> Noon—2:00 p.m.	<b>EASTERN DEANERY</b> St. Mary of the Woods Church, McQuady <i>Lunch provided</i>
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<b>Saturday, September 10, 2011</b> Noon—2:00 p.m.	<b>PADUCAH DEANERY</b> St. Thomas More Church, Paducah <i>Lunch provided</i>
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<b>Saturday, September 24, 2011</b> 10:00 a.m.—Noon	<b>OWENSBORO EAST DEANERY</b> Sts. Joseph and Paul Church, Owensboro
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## “En Nombre de Dios”



By Luis Ajú

Dear reader of this column, the content of this presentation is the spirituality of Holy Week in Latin America. If you want to read because of nostalgia or because you value what we have brought from our lands, it will be a way to refresh the internal values that we bring and what we have learned from our childhood when we lived with our parents and our entire family.

In Latin America Holy Week is also known as the Greatest Week. We cannot speak of Holy Week without starting with Ash Wednesday, which is a counting of days and weeks until arriving at the Paschal Mystery.

According to our tradition, I have learned this: those that receive ashes on Ash Wednesday should not eat meat during all of Lent or Holy

Week. For many countries meat means beef, chicken or meat of any living animal. This is applied to all adults without exception. Those under age who see their parents not eating meat also start avoiding it. Isn't it interesting to see the process of learning? One can see children learn from their parents. Also interesting are the two reasons why we do it. One is the religion that we profess. We fast to do penance and in consideration for Jesus' present suffering in all of our brothers and sisters that are hungry in the entire world. Also it is a way to be cleansed of all the toxins that the meat of dead animals puts in our body – there are many diseases that are caused by eating too much meat. So the conclusion is: a spirit that is at peace in a healthy body will bring to our daily life more health, less tension, less competition and our spirit will be more at ease with those around us and

able to enjoy all the blessings that God has given us, especially our life.

During Holy Week in Latin countries, the first day of the Greatest Week is Palm Sunday. A lot of people come to church to proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God and that we believe in Him. On Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the families prepare by adorning their homes and baking the bread of Holy Week. In my family on Holy Thursday everyone only eats bread with honey (including the animals of the house) until after the Last Supper of Jesus with his Apostles. We remain in prayer until late into the evening, giving thanks for the Presence of Jesus that he left under the species of Bread and Wine and accompanying Jesus during his torture by the hands of the criminals. Good Friday only those that have it and can eat it, eat fish. Big processions of the Way of the Cross are developed. Also, people process with the images of Jesus of Nazareth, Mary the Mother of God, and Mary Magdalene during the Way of the Cross in the morning. In the afternoon the preparations are made for the Crucifixion of Jesus. In many towns the Way of the Cross is a live presentation of the historical Jesus among those who suffer. Afterwards is the procession that is called the Holy Burial of Jesus who is carried from Calvary. It is a moving day, because many men and women see their children in Jesus, suffering every type of martyrdom because of the criminality that is unleashed in our communities today in Latin America.

To conclude, I want to touch the conscience of all of us that believe to be faithful to Jesus and his teachings. There are some of us that speak of Jesus but we continue with our personal pride, our arrogance, our unbreakable way of thinking, our greed, and our protection of “what will they think?”. Because we also marginalize, discriminate, fill ourselves with prejudices and forget about the needy. I ask myself: how long will it take for each of us to change? It seems like it's time, no?

May God bless us.

## Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon

Ann Pike Lynn

Christ the King Parish, Madisonville, Kentucky,  
2010 Sophia Award Winner

Ann Lynn's love for cats is evident in her ceramic cat collection that is displayed in her living room. Black cats to be exact. “I've always liked black cats since I was a child,” she said. Her cat, Stormy, doesn't like strangers, so I didn't have the pleasure of meeting him.

Ann and Marlyn Lynn were married 39 years when he died in December, 1997. They met at a bon fire party when she was 15. “He was older than I was by several years and everyone said he robbed the cradle. We married when I was 16 years old. He was a mechanic for motorcycles, mostly. He loved to ride off road but I was afraid so I wouldn't ride with him! We had one daughter and now one granddaughter and twin great grand boys.”

“I worked at G.E. for thirty years in Madisonville, Kentucky. My department made light ballast and parts for aircraft fighters. I drilled holes to match other parts held together by a wire. I X-rayed the parts to make sure the holes were lined up correctly. It was a good job and I never minded going to work.” she said.

“Marlyn died here at home and I took care of him. It was a full time job. After he died I had some extra time so I started helping a couple of my good friends. One is in a nursing home and I help her with doctor appointments and other things that she needs. I have another friend that I help as well. I became a sort of traveling nurse. I am always glad to help someone when I can. God gives me the ability and I know where my strength comes from.

“My husband was a Baptist when we married. I married



make the most of it. The marriage ended in divorce. But I will hand it to her she did take responsibility for her actions. During this time I thought, ‘I could have a nervous breakdown or choose Christ.’ I had been invited to go to a prayer group at Christ the King Catholic Church in Madisonville and declined the invitation. My good friend who was not Catholic told me that she had a place that she wanted me to go. It was the prayer group at the Catholic Church. I couldn't believe it. I reluctantly went and it set me back on the road to my salvation. I've always said that my daughter's rebellion was my salvation. God worked

out of the Church and was out for a long time. He was actually anti-Catholic. I wanted our daughter to be Catholic but he said no. He didn't send her to the Baptist church either, because he wouldn't go. I was always brought up to go to church on Sunday. A mixed faith marriage is not a good thing, in my opinion.”

“When my daughter was in her teen years we went through a whole lot of trouble and she left home and got married at age 15. Of course it was a mistake, but she tried to

on me a long time to get me here. For years my friends at the Baptist church had prayed for me. I went to their church one Sunday and I thanked them for their prayers. I told them that the Holy Spirit had guided me back to my church and their prayers had helped. For the first time in years I felt God in my heart and not out there somewhere.

“My daughter and I have gone through a lot, but looking back I realize it was for a purpose and God was there all along,” Ann told me.

“I enjoy helping at church when I can. I used to help at the St. Vincent de Paul store and do other things, but I'm not able to do as much now. I have a back problem.

“I do like to grow roses and do what I can in my flower garden. I am now taking key board lessons. Since I was a little girl I wanted to learn how to play the piano, but there wasn't enough money to send me for lessons. I really enjoy them but I didn't think I could learn at my age. My teacher tells me I can, so I'll try! Said Ann with determination.

“My greatest blessings are my faith and my daughter and family,” Ann concluded with a smile.



# Greeting From Bali

## Luke 16: Before Doing A Mission Trip, Serve Those Whose Lives Are Less Fortunate.



My first Lenten season in the Dominican Republic began with quite a busy week. Ash Wednesday meant the imposition of ashes in ten of the thirteen communities I serve, the morning and afternoon classes of the public school next door to the church in Paya, and a funeral for a young man killed in a traffic accident. Thursday and Friday after that busy day were spent with a group of students calling themselves “Catholic Gators” from the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Debbie Cherwak, formerly of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, is now the university campus minister at the parish of Saint Augustine in Gainesville. We spoke during my last months while in Bowling Green as she was interested in bringing a group of students down for a mission trip during their spring break. As it turns out, her pastor, Fr. David Ruchinski, and I studied philosophy together at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

And thus it was that twenty-five energetic college students, one campus minister, and one pastor arrived at Santo Domingo on Saturday, March 5 for a week of work, fun, and encounter with Christ in the poor of the Dominican Republic. Besides being the first opportunity to speak English with someone in more than three months, the week became a joy to share in the energy of youth who are engaged fully in living out their Christian faith. Instead of spending spring break in the normal pursuit of youthful debauchery, the students came to give of their time, money, and selves to help the Church in the developing world.

One part of this particular group’s plan that set themselves above many mission groups was their approach to recognizing need both at home and here in the Dominican Republic. Many mission groups focus on assisting the poor in other parts of the world while not taking time to recognize those in their own midst who are in need. At Saint Augustine, before students are eligible for the mission trip, they must have volunteered a number of hours at home serving those whose lives are less fortunate.

Hearing of this requirement, I was reminded of an occasion while serving as an associate pastor at my very first priestly assignment and a dear lady asked me



**First Communion celebration in Mata Gorda community.**

to plan a mission trip to Latin America so that her son could see poverty. I responded by saying that if she wanted her son to see poverty, I could put him in my truck, show him all the poverty he could handle, and still have him home in time for dinner. (This, of course, was pre-scandal when a teenager could ride in the car with a priest.) The poor lady was totally confused by my comment because, like many people throughout the US and indeed throughout the world, she simply did not see the poor in her midst.

Such a phenomenon occurs here in the Dominican Republic, as was perfectly captured in an editorial cartoon in the newspaper *Listín Diario*. In the drawing, an emaciated young poor person approaches an obviously well-fed wealthy member of society, saying “I’m hungry.” The rich man’s response was, “Don’t talk to me about politics.” It is a modern twist on the story of Luke 16.

Unfortunately, I do not have pictures to share of the Catholic Gators to share, as on a recent trip to Santo Domingo’s Malecon (waterfront), my camera inadvertently was donated to the coastal crustaceans. I’m hoping they’ll take some pictures and then send it back to me so I can post them on facebook. Please let me encourage you to learn from my experience and always keep your camera firmly in your grasp when taking pictures close to the ocean while standing on unsteady coral rock. [Pictures may be seen via my facebook page]

In the midst of the work, I am finding some moments of diversion. Before the full-immersion saltwater baptism of

the camera, I was able to travel to the Samaná Peninsula on the northern coast of the island in the new truck about which I reported last month. All northern Atlantic humpback whales each year travel from Greenland, Newfoundland, and Maine to Samaná Bay from mid-January to mid-March to engage in amorous activities or calve after a twelve-month gestation period. No one knows why the whales come to this particular location, although given I couldn’t help buy note that a significant number of United States’, Canadian, and European tourists arrive in the country at the same time. Given that prehistoric indigenous cave paintings in the area include pictures of whales, it stands to reason that the humpbacks were making the trip long before jetblue enabled winter escapes.

Almost as exciting as seeing the humpback whales in the wild was meeting Ontario native Kim Beddall. Kim came to the Dominican Republic in 1983 and began asking what sort of whales were appearing in the bay. When no one really had answers, she made it her life’s work to study humpbacks and to encourage preservation efforts worldwide. By example and amazing determination, Kim has proved that whale-watching is both environmentally and economically better than whale hunting. People are willing to pay much more money to watch whales in the wild than to eat whale meat at home. Prior to the devastating earthquake and tsunami of the past month, Japan had enough whale meat and blubber in storage to supply its dwindling market for at least ten years. That detail was not

mentioned when Japan announced that it would not be hunting humpbacks this year because of harassment by the Sea Shepherd (as seen on Animal Planet’s Whale Wars). [For more information, go to [www.whalesamana.com](http://www.whalesamana.com) and/or <http://animal.discovery.com/tv/whale-wars/>.]

Finally, it grieves me to say that not all is perfect here on the Isla de Española. On 8 March, Dominican authorities arrested 8 Haitian nationals who were holding nine children with the intent of selling them for forced labor. Although a few of the children bought and sold in the third world are for manual or domestic labor, the vast majority are sold for prostitution. Children being trafficked in this manner here on Hispaniola are either orphans whose parents were killed in the January 2010 earthquake or have been sold by a parent desperate to feed the remaining children. In this latest discovery, the youngest child was estimated to be four months of age.

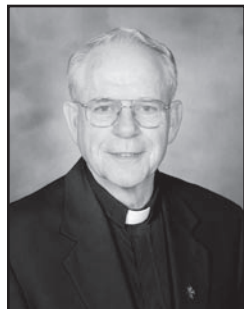
Fortunately, all of us can do something to help. Beyond encouraging congressional leaders to promote international efforts to end human trafficking, allow me to take this opportunity to put in a plug for a very important Catholic organization that works with children. Although not directly involved in the dangerous effort to combat trafficking, the Christian Foundation for Children and Ageing works throughout the developing world to assist children and elderly who are in otherwise hopeless situations of poverty. CFCA is a Catholic organization who is recognized as having minimal administrative costs while working to pair sponsors with children and elderly who are in need.

Given that it is still the Lenten season, although later, CFCA would be a great place to offer your seasonal alms. Or, consider offering hope to a child and family by individual sponsorship. And for those who of you who have been instilled with an overwhelming sense of Catholic guilt, let me say that this would be a great way of making up for cheating on your Lenten resolution during this season of preparing for the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord. The website for the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging is [www.cfcausa.org](http://www.cfcausa.org).

May you have a blessed and faith-filled remaining weeks of Lent and a joyous day of celebration of our Lord’s victory over death.



El Sr. Obispo William F. Medley ha anunciado algunos cambios en ciertas posiciones claves de la administración de la Diócesis en los próximos meses.



**Very Rev. Gerald Calhoun**

El Muy Reverendo Gerald Calhoun se jubilará de su puesto como Vicario General. El Padre Calhoun es nativo de Owensboro, KY y fue ordenado en 1961. Ha servido a la Diócesis de Owensboro en varias puestos a través de sus 50 años de sacerdocio, más recientemente como párroco de la Iglesia Cristo Rey en Madisonville, KY. Habiendo cumplido la edad de jubilación de los 75 años en Diciembre del 2010, el Padre Calhoun dejará sus puestos aunque tiene planes de seguir viviendo en el área de Madisonville y ser de asistencia a través de la Diócesis cuando fuere necesario.

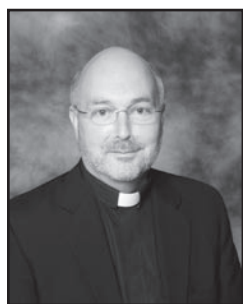


**Sister Joseph Angela Boone, O.S.U.**

La Hermana Joseph Angela Boone, OSU dejará ambos puestos como la Secretaria Canciller y la Principal Oficial Financiera, puestos que ha tenido desde 1989 cuando Monseñor John McGrath la designó. Estuvo sirviendo como tesorera de las Hermanas Ursulinas del Monte San José desde 1969 cuando le fueron asignados sus nuevos puestos. Aunque está renunciando a sus responsabilidades administrativas, la Hermana Joseph Angela seguirá trabajando de tiempo completo en el equipo financiero y administrativo de la Diócesis. La Hermana Joseph Angela tiene una maestría de la Universidad Católica de América en matemáticas y física. La Hermana ha servido y continuará sirviendo en varias mesas directivas y concejos a través de la Diócesis.

Monseñor William F. Medley ha anunciado tres nombramientos administrativos. El Reverendo Patrick Reynolds será el Vicario General, Kevin Kauffeld será el Canciller y el Principal Oficial Administrativa, y Ernest Taliaferro será el Principal Oficial Financiera efectivo el 1 de Julio del 2011.

El Padre Reynolds fue ordenado en 1980 y recibió su título en Derecho



**Rev. Patrick Reynolds**

Canónico en 1994 por parte de la Universidad Católica de América. Él fungió como Vicario Judicial de la Diócesis de Owensboro entre 1994 hasta 2001. Él seguirá con sus responsabilidades como párroco de la Iglesia Santo Tomas Moro en Paducah, KY donde ha servido desde 2003.

El Vicario General por definición es un sacerdote nombrado por el obispo diocesano para que le asista en la gobernanación de la Diócesis de Owensboro; tiene poder ejecutivo de gobernar a toda la diócesis a la discreción del obispo.



**Mr. Kevin Kauffeld**

Kevin Kauffeld, nativo de Elizabethtown, KY y graduado de la Universidad de Brescia, ha trabajado para la Diócesis de Owensboro desde 2003 como el director de la Corresponsabilidad y el Desarrollo. También funge como coordinador del personal diocesano y como director ejecutivo de la Fundación Católica de Kentucky Occidental. Antes de empezar su trabajo para la Diócesis, fue Decano de Asuntos Estudiantiles en la Universidad de Brescia. Kevin mantendrá sus responsabilidades como Director de la Corresponsabilidad y Desarrollo.

El está casado con Ann (Shade) Kauffeld con quien tiene tres hijos. Es miembro de la Parroquia de la Madre Santísima, sirve en el Gabinete de Asesores para el Presidente de la Universidad de Brescia y es un miembro de la Junta Directiva de KLEA.

Ernest Taliaferro ha sido el Subcanciller desde el Marzo del 2008. Es graduado de la Universidad de Brescia con un título en contabilidad y un Maestría en la Administración de Negocios de la Universidad de Murray State. Antes de trabajar para la Diócesis, se había jubilado después de 30 años trabajando para



**Mr. Ernest Taliaferro**

la Corporación de Texas Gas Transmission donde supervisó las áreas de contabilidad, investigación e ingeniería, ventas y mercadotecnia y conformidad de SOX.

Esta casado con Shirley (Osborne) Taliaferro y tienen seis niños y tres nietos. Él es miembro de la Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción, pertenece a las Mesas Directivas de la Universidad de Brescia, el Campus de Wendell Foster, el Refugio de San Benedicto y también sirve en varios comités para las Escuelas Católicas de Owensboro.

El Principal Oficial Financiera por definición es un oficial quien administra los bienes de la diócesis bajo la autoridad del obispo.

“La Diócesis de Owensboro ha sido bastante bendecida y muy bien servida por el Padre Calhoun y la Hermana Joseph Angela. Ellos continuarán siendo confidentes importantes para mí como Obispo. En Junio tendremos una recepción para honrarlos en agradecimiento por su trabajo y servicio.

“Tengo y mantendré una relación colaborativa con el Padre Reynolds, el Señor Kauffeld y el Señor Taliaferro. Cada uno ha sido una parte integral de la administración diocesana y su ministerio por años. Estamos realmente bendecidos de tener siervos tan talentosos que están dispuestos a tomar estos puestos ahora que el Padre Calhoun y la Hermana Joseph Angela están listo para reenfocar sus propios ministerios.”

## Un Servicio de Oración para la Sanación se Llevará a Cabo el 11 de Abril en el Catedral de San Esteban, 19 de Marzo del 2011

### Queridos hermanas y hermanos:

Como ustedes saben, la Diócesis de Owensboro fortaleció sus pólizas de seguridad para los niños en respuesta a los Estatutos para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes de la Conferencia Episcopal Católica de los Estados Unidos y es un proceso que continua. Sin embargo, para que estos esfuerzos tengan valor, cada adulto tiene que adherirse a la responsabilidad de hacer a nuestras comunidades eclesiales un refugio seguro para crecer en la fe.

Agradezco a todos los adultos que ya sirven a nuestros participantes jóvenes por educarse a través de nuestro programa de Ambiente Seguro y por someterse a los requisitos de tener una revisión de sus antecedentes. Agradezco a los padres de familia que llevan sus niños a participar en las oportunidades anuales de Ambiente Seguro que los ayudan a reconocer su valor como hijos de Dios. Agradezco a todas nuestras comunidades parroquiales por comprometerse a formar un ambiente en nuestras iglesias lo más seguro posible.

Además de nuestros esfuerzos de prevención, la Diócesis de Owensboro sigue tratando de lograr la sanación de los que han sido abusados sexualmente, especialmente por los que sufrieron abuso a causa de alguien con un puesto de confianza en la Iglesia. Si tú o alguien que tú conoces han sido dañados en esta forma, te animo a que me contactes ya sea a mí o a nuestra Mesa Diocesana de la Revisión en el Centro Pastoral Católico (270-683-1545).

La Diócesis de Owensboro tiene planes para reconocer el Mes de Prevención del Abuso Infantil en Abril al patrocinar un servicio de oración anual en diferentes lugares a través de la diócesis. Este año los invito a unirse conmigo en la Catedral de San Esteban el Lunes, 11 de Abril del 2011 a las 7:00pm para orar por los que han sido dañados por abuso físico, emocional o sexual y puedan encontrar la sanación a través de nuestra respuesta atenta y cariñosa, y que nuestras comunidades de fe protejan efectivamente a los niños bajo nuestro cuidado. Si no puedes estar conmigo ese día, te pido que ruegues por estas necesidades.

Suyos en Cristo,

*William F. Medley*

+ Monseñor William F. Medley, Obispo de Owensboro



## 6 Saludos desde Bali



**Por el Reverendo Father Stan Puryear**

Se comenzó la Cuaresma en la República Dominicana con una semana llena de actividad. El Miércoles de Ceniza incluyó la imposición de

cenizas en diez de las trece comunidades que sirvo, las clases de mañana y tarde en la escuela pública junto a la iglesia en Paya, y misa Exequiel de un joven accidentado. El jueves y el viernes después de ese día se pasaban con un grupo de estudiantes llamándose “Gators Católicos” de la Universidad de Florida en Gainesville.

La Jovencita-de-corazón Debbie Cherwak, anteriormente de la Western Kentucky University en Bowling Green, es ahora la ministra a los estudiantes universitarios en la parroquia San Agustín en Gainesville. Hablamos en mi último mes mientras yo estaba en Bowling Green, porque ella tenía interés en llevar un grupo de estudiantes para un viaje de misión durante sus vacaciones de primavera. En lo que es la providencia divina, el pastor de la Parroquia San Agustín, el Reverendo Padre David Ruchinski, era compañero de seminario de filosofía en el Colegio Pontificio Josephinum en Columbus, Ohio.

Y así era que 25 estudiantes energéticos, una ministra universitaria, y un sacerdote llegaron a Santo Domingo el sábado, 5 de marzo para una semana de trabajo, diversión, y encuentro con Cristo en los pobres de la República Dominicana. Además de ser la primera oportunidad de hablar el inglés con alguien en más de tres meses, la semana se convirtió en una alegría para compartir en la energía de los jóvenes que participan plenamente en vivir su fe cristiana. En lugar de pasar las vacaciones de primavera en el ejercicio de libertinaje juvenil, los estudiantes vinieron a dar de su tiempo, dinero y sí mismos para ayudar a la Iglesia en el mundo en desarrollo.

Una parte del plan de este grupo que es diferente que muchos demás grupos de misión fue su decisión de reconocer la necesidad no solamente en la República Dominicana sino también en los Estados Unidos. Muchos grupos de misión se centran en ayudar a los pobres en otras partes del mundo sin dar cuenta de aquéllos en su propio pueblo que tienen necesidad. En la Parroquia San Agustín, antes de que los estudiantes fueran elegibles para el viaje de misión, debían que servir unas horas en su pueblo con los que eran

desafortunados.

En aprender de este requisito, me acordé de una ocasión mientras servía como vicario en mi primera asignación sacerdotal, Una señora me pidió que pl-



**Ballena en Bahía Samaná**



**Celebración de Primeras Comuniones en la Comunidad Mata Gorda.**



**Camioneta previa y la nueva.**

anificara un viaje de misión a América Latina para que su hijo pudiera ver la pobreza. Yo respondí diciendo que si ella quería que su hijo viera la pobreza, podría subirlo en mi camión, mostrarle mucha pobreza, y devolverle a la casa antes e la hora de la cena. La pobrecita fue totalmente confundida por mi comentario, porque, como muchas personas en los Estados Unidos y demás países del mundo, ella no veían los pobres en su seno.

Este fenómeno también ocurre aquí en la República Dominicana, como fue captado perfectamente en una caricatura editorial en el periódico Listín Diario. En ella, una persona pobre joven demacrada acerca a un rico evidentemente bien alimentado, diciéndole “Tengo hambre”. Contestó el rico: “No me habla de la política.” Es la manifestación moderna de la historia de Lucas 16.

Lamentablemente, no tengo fotos para compartir de los Gators Católicos, como en un viaje reciente al Malecón de Santo Domingo, mi cámara inadvertidamente fue donado a los crustáceos costeros. Estoy esperando que las criaturas saquen unas fotografías para enviarme para que

las pueda publicar facebook. Ruego que me aprendan de mi experiencia y siempre mantengan la cámara firmemente en su mano al tomar fotografías cerca al océano mientras caminando sobre la roca coral inestable.

En medio del trabajo pastoral, encuentro unos momentos de diversión. Antes de bautismo en agua salado de mi cámara, pude a la Península de Samaná, en la costa norte de la isla en el camión nuevo de que hablé el mes pasado. Todas las ballenas jorobadas del Atlántica Norte cada año viajan de Groenlandia, Terranova y Maine a la Bahía de Samaná de enero a marzo para participar en actividades amorosas o para nacer después de un período de gestación de doce meses. Nadie sabe por qué las ballenas llegan a este lugar en particular, aunque yo note que muchos turistas de Estados Unidos, Canadá y Europa llegan al país al mismo tiempo. Dado que pinturas indígenas prehistóricas en el área incluyen imágenes de ballenas, creo que ellas hacían el viaje mucho antes de que el escape del invierno fue hecho posible por jetblue.

En adición de ver a las ballenas jorobadas en la naturaleza, tuve la oportunidad de conocer a Kim Beddall, nativa de Ontario. Kim llegó a la República Dominicana en 1983 y comenzó a preguntar qué tipo de ballenas fueron apareciendo en la bahía. Cuando realmente no encontró respu-

estas, dedicó su vida en estudiar la yubarta y promover esfuerzos de conservación en todo el mundo. Por su ejemplo y determinación, Kim ha demostrado que el negocio de ver y estudiar a las ballenas en su ambiente es mejor económicamente que la caza de ballenas. Hay más personas en el mundo que están dispuestos a pagar dinero para ver a las ballenas en la naturaleza que comer la carne de ballena en casa. Antes del terremoto y el tsunami del mes pasado, Japón tenía suficiente carne de ballena y grasa en almacenamiento para abastecer su mercado decreciente por mas que diez años. Ese detalle no se mencionó cuando Japón anunció que no iba a cazar a las ballenas este año debido a la persecución por parte de la Sea Shepherd (como se ve en el programa Guerras de Ballena en el canal de Animal Planet). [Para obtener más información, vaya a [www.whalesamana.com](http://www.whalesamana.com) o [animal.discovery.com/tv/whale-wars](http://animal.discovery.com/tv/whale-wars).]

Al fin, me duele decirles que no todo es perfecto aquí en la Isla de la Española. El 8 de marzo, las autoridades dominicanas detuvieron a 8 haitianos que poseían a nueve hijos con la intención de venderlas para trabajos forzados. Aunque algunos de los niños comprados y vendidos en el mundo son destinados para trabajo manual o doméstico, la gran mayoría es vendida con fines de prostitución. Los niños que se trata de esta manera aquí en la Española son huérfanos cuyos padres murieron en el terremoto de enero de 2010 o se han vendido por un padre o madre desesperado alimentar a los demás hijos. En este último descubrimiento, el hijo menor se estima que cuatro meses de edad.

Afortunadamente, todos podemos hacer algo para ayudar. Más que urgir a los líderes nacionales para promover los esfuerzos internacionales para poner fin a la esclavitud, permítanme aprovechar esta oportunidad para hablar de una organización católica muy importante que trabaja con los niños. Aunque no directamente involucrados en el esfuerzo peligroso para combatir la trata humana, la Fundación Cristiano para Niños y Ancianos (CFCA, por su nombre en inglés) funciona en todo el mundo en desarrollo para ayudar a niños y ancianos que se encuentran en situaciones de pobreza desesperadas.

Dado que todavía es la temporada de Cuaresma, CFCA sería una caridad perfecta a donde uno puede ofrecer su limosna cuaresmal. O también, uno puede considerar la posibilidad de ofrecer esperanza a un niño y su familia por patrocinio individual. El sitio Web de la Fundación de Christian para Niños y Ancianos es [www.cfcausa.org](http://www.cfcausa.org).

Que tengan una Cuaresma llena de fe y un día alegre en la celebración de victoria de nuestro Señor sobre la muerte.





**Rosa Isela recibe la bendición para su bebida del Padre Al Bremer. Photos por Abraham Brown**

**Por Abraham Brown**

Este pasado Domingo 27 de Febrero fue un día muy especial para la comunidad Hispana de la Iglesia Holy Name en Henderson, Kentucky, empezando con una Misa muy emotiva, un número muy nutrido de familias Latinas procesaron con gran Fe a ser ungidos y también para recibir la sanación espiritual que solo la combinación de los Santos Oleos y la oración pueden ofrecer.

Nuevas caras Latinas se hicieron presentes en la Misa de este Domingo, donde también el alcalde de la ciudad de Henderson, El Sr. Steve Austin, y su esposa, participaron con nuestras familias en una celebración litúrgica llena de poder de sanación.

Justo después de Misa el Doctor Silva ofreció una muy completa plática a cerca del VIH, una de las enfermedades que más afecta a la comunidad Hispana de este país.

La Feria de la Salud que fue llevada a cabo después de la Misa fue muy detalladamente preparada por el Padre Anthony Shonis, Dr. Silva, Dr. Mike Farina, Bayardo Solorza, Gail Clancy, Shannon Long y Abraham Brown, en colaboración con un numeroso grupo de agencias que muy entusiastamente respondieron a la invitación de ser parte de este evento que trajo mucho bien a nuestra comunidad Latina en Holy Name.



**Guadalupe sonríe mientras recibe cumplidos del equipo de trabajo del Programa del Migrante del Condado de Henderson.**

Exámenes médicos incluyendo, revisión de la presión arterial, revisión de los niveles de colesterol, niveles de glucosa fueron ofrecidos por un excelente equipo de enfermeras coordinadas por Shannon Long. La agencia Matthew 25 también ofreció exámenes de VIH.

El evento incluyó todos los aspectos de una vida sana. Nuestro objetivo fue el de proporcionar un entendimiento de los problemas de salud que particularmente afectan a los Latinos de nuestra comunidad, al mismo tiempo que pudimos ofrecer información importante con relación a medidas de prevención y recursos locales de salud. La población Latina de Henderson continúa creciendo, uno de cada tres personas que llegan a esta ciudad son Latinas. Este evento nos dio la oportunidad a varias organizaciones como el Hospital Metodista, La Clínica de Continuación de Servicios de Salud, El Sistema Trover de Salud, El Hospital St. Mary, La escuela de enfermería del colegio comunitario de Henderson la perfecta oportunidad de presentar sus servicios que tienen por ofrecer a nuestra comunidad Latina. Algunos presentadores ofrecieron servicios sobre cuidados de prevención, información nutricional, cuidado quiropráctico, asistencia financiera, oportunidades para estudiar una carrera universitaria, cuidado infantil, instalación de sillas de seguridad para autos, etc. Con este evento, la Iglesia Holy Name le dio la oportunidad a muchas organizaciones a alcanzar a nuestra comunidad e informarles de



**El Padre Tony le impone las manos a Berenica mientras que ofrece una oración de sanación.**

todas las cosas buenas que tienen por ofrecerles, también pudieron hacer contacto con quienes pueden ayudarles a vivir una vida más sana y activa. El evento fue completamente gratis, y por ser un evento familiar, todos los miembros de la familia tuvieron la oportunidad de disfrutar diferentes mesas de presentación con muchos regalitos, y unos increíbles premios de asistencia para todos los participantes que tomaron ventaja de todos los servicios que fueron ofrecidos por esta feria de salud.

Todos los participantes fueron deleitados con un exquisito refrigerio con ensaladas, sándwiches, hot dogs, y limonada que fueron preparados por Susana Solorza, Reyna Toribio Verónica Patena y un muy activo equipo de voluntarios. Un espectacular pastel fue donado por el Dr. Perkins para este evento.

Estamos muy contentos de los resultados de este evento, la participación de todas las agencias involucradas, todos los voluntarios y las personas que hicieron que este evento fuera todo un éxito.

Agradecimiento especial a el equipo de trabajo de la Iglesia Holy Name por su continuo



**Reyna atentamente escuchando a una enfermera del Colegio Comunitario de Henderson.**



**Alma revisando su presión arterial como una parte de los servicios ofrecidos en la Feria de Salud.**

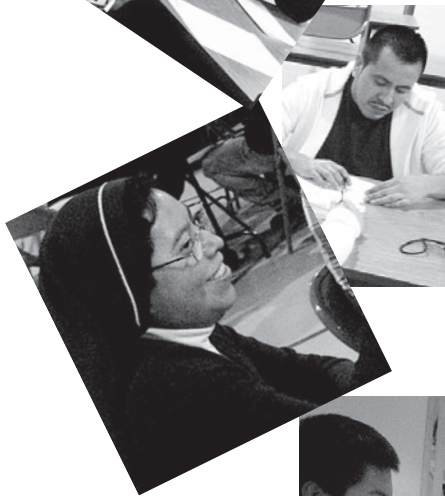


**El Padre Antonio compartiendo con el equipo de trabajo del Hospital Metodista y estudiantes de la escuela de enfermería del Colegio Comunitario de Henderson.**

apoyo para nuestra comunidad Hispana y un agradecimiento especial también al Padre Shonis por su pasión de servir a nuestras familias Latinas.



**Planificacion del Encuentro Juvenil Hispano, para la Primavera, 2010  
En la Diocesis de Owensboro. Haga tiempo y participe en los dias 17 y 18 de Junio.**



**Jovenes en el Ministerio Hispano, planificando el retiro para los mismos jovenes de la Diocesis de Owensboro. F.por Luis A.**



**En esta mesa los jovenes adultos son acompañados en la mesa de discusion por el P. Carmelo y la Hna. Imelda, los adultos estan en el proceso no para hacer decisiones sino son parte del grupo, una buena actitud. F. por Luis Aju**



**Jovenes de la Parroquia de Santos Jose y Pablo de Owensboro, tambien en el proceso de planificacion del retiro, acompañados de la Hna. Patricia Sullivan de la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazon, Russellville, KY. F.por Luis aju**



**Otros Jovenes de las Parroquias son parte tambien del proceso, la Hna. Eloisa T. es parte de la mesa de discusion/ Hna. Imelda y Hna. Eloisa juntas en la reunion, como vemos varios de los Ministros estuvieron acompañando en este proceso, eso motiva a los jovenes a seguir adelante con los Encuentros. Foto por Luis Aju**



El rostro de estos varios Jovenes Señoritas y Jovenes varones, podemos notar el entusiasmo de ser parte del proceso de llamar a los jovenes y disfrutar de un Encuentro Juvenil, actividad que sirve para encontrarse a si mismo, encontrar a los otros y encontrar a Dios que vive y actua en su entorno. La expresion de los muchos rostros juveniles, nos hace ver tambien que siendo Latinos, venimos de otros muchos paises de Latinoamerica, diferimos en nuestra manera de hablar, pensar y actuar, se puede notar nuestra diferencia de Identidad. Adelante Jovenes del presente y futuro de nuestras comunidades. Fotografía por Luis Aju





## El Ministerio Hispano también es parte del proceso de las “Reuniones de Consulta” de la Diócesis. Buena oportunidad para todos.

Listening Session en Español en la parroquia de Sts. Pedro y Pablo en Hopkinsville, el 22 de Febrero 2011, una experiencia única en que los Ministros Hispanos llevan la voz de las comunidades Hispánicas en la Diócesis para luego ser un capítulo en el plan Diocesano próximo a desarrollarse. Foto por Luis Aju



Todos atentos para seguir el orden de las preguntas que se encontraron en las guías de las reuniones de consulta, cuyas respuestas eran colectadas y traducidas simultáneamente en Inglés por Patricia Gutiérrez. Foto por Luis Aju



La Hna. Luisa Bickett, P. Juan Rene k. y el Diacono Heriberto nuevo miembro del equipo Diocesano participaron en las discusiones de la mesa, el Diácono sirve en las Parroquias de Santa Susana en Elkton y St. Mary's and James en Gathérie, KY, aprovechamos para darle la bienvenida, ofreciéndole nuestro apoyo en su tiempo de transición y adaptación en su nuevo Ministerio. Foto por Luis Aju



Todos expresan su respuesta corta a todos los aspectos que la Diócesis quiere saber, en cuanto al desarrollo de los diferentes Ministerios que apoyan a toda la Diócesis. Patricia Gutiérrez, escucha en español y lo redacta en Inglés. Foto por Luis Aju

Listening Session, se ofreció en Español, y se presentaron los siguientes Ministros: Cristóbal y Patricia Gutiérrez, facilitadores de la actividad y Ministros Hispanos de las Parroquias de San Miguel, Sebree y de Santos Jose y Pablo en Owensboro. Hna. Panchita del Centro Latino, Hna. Patricia Sullivan, Sagrado Corazon, Russellville, Hna. Imelda, St. Thomas More, Paduca, Hnas. Esperanza y Eloisa de la Parroquia de San Jose de Mayfield, Hna. Lusa Bickett de la Parroquia de Beaver Dam, Sra. Elva R. Sra. Anabel B. lideres de la comunidad de Gathérie, P. Jose Carmelo J. Vicario Parroquial de Stos. Pedro y Pablo Hopkinsville, de Sta. Susana Elkton, Director Espiritual del Ministerio Hispano, P. Juan Rene Kolombo, Vicario Parroquial, Stos Jose y Pablo en



Cristóbal y Patricia Gutiérrez han sido los dos quienes nos guiaron, en elaborar las respuestas que el Ministerio Hispano, considera de mucha importancia hacer llegar al comité encargado de hacer las evaluaciones de los Listening Sessions, nos sentimos muy contentos por haber tenido la oportunidad en expresar nuestras inquietudes. Foto por Luis Aju

Owensboro. Diacono Heriberto, Coordinador de la vida Parroquial de Sta. Susana Elkton, y Luis Aju Director del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis.

Estuvieron ausentes los líderes, de Sto. Nombre de Jesus, Henderson, San Jose de Bowling Greene. Los esperamos para la proxima.

## “En Nombre de Dios”

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cluyendo nuestros animales de la casa) hasta después de la Última Cena de Jesús con sus Apóstoles. Nos quedamos en oración agradeciendo la Presencia de Jesús que dejó bajo las especies de Pan y Vino hasta muy tarde, acompañando a Jesús sufriendo la tortura, por manos de los criminales. Viernes Santo solo se come pescado quienes tienen y quienes pueden. Se desarrollan grandes procesiones con el Vía Crucis. , También procesiones de imágenes antiguos de Jesús Nazareno, María la Madre de Jesús, María Magdalena, van en la procesión del Vía Crucis de la mañana. Después de medio día, se inician los preparativos para la Crucifixión de Jesús, en muchos pueblos se hace el

Vía Crucis en vivo, (presentación de Jesús histórico) a la par de lo que la gente sufre. Después sale la procesión que se llama El Santo Entierro con Jesús yacente llevado al calvario. Es un día de mucha conmoción, porque muchísimas personas hombres y mujeres ven sus hijos en Jesús, sufriendo toda clase de martirio, por la desatada criminalidad que hoy día padecen nuestras comunidades en la América Latina.

Para terminar, quiero tocar la conciencia de todos nosotros los que creemos ser fieles a Jesús y sus enseñanzas. Habremos personas que hablamos de Jesús, pero aun seguimos con nuestro orgullo personal, nuestra soberbia, nuestra inquebrantable manera de pensar, nuestra avaricia, nuestra protección del “que dirán?”. Porque también nosotros marginamos, discriminamos, nos llenamos de prejuicios, y olvidamos al necesitado. Bueno, me pregunto, ¿hasta cuando haremos un cambio cada uno de nosotros? Como que ya es tiempo ¿NO?

Que Dios nos bendiga.



## 2 La Primavera Cuaresmal: Un Tiempo para Reflexionar sobre la Gracia que Recibimos en el Bautismo



**+ Monseñor William Medley, Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro**

Queridos hermanas y hermanos,

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos dice que la Iglesia cree que debemos celebrar la obra salvífica del Señor Jesús como una conmemoración sagrada en ciertos días durante el año. Cada domingo, recordamos el octavo día de la creación y el día de la Resurrección del Señor. Estas prácticas forman las temporadas del año litúrgico empezando cada año con el Adviento cuando recordamos el largo tiempo de espera del Pueblo Escogido para la llegada del Mesías. Pero nuestras temporadas litúrgicas no son solamente recreaciones históricas, sino que proclamaciones de fe. Así que durante el Adviento no solamente recordamos la llegada prometida que se cumplió con el nacimiento de Cristo en Belén, sino también inspira a la Iglesia y al mundo de anticipar la próxima llegada de Cristo en su gloria al final del tiempo.

Para la mayoría de nosotros a través de nuestras vidas hemos experimentado la Cuaresma como una temporada de penitencia, enfatizando el arrepentimiento y el negarse a uno mismo. Estos son ejercicios buenos. Nos deben llevar a la reflexión sobre el sentido más histórico de la Cuaresma como una temporada para reflexionar sobre nuestro Bautismo. Históricamente la temporada de la Cuaresma se desarrolló en la Iglesia como un tiempo de preparación intenso y final para los que estaban preparándose para recibir los sacramentos de la Pascua en el Sábado de Gloria. En los décadas recientes la Iglesia ha recuperado este origen de la temporada de la Cuaresma con una énfasis mayor en el Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos y Niños.

El Papa Benedicto XVI en su mensaje de la Cuaresma del 2011 nota que la nueva vida en Cristo el Señor ya se nos transmitió el día del Bautismo, cuando «al participar de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo» comenzó para nosotros «la aventura gozosa y entusiasmante del discípulo».

El gran gozo de la comunidad de una parroquia es dar la bienvenida a los nuevos miembros de la Iglesia a través del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Santa Eucaristía. Pero igualmente gozoso para cada parroquia, y también para cada Cristiano, puede ser el diario vivir de nuestra vida bautismal. De este modo el Santo Padre nos recuerda, “no es un rito del pasado sino el encuentro con Cristo que conforma toda la existencia del bautizado, le da la vida divina y lo llama a una conversión sincera, iniciada y sostenida por la Gracia, que lo lleve a alcanzar la talla adulta de Cristo.”

La palabra para Cuaresma en inglés quiere decir primavera. Este año la Pascua de la Resurrección es muy tarde y entonces el paralelismo de la Cuaresma y la primavera es aún más obvio que usualmente lo es. Mi oración para ustedes es que las semanas restantes de la Cuaresma los llamen a reflexionar sobre la Gracia que es suya en su Bautismo. En la Vigilia Pascual o en la mañana del Domingo de la Pascua todos nosotros somos llamados a renovar nuestras promesas bautismales. ¡Alistense!

Suyos en Cristo,

+ Monseñor William F. Medley, Obispo de Owensboro

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## “En Nombre de Dios”



Por Luis Aju

Querido amigo lector de esta columna, el contenido de esta presentación es la Espiritualidad de la Semana Santa en América Latina. Si por nostalgia, o por valorar lo que hemos traído desde nuestras tierras quiere leerlo, sería refrescar los valores internos que traemos y lo que aprendimos desde nuestra niñez cuando vivíamos con nuestros padres y toda la familia entera.

En la América Latina, la Semana Santa es conocida también con el nombre de Semana Mayor. No podemos hablar de semana santa sin empezar por el miércoles de ceniza, es un contar el tiempo por días y semanas hasta llegar al Misterio Pascual.

Según nuestra tradición aprendí así: el que recibe las cenizas el miércoles de ceniza, no debe comer carne en toda la cuaresma y semana mayor, para varios países carne implica, de res, de pollo u otro animal viviente. Esto se aplica a todos los mayores de edad bajo ninguna excepción. Los menores por ver a los padres no comer estas carnes, inician a evitarlo también, interesante el proceso de

aprendizaje sin decir mayor cosa, los hijos aprenden de sus padres. Interesante las dos razones del porque lo hacemos: por la religión que profesamos ayunamos para hacer penitencia y en consideración del sufrimiento de Jesús presente en todos los hermanos que padecen hambre en el mundo entero. También es limpiarnos de todos los tóxicos que provocan las carnes de los animales muertos en nuestro cuerpo, muchas enfermedades son producidas por consumir mucha carne. Conclusión: un espíritu en paz en un cuerpo sano, nuestro diario vivir será más sano, con menos tensión, menos competitivo, estará más tranquilo nuestro espíritu con todos los que nos rodean, con Dios será disfrutar de las bendiciones que nos da, especialmente nuestra vida.

En la Semana Santa en los países Latinos, el primer día de la Semana Mayor es el Domingo de Ramos. Mucha gente acude a la Iglesia para decir y proclamar que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios y que creemos en Él. Lunes, martes y miércoles Santos, las familias se preparan, adornando la casa, haciendo el pan de Semana Santa. Jueves Santo en mi familia todos comemos solo pan con miel (in-

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### El Calendario del Monseñor Medley para el Abril del 2011

Abril 2	6:00 p.m.	Ministerio del Acólito de los Diáconos Permanentes San Antonio, Browns Valley
Abril 3	6:00 p.m.	Misa en el Centro Católico de la Universidad de Murray State
Abril 5	9:00 a.m.	Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, CPC
Abril 9	9:00 a.m.	Misa Azul, San José, Bowling Green
	6:00 p.m.	Ministerio del Acólito de los Diáconos Permanentes Santo Tomas Moro, Paducah
Abril 10	10:30 a.m.	Confirmación, Santa Isabel, Clarkson
	8:00 p.m.	Misa en el Centro Católico de la Universidad de W. Ky.
Abril 11	7:00 p.m.	Servicio de Oración para la Sanación, Catedral de San Esteban
Abril 12	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, San Juan el Bautista, Fordsville
Abril 13	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam
Abril 17	11:00 a.m.	Misa del Domingo de Ramos, Catedral de San Esteban
Abril 18	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité del Personal Sacerdotal
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes
Abril 19	6:30 p.m.	Misa Crismal, Centro Deportivo, Owensboro
Abril 20	8:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité de Administración/Finanzas,
Abril 21	7:00 p.m.	Misa del Jueves Santo, Catedral de San Esteban
Abril 22	7:00 p.m.	Servicio de Oración del Viernes Santo Catedral de San Esteban
Abril 23	8:00 p.m.	Misa Vigilia de la Pascua, Catedral de San Esteban
Abril 26	10-3:00	Horas en la Oficina de Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes
Abril 27	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Parroquias de la Resurrección, la Santa Cruz y la Inmaculada Concepción en Dawson Springs
Abril 28	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, San Guillermo, San Lorenzo, Knottsville
Abril 30	4:30 p.m.	Confirmación, Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, Owensboro





## Retiros Cuaresmales en el Ministerio Hispano

En el tiempo de la cuaresma en la Espiritualidad de los Latinos, solemos hacer oracion, juntarnos en comunidad para que nuestra oracion tenga fuerzas, porque Jesus nos dice "que donde hay dos o tres reunidos en mi nombre alli estoy yo en medio de ellos"

Ademas ofrecemos nuestros sacrificios y oraciones por la paz en el mundo entero, por las victimas de los desastres naturales, que pasan por aqui, y por alla, alrededor del mundo. Esa es la razon de nuestras oraciones. Queremos tambien hacer un buen apostolado en nuestro Ministerio, sin la oracion ninguna obra que parezca buena, llegara a su buen fin. Los retiros para los Catequistas, estan abiertos a todos pueden venir en la proxima y hable con su coordinador Hispano de su Parroquia para mayores detalles. Los esperamos.



Los que participaron en el Retiro Espiritual para Catequistas, concluyeron el dia con la Celebracion de la Misa, en la Iglesia del Cristo Rey en Padisonville, KY. Foto por Luis Aju



Retiro de los Ministros Hispanos, que se llevo a cabo los dias 17 y 18 de Marzo en el convento de las Pasionistas en Whitesville, Ky. Se hace este retiro dos veces al año, esta vez profundizamos el tema sobre CRISTOLOGIA, un tema que nunca se acaba, cada vez es aun mas profundo por lo que creemos justo y necesario traerlo en este tiempo de la Cuaresma, preparándonos con ayuno y oración la gran Resurrección de Jesús en su Pascua.



El P. Jose Carmelo y el P. Juan Rene, han sido los expositores del dia del retiro, nos han compartido los temas sobre el Ser Catequista como llamado por lo tanto es una Vocacion y el Rol del Catequista en la Comunidad, ambos temas son de mucho significado.



La Hna. Esperanza con tres de las Señoras de la Parroquia de San Jose de Mayfield, participaron activamente en el Retiro, ellas han manifestado su alegría de haber participado para esta reflexion del dia. Por Luis Aju