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A Word from Bishop Medley

My dear people of God,

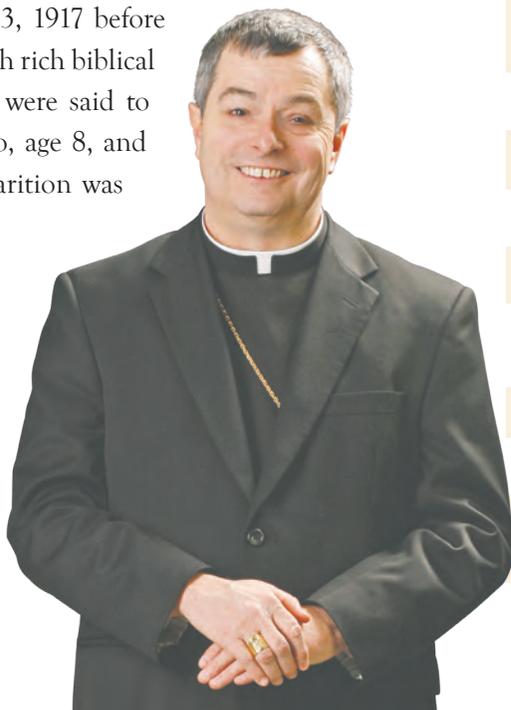
In May of 1917, the world was in the last year and a half of what in history has become known as World War I. Of course, that distinctive name could not be assigned until later in the century when nations of the world had engaged in another global war to be known as World War II. Up to that time, the early twentieth century war was known, perhaps sacrilegiously, as the “Great War,” or, more ironically, the “war to end all wars.” Wars in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq I and Iraq II, and Afghanistan have followed; wars with major participation by the United States. There have been hundreds of other wars fought around the world since that war to end all wars. Maybe the hundred years since 1917 have witnessed more warfare than any other century.

In May of 1917, Europe was devastated by war. Some nations had lost nearly an entire generation of young men. As the war wound down to the armistice signed in November of 1918, seeds of conflict and future war were already being sown with the advent of an international Communist movement, one already taking hold in Russia then.

Into this political maelstrom, the Blessed Mother, as always an emissary of her son Jesus, appeared on May 13, 1917 before three peasant children. In keeping with rich biblical tradition, Mary chose children who were said to be shepherds: Lucia, age 9, Francisco, age 8, and Jacinta, age 7. The place of the apparition was Fatima in Portugal.

In her messages to the children in recurring apparitions over the next six months, Mary urged the children to promote praying the Rosary for world peace and to deliver a message of repentance for sin.

In the centenary observance of Our Lady of Fatima, our devotion



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BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR MAY 2017

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| MAY 3 | 8:00 a.m. School Mass – Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
6:30 p.m. Confirmation – Christ the King, Madisonville |
| MAY 4 | 6:30 p.m. Confirmation – St. Lawrence, Knottsville |
| MAY 6 | 10:00 a.m. Commencement – Brescia University
5:00 p.m. Confirmation – St. Denis, Fancy Farm |
| MAY 7 | 8:00 a.m. Confirmation – St. Augustine, Reed
3:00 p.m. Confirmation – St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville |
| MAY 8 | 5:30 p.m. DRE Appreciation Dinner – St. Stephen Cathedral |
| MAY 9 | CCK Meeting – Louisville
Bishops of the Province Meeting – Louisville |
| MAY 10 | Bishops of the Province Meeting – Louisville
6:30 p.m. Confirmation – St. Sebastian/St. Charles |
| MAY 11 | 9:00 a.m. School Mass – Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus |
| MAY 13 | 4:30 p.m. Confirmation – St. Joseph, Central City |
| MAY 14 | 2:00 p.m. Commencement – Owensboro Catholic High School |
| MAY 15 | 10:00 a.m. Priest Personnel Meeting – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC)
1:30 p.m. Priests' Council Meeting – MCC |
| MAY 16 | CCK Meeting – Frankfort
6:30 p.m. Confirmation – Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro |
| MAY 17 | 8:30 a.m. Diocesan Finance Council – MCC |
| MAY 18 | 10:00 a.m. Mass with Elections – Glenmary Sisters |
| MAY 19 | 7:00 p.m. Commencement – Trinity High School, Whitesville |
| MAY 20 | 7:00 p.m. Commencement – St. Mary High School, Paducah |
| MAY 21 | 8:30 a.m. Confirmation – St. Mary, Franklin
6:00 p.m. Confirmation – Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville |
| MAY 23 | Paducah Office Hours |
| MAY 24 | 6:00 p.m. Confirmation – Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam |
| MAY 28 | 10:30 a.m. Confirmation – St. Henry, Aurora
3:00 p.m. 10th Anniversary of Gasper River |
| MAY 31 | 6:00 p.m. Confirmation – Precious Blood, Owensboro |

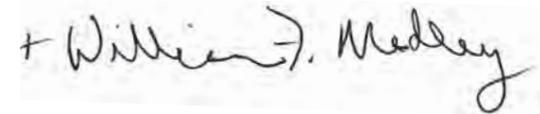
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should be to heed the admonitions of Mary. Peace in the world is still elusive. All the world's greatest military powers still stand to test the will of the others. The internationalization of terrorism changes the equation, it seems, every few months. We can extol and even canonize voices of peacemakers like St. John XXIII, St. John Paul II, and St. Teresa of Calcutta; their prophetic voices are not really taken seriously when it comes to war and ways of war.

It might be tempting to say that Mary and her Son withhold peace because we do not pray. But we do pray for peace; our parents and grandparents have prayed for peace. Of course, we all can be more devoted in our prayer for peace, we can all promote praying the Rosary. Mary's formula is not outdated.

As we observe the centenary of Our Lady's appeals made to the world through the three shepherd children, perhaps we can reorient our prayers for peace. Yes, Lord, change the hearts of the world's leaders that they seek justice and peace and not war. But most essentially, perhaps, in our prayer we might

echo the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. Let us pray to be instruments of the peace we long for. Let us be peacemakers in our marriages, our families, our workplaces, our parishes. Might we pray to be witnesses of peace in every part of our lives?



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

Diocese of Owensboro priest assignments effective June 13, 2017

Parish Pastor

Buckner, Rev. Mark: Pastor, St. Anthony Parish, Browns Valley.

Joseph, Rev. Jojy: Pastor, St. Paul Parish in Princeton and St. Mark Parish in Eddyville.

Mikulcik, Rev. Ken: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Russellville.

Thomas, Rev. Shaiju: Pastor, St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Sorgho and St. Elizabeth Parish in Curdsville.

Parochial Vicar

Abiero, Rev. Michael Charles.: Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville and St. John Parish, Fordsville.

Bremer, Rev. Al: Parochial Vicar, St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah, continuing chaplaincy to prisons, assisting with sacramental ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Todd County.

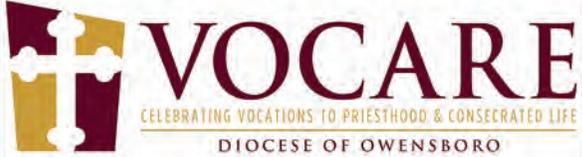
Clark, Rev. Gary: Parochial Vicar, Saint Thomas More Parish, Paducah, continuing chaplaincy to prisons, assisting with sacramental ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Todd County.

Thomas, Rev. Shaiju: Pastor, St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Sorgho and St. Elizabeth Parish in Curdsville.

Other Assignments

Thompson, Rev. Will: Pursue canon law studies at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

McBride, Rev. Larry: No longer serving as Co-Director of the Office of Worship; continuing as pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson, effective January, 2017.



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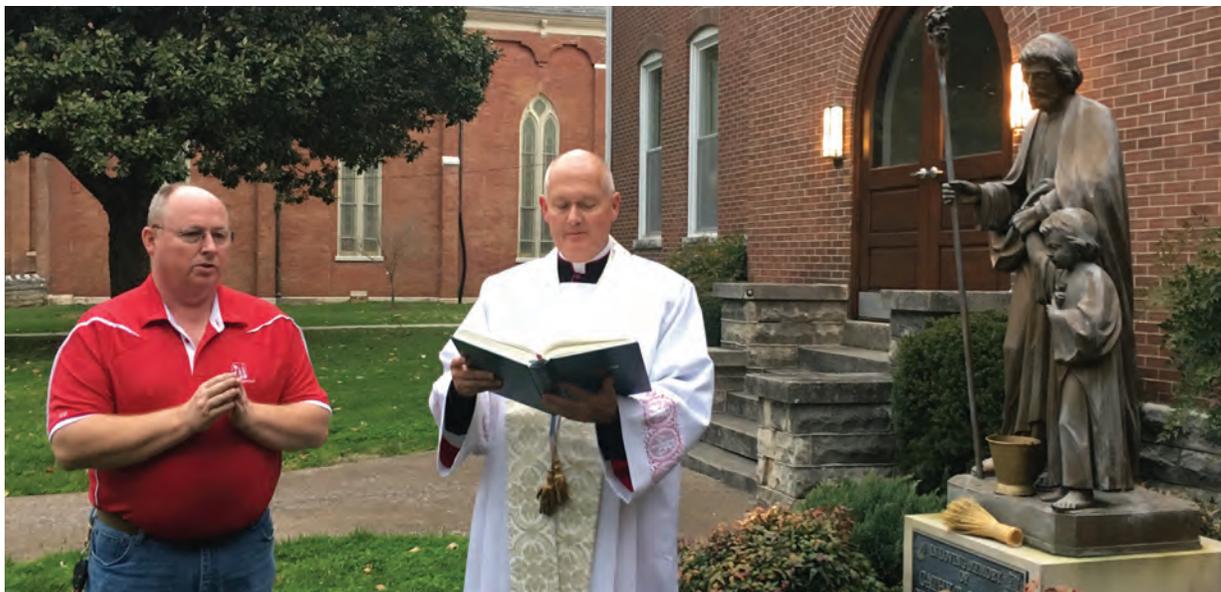
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Catholic radio comes to Bowling Green, Paducah

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Larry Conrad, a board member for St. Gabriel Catholic Radio WSGJ 92.1 FM in Bowling Green, folds his hands in prayer while Fr. Andrew Garner leads a blessing for the radio tower on March 20, 2017. Photo courtesy of Seth Spears.

Seth Spears says a Catholic radio station “could be a really good way to effect positive change in Bowling Green.”

Spears’ family moved from Cincinnati to Bowling Green, Ky. when he was growing up, and Spears noticed a difference in the Kentucky city, in which Catholics were a minority. The “underpinning of Catholic culture,” which he recognized in his Ohio hometown, was not present in Kentucky.

But as an adult, he realized that “people are always searching for truth,” regardless of their background – and radio is often an untapped resource.

Fast-forward to Feb. 9, 2017, when St. Gabriel Catholic Radio WSGJ 92.1 FM began broadcasting from a tower on the property of St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green. St. Joseph’s pastor, Fr. Andrew Garner, blessed the tower on March 20.

“People are bored with typical stuff on the radio,” said Spears, who attends St. Joseph Parish and is president of the radio station’s board of trustees. “Something (about Catholic radio) strikes a chord because it’s different.”

The journey to bring Catholic radio to Bowling Green began in 2010 when Spears was approached

i Catholic radio stations in western Kentucky

Catholic radio is growing in western Kentucky and can be found in many areas. As of this story’s printing, local Catholic station call numbers are as follows:

Bowling Green: 92.1 FM
 Brandenburg: 95.3 FM
 Hopkinsville: 93.5 FM
 Madisonville: 100.7 FM
 Morganfield: 88.7 FM
 Owensboro: 107.9 FM
 Paducah: 107.7 FM
 Whitesville: 93.1 FM

by Dr. Matt Carrico, president and board manager of Savior Radio Network WIMM 107.9 FM, Owensboro’s Catholic radio station. The Owensboro tower was constructed in 2001 and aired its first programming in 2003.

Dr. Carrico said that after prayerful consideration, WIMM’s board members voted to “financially support the application process and provide logistical guidance to any community in the Diocese of Owensboro that chose to ‘put out into the deep’

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and follow a rather untraditional method of evangelism.”

In recent years WIMM has helped establish WJOR 93.1 FM Whitesville, WPJP 100.7 FM Madisonville and WLHN 95.3 Brandenburg. All of these stations are affiliates of EWTN Radio Network, the radio branch of Eternal Word Television Network founded by the late Mother Angelica.

The EWTN network features around-the-clock Catholic content, such as daily Mass and Catholic Answers Live, in which callers can ask questions and receive answers about Catholicism. WIMM’s local content has the addition of announcements about upcoming Catholic events and a recording of students praying the rosary with Bishop William F. Medley.

Chris Vowels, a board member for St. Gabriel Catholic Radio and who attends Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green, said many people are raised Catholic “but don’t understand the depth of the faith and have lots of misinformation.”

Vowels said the radio station’s goal is to “spread the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and dispel a lot of myths about Catholicism, and help existing Catholics grow in their faith.”

Vowels said the radio station was named after St. Gabriel the Archangel, who is patron of communications due to his messenger role in the New Testament.

Right now St. Gabriel Radio is streaming everything from Owensboro, which means all of the advertisements and announcements apply to the Daviess County area. The Bowling Green board members plan to obtain local underwriters and local Catholic content in the near future.

Fr. Garner, who is St. Gabriel Radio’s spiritual adviser, said he has heard “unsolicited feedback” that “people say they are enjoying listening to Catholic radio.”

He credited the “accessibility” of radio, in which people can access it on their computer, smartphone or in their car.

Bowling Green isn’t the only city in western Kentucky joining the league of Catholic radio stations.

John Kaler, a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah, told The Western Kentucky Catholic that WVPK 107.7 FM went on the air in January 2017.

“I went to the Catholic Men’s Conference about four years ago,” said Kaler, referencing the Catholic Men’s Conference of Western Kentucky, held annually in Owensboro. “I met Matt Carrico and talked about starting a radio station.”

Kaler said that with Dr. Carrico’s help he started up the Paducah affiliate of WIMM 107.9 FM: “I guess the Holy Spirit wanted me to do it!”

Kaler said WVPK 107.7 FM is still in its infancy and would welcome local people to help out.

“We’re always needing volunteers and support, especially since we’re just getting started,” said Kaler.



Fr. Andrew Garner, spiritual adviser of the Catholic radio station in Bowling Green, sprinkles holy water on the radio tower during the blessing on March 20, 2017. Photo courtesy of Seth Spears.



Get involved

To learn how to volunteer or become an underwriter for the radio stations referenced in this story, contact the following:

WIMM 107.9 FM, Owensboro: Dr. Matt Carrico, (270) 686-3989 or manager@wimradio.com.

WSGJ 92.1 FM, Bowling Green: Chris Vowels, (270) 799-5346 or chrisvowels@icloud.com.

WVPK 107.7 FM, Paducah: John Kaler, kaler60@yahoo.com.

Gaspar River exists thanks to ‘Bishop McRaith and the Holy Spirit’

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



McRaith Lodge at Gaspar River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center was named after Bishop John J. McRaith. WKC file photo.

In February 2017, about a month before he passed away, Bishop John J. McRaith was asked about his favorite memory of Gaspar River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green.

After a pause, he said slowly, “That you could do the impossible with the right people.”

The Feb. 10, 2017 interview with Bishop McRaith, which was meant to supplement this fifth installment of The Western Kentucky Catholic’s series celebrating 10 years of Gaspar River, became all the more poignant after the retired bishop’s March 19, 2017 death.

The February interview continued: “(Gaspar River) caught on very fast,” said Bishop McRaith. “And

that was due to Melinda and Ben’s work – and lots of other people, too,” he said of Melinda Prunty, former diocesan director of youth ministry and Ben Warrell, director of Gaspar River.

Bishop McRaith told the WKC the now-famous story of the day they bought the Bowling Green property, back in 2007, for nearly \$1.5 million. After the purchase was complete, the bishop, Prunty, and Sister Joseph Angela Boone, OSU, (former diocesan director of administration), were hungry for lunch.

“We pulled into a fast-food place and got some lunch, and Sister Joseph Angela asked Melinda if she had some money,” said Bishop McRaith. “Sister Joseph Angela said, ‘I had a million dollars when we

Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a five-part series commemorating the 10-year anniversary of Gaspar River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

left home, but it’s all gone!”

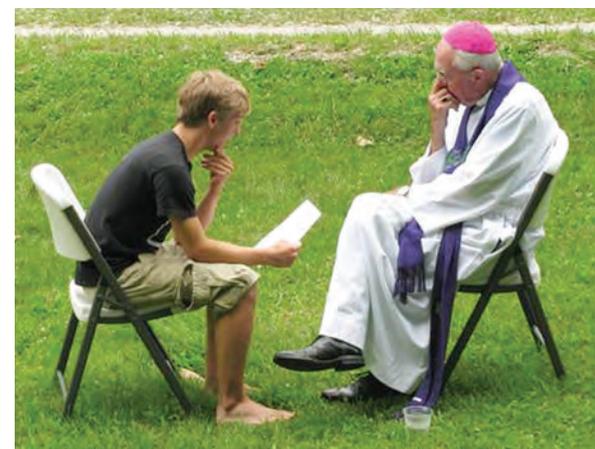
“I think that’s the funniest story,” Bishop McRaith added, who had been grinning as he told the story until he erupted into a full chuckle by the end of the anecdote.

Farming roots

Ben Warrell spoke with the WKC on April 12, describing the late bishop as a “faithful, loving grandfather-type of figure for the kids.”

Warrell said he spoke with Bishop McRaith after the bishop’s retirement party in 2009, and recalled Bishop McRaith telling him that “I don’t have many regrets as bishop, but I do wish we’d started the camp earlier.”

Warrell said Bishop McRaith’s dedication to the



Bishop McRaith hears a youth’s confession during 2008 Camp LIFE (Living It For Eternity). WKC file photo.

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camp was grounded in the bishop's Minnesota farming roots, which gave him a love of nature and "getting his hands dirty" - and encouraging others to appreciate God's creation.

Bishop McRaith lived for many years in a double-wide trailer with a plot of farmland, and Warrell said that the bishop's "approachable and accessible" attitude included hayrides for any guests who visited.

This attitude flowed into his commitment to the camp and retreat center, Warrell said.

"He showed his passion for young people to feel important and needed in the Church," said Warrell.

Led by the Spirit

Fr. Mike Williams is spiritual director of the camp and retreat center, and has been with the camp from the beginning.

"Just experiencing the growth" over the past 10 years, "shows it was a good decision for our diocese and the Church universal," said Fr. Williams.

He said he sees families changed through Gasper, and children become excited about going to Mass and confession.

"I believe the Holy Spirit led Bishop McRaith to buy this place," he said. "I'm pretty satisfied with where the Holy Spirit has brought (Gasper) in 10 years."

Charles Kamuf, Sr., is the Diocese of Owensboro lawyer who handled the details, negotiations and paperwork to establish a camp for the diocese.

He also counted Bishop McRaith among his dearest friends.

"He was a dreamer and had some dreamers who were there with him," said Kamuf, referencing Warrell, Prunty and Fr. Ken Mikulcik, among many who



As a gift for his 25th anniversary as bishop of Owensboro, and as a nod to his farmer's heart, diocesan staff collected samples of soil from the different places in which Bishop McRaith served. They presented the samples in a wooden display case during a May 16, 2008 staff day at Gasper River. Mel Howard photo.

worked with Bishop McRaith to make Gasper happen.

Kamuf's seven grandchildren attend Gasper each summer, and he encouraged grandparents to tell their grandchildren about the camp: "The kids love to go there."

"(Bishop McRaith) had several great accomplishments, but none greater than Gasper River," said Kamuf. "It would never have taken place if not for the bishop; it would never have worked if it hadn't been for the Holy Spirit."

A thank-you

At the end of his February 2017 interview with the WKC, Bishop McRaith gave some thoughts about the 10-year anniversary of the camp.

"I often had people say that the best thing that happened during my time as bishop was the camp," he said. "That was not uncommon for somebody to

say that... I think to sum it up, it was the work of God that it should happen."

He also offered a word to the "faith-filled people" involved with Gasper: "Just to say thank-you to those who made it possible to have a Gasper River, and thank-you to those who are sacrificing to keep it going."

"It's now become an important part of the diocese," he said.

Learn more

Gasper River will celebrate its 10 year anniversary with a cook-out and Mass with Bishop Medley on Sunday, May 28. To learn more about this celebration, how to register for a camp or how to donate, visit gasperriverretreatcenter.org or call 270-781-2466.

God, faith and ‘putting others first’ is key for local foster parents

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

For Paul and Ashley Haycraft, life doesn’t happen “one thing at a time – it’s always lots of things going on together,” said Ashley.

The Haycrafts attend St. William Parish in Knottsville and are foster parents to five children: a seven-year-old, a six-year-old, twin five-year-olds and a four-year-old.

Paul has a biological son, Drake, who is 10. Sadly, Paul’s biological daughter, Lydia, passed away from Ewing’s Sarcoma, a type of cancer, in 2014 at eight years old.

“We couldn’t have gone through Lydia’s journey without our faith,” said Paul. The Haycrafts said they had considered foster parenting shortly after they got married, but felt called to truly pursue this after Lydia passed away.

The Haycrafts became foster parents to the twins on Dec. 30, 2015. After a house visit from their social worker, they were asked if they were open to more children. They said yes, and welcomed three more children shortly after.

Ashley had always wanted “a houseful of kids,” and Paul himself was the youngest of 12 children, so this was “the right thing to do” for them.

Ashley, who has a degree in social work and used to work outside the home in family preservation, now stays at home with her busy family.

“Ashley is by far an amazing woman,” said Paul, to which Ashley responded, “it’s all by the grace of God.”

The Haycrafts are frank: foster parenting comes with a unique set of challenges, which includes behavioral issues and up-and-down emotions.

“It’s not all sunshine and roses,” said Paul, but added that “God doesn’t give you anything you can’t handle.”

They explained that “lots of times misbehaviors are when a child is trying to figure out the norms of your family,” and may take some time to acclimate to the new home.

“Our kiddos being so close in ages can be a challenge,” said Ashley.

Paul said a big help is saying family prayers together each night.

During family prayer time, everyone has a chance to share intentions. They also sing the Our Father and the Hail Mary – a practice that one of the children, who has autism, loves.

“They do better when we sing,” said Ashley.

They also sit down for regular family meetings to provide both the parents and the children an opportunity to share what is going well, and what needs to be different. Paul said even the little ones give “good feedback” during these meetings.

With their life’s mix of varying personalities, behaviors, emotions and ages, Paul and Ashley recently found it helpful to attend men’s and women’s Cursillo weekends. Cursillo is a Christian renewal effort which has a chapter in the Diocese of Owensboro.

When Paul attended the men’s weekend, he realized how much he missed the children: “I need them more than they need me.”

Ashley had a similar experience during her Cursillo – “they missed her,” said Paul – and was also struck with



Ashley and Paul Haycraft with children Drake and Lydia. Photo courtesy of the Haycraft family.

a confirmation after completing a novena to Our Lady of Lourdes.

“I was doing the dishes... it was a circus,” said Ashley of a particularly chaotic day. “But then I thought, what if it was silent? I would go crazy.”

The experience has been quite positive for Drake. Paul and Ashley have explained to Drake that he is a big brother to the other children, and that he needs to be a leader for them.

“He’s taken that on seriously,” said Paul.

The couple said a few of their friends have been inspired to seriously consider fostering after seeing the Haycrafts’ experience.

“If anyone who reads this (article) has ever thought about (fostering), that thought is a reason to look into it,” said Paul.

Ashley said that without God and their faith “and putting others before ourselves, we couldn’t have done this.”

“This is just life,” said Ashley. “Granted, our situation is different, but we really don’t see that we’re doing anything out of the ordinary. Just raising kiddos.”

2017 parish picnics in the Diocese of Owensboro

Editor's note: Below is a list of the 2017 parish picnics in the Diocese of Owensboro, as submitted by the parishes. Questions about the individual picnics may be directed to the parishes.

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
MAY 20	Serving at 11 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
MAY 28	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
JUNE 3	Booths open at 3 p.m.; serving at 4 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
JUNE 3	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Joseph, Leitchfield
JUNE 10	4-9 p.m. SPIRITFEST parish picnic event	Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
JUNE 10	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Pius X, Owensboro
JUNE 17	Serving at 3 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
JUNE 24	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly
JULY 1	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
JULY 1	Serving at 3 p.m.	St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel
JULY 1	Serving 2- 9 p.m.; Clarkson location.	St. Anthony, St. Benedict & St. Augustine
JULY 8	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
JULY 8	Serving at 4 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
JULY 15	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
JULY 22	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
JULY 29	Serving at 3 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield
AUG 1	Drive-thru picnic beginning at 5 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
AUG 5	Serving at 10 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
AUG 5	Serving at noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
AUG 12	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
AUG 26	Serving at 3 p.m. EST	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
SEPT 9	Serving at 4 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT 9	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT 16	Serving from 4-8 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
SEPT 16	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
SEPT 17	Serving at 11 a.m.; at St. Lawrence	St. William & St. Lawrence, Philpot
SEPT 23	BBQ & raffle 2-4 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT 24	Serving at noon	St. Leo, Murray
SEPT 24	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
SEPT 24	Serving at 1 p.m.	St. Michael, Sebree
SEPT 30	10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Honeyfest Dinner & Silent Auction	St. Elizabeth, Clarkson

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Sister Catherine Marie Lauterwasser A55, with her student, Renee Mayhew Shoemaker A76

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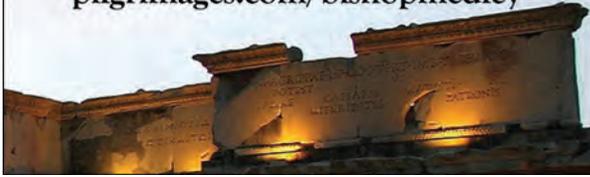
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mary.ward@maplemount.org
A brochure can be found at ursulinesmsj.org



2017 Sophia Award Nominations Sought

Nominations for Sophia Awards 2017 are being accepted through July 15, 2017. Individuals 18 or older may nominate someone. The person from each parish receiving the highest number of nominations will receive the award. Eligibility for nomination: Anyone 65 or older (married couple, individual, member of a religious community or an ordained deacon or priest) who embraces and lives a life of stewardship – giving of their time, talent and treasure. If a person has received a Sophia Award previously they are not eligible to receive it again.

I/We Nominate: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Parish, City: _____

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

Please return this form by July 15, 2017 to Cathy Hagan, McRaith Catholic Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro KY 42301-2130. It can also be emailed: cathy.hagan@pastoral.org. Or submit on our website at: www.owensborodiocese.org/sophia. If you have any questions, please call Cathy at 270-852-8354.

The Sophia Awards Mass will be held on Sunday, September 10 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro.

Catholic Charities 2017 award winners

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

The Catholic Charities selection committee has awarded the 2017 Bishop John J. McRaith Providing Help, Creating Hope award certificates to the following individuals and groups who have demonstrated charity in their work and deeds without financial compensation. The committee focused on programs and individuals whose work has reached outside their family and parish and impacted the larger community. Those selected have engaged in charitable works in alignment with the mission of Catholic Charities which is "to witness the love of Christ by serving our brothers and sisters in need." This award was established in 2013 by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro, and was named after Bishop John J. McRaith, who served the diocese from 1981-2009, and who passed away in March 2017. Individuals receiving the 2017 award are:

Deacon Bill Grant (Clarkson); John and Beth Probus (Henderson); Linda Clark and Jackie Marshall (Leitchfield); Kenny Holt (Morganfield); Darryl Rezac (Murray); Terri LaHugh (Owensboro); Virginia Braswell (Owensboro); Gary Estes (Owensboro); Michelle Ison (Owensboro); Dr. Mackdell Long (Russellville); Nellie Eversmann (Wax). Organizations and groups receiving the 2017 award are: St. Joseph Food Pantry (Central City); Christ Among Us Food Pantry (Fordsville); K of C Council 7847 (Hopkinsville); Christian Food Bank of Hopkins County, Inc. (Madisonville); Haiti Mission Group at Sts. Joe and Paul led by Fr. Carl McCarthy, Laida Mischel and Lee Franey (Owensboro); The Haiti Committee of Immaculate (Owensboro); Paducah Cooperative Ministry, Inc. (Paducah); Paducah Community Kitchen, Inc. (Paducah).

To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). In addition, to report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro revised its sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014 and it is available at parishes and also on the dioc-

esan website (owensborodiocese.org/safe). The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett (Chair, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Rhonda Gillham, Ed Hodskins, Mary Beth Hurley, Tony Kraus, Mike Marsili, Leslie Phelps, Kelly Roe, Lanny Thomas, and Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board. The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

St. Stephen, St. Henry choirs participate in Cadiz Trigg Unity Celebration

On Palm Sunday 2017, St. Stephen and St. Henry choirs participated in "Cadiz Trigg Unity Celebration" uniting the community through song and celebration. The service was held at the Trigg County Recreation Complex, where there was a big turnout for the celebration. Choirs and praise bands participating were Living Proof Band, Family Worship Center Praise Band, Bloomfield Missionary Baptist Trinity, Gracie & Matt, Delmont Baptist Church, Jerry Birl, St. Stephen Catholic Church, St. Henry Catholic Church, Littler River Baptist Church, Ponderosa Baptist Church, Cadiz United Methodist Church, Mt. Zion CME Church. Each sang songs and in between choir's ministers from the churches spoke about "Peace," "Love," "Unity," and "Respect." At the end of the service all sang "Thank You, Lord, for Your Blessings on Me." After the service there was a time for fellowship and hors d'oeuvres and desserts that were provided by the churches. Photo courtesy of Stephen Washer.



Bilingual Triduum celebrated in Sebree

St. Michael Parish in Sebree held bilingual liturgies in English and Spanish for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. In addition to the Good Friday liturgy, St. Michael's also celebrated Via Crucis, in which the Way of the Cross is prayed while walking through the town's streets.



Via Crucis on Good Friday 2017 in Sebree. Photo courtesy of Jenny Glenn.



Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, pastor of St. Michael Parish in Sebree, baptizes a young man during the Easter Vigil on April 15. Photo courtesy of Jenny Glenn.

Mission Immersion Experience

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Photo highlights from 2017 Holy Week with Bishop Medley

Every year in the Catholic Church, Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and leads to the Paschal Triduum. The Triduum, which lasts from the evening of Holy Thursday until the evening of Easter Sunday, is the shortest liturgical season in the Church, and is actually one liturgy stretched over three days. The Easter season follows the Triduum and concludes at Pentecost. Below are photos from the Triduum celebrated by Bishop William F. Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro, held at St. Stephen Cathedral. *Photos by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead unless otherwise noted.*



Altar server Keaton Leigh holds the processional cross decorated with palms during the outdoor portion of Palm Sunday Mass with Bishop Medley on April 9, 2017.



At April 11, 2017 Chrism Mass in the Diocese of Owensboro, held at the Owensboro Sportscenter, altar servers carry the sacred chrism from the sanctuary after it has been consecrated by Bishop Medley. The chrism was later placed in small, individual vials for each parish to keep in their church. Pictured are (left to right) seminarian Chris Kight, Leann Lyon, and seminarian Corey Bruns. The sacred chrism is used at baptisms, confirmations and ordinations.



A man touches the cross during the Veneration of the Cross at St. Stephen Cathedral on Good Friday, April 14, 2017. As part of the Good Friday liturgy, faithful were invited to make an act of veneration toward the cross, which contained a relic of the True Cross. Some people took off their shoes before approaching the cross, based on an ancient tradition; some kissed the cross and others simply bowed.



Bishop Medley greets baby Ezra Roby, who with dad, Zac, had his feet washed during the Holy Thursday liturgy at St. Stephen Cathedral on April 13, 2017. Photo courtesy of Rob Abney.



People light each other's candles during the Easter Vigil at St. Stephen Cathedral the night of April 15. Motifs of light and darkness are prevalent during the Easter Vigil, and symbolize the light of Christ dispelling the darkness of sin. Photo by Tina Kasey/Office of Communications.

Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

En mayo de 1917, el mundo estaba en el último año y medio de lo que históricamente se ha llamado la Primera Guerra Mundial. Por supuesto no fue nombrada con este nombre distintivo hasta más después en el siglo cuando las naciones del mundo habían lanzado a otra guerra global conocida como la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Antes de ese tiempo, en las primeras décadas del siglo veinte el conflicto fue conocido como la “Gran Guerra”, o también irónicamente, la “guerra para terminar todas las guerras.” Le han seguida guerras en Corea, Vietnam, Iraq I y II, y Afganistán; guerras con bastante participación por los Estados Unidos. Han surgido cientos de guerras a través del mundo después de aquella guerra para terminar con todas las guerras. Tal vez en los cien años desde 1917 se ha visto más conflictos armados que en cualquier otro siglo.

En mayo de 1917 Europa estaba destrozada por la guerra. Algunas naciones habían perdido casi toda una generación de hombres jóvenes. Mientras la guerra terminaba llegando al armisticio firmado en noviembre del 1918, las semillas de conflicto y la guerra en el futuro ya estaban sembradas con la llegada del movimiento comunista internacional, algo que ya estaba fuerte en Rusia ya en este entonces.

Justo en este torbellino político, la Madre Santísima, siempre enviada por su Hijo Jesús, se apareció el 13 de mayo de 1917 ante tres niños campesinos. Siguiendo la abundante tradición bíblica, María escogió a tres niños que eran conocidos como pastores: Lucía, de 9 años, Francisco, de 8 años y Jacinta, de 7 de años. El lugar de la aparición fue Fátima en Portugal.

En sus mensajes a los niños en sus apariciones recurrentes durante los próximos seis meses, María exhortó a los niños promover el rezo del rosario por la Paz en el mundo y ser mensajeros de arrepentimiento por el pecado.

En la observancia del centenario de Nuestra Señora de Fátima, nuestra devoción debe prestar atención a las exhortaciones de María. La paz en el mundo sigue siendo algo ilusorio. Todos los poderes militares más fuertes en el mundo todavía siguen en pie para probar la voluntad de los

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CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA MAYO DEL 2017:

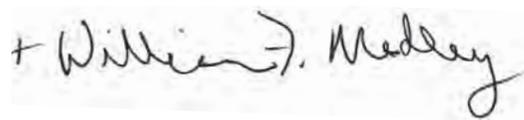
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MAYO 4	6:30 p.m. Confirmación – San Lorenzo, Knottsville
MAYO 6	10:00 a.m. Graduación – Universidad de Brescia 5:00 p.m. Confirmación – San Dionisio, Fancy Farm
MAYO 7	8:00 a.m. Confirmación – San Agustín, Reed 3:00 a.m. Confirmación – Santa María del Bosque, Whitesville
MAYO 8	5:30 p.m. Cena de Agradecimiento de los DRE – Catedral de San Esteban
MAYO 9	Reunión del CCK – Louisville Reunión de los Obispos de la Provincia – Louisville
MAYO 10	Reunión de los Obispos de la Provincia – Louisville 6:00 p.m. Confirmación – San Sebastián/San Carlos
MAYO 11	9:00 a.m. Misa Escolar – Campus de K-3 de la Escuela Católica de Owensboro
MAYO 13	4:30 p.m. Confirmación – San José, Central City
MAYO 14	2:00 p.m. Graduación – Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro
MAYO 15	10:00 a.m. Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC 1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC
MAYO 16	Reunión del CCK – Frankfort 6:30 p.m. Confirmación – Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, Owensboro
MAYO 17	8:30 a.m. Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – MCC
MAYO 18	10:00 a.m. Misa con Elecciones – Hermanas de Glenmary
MAYO 19	7:00 p.m. Graduación – Escuela Preparatoria de la Trinidad, Whitesville
MAYO 20	7:00 p.m. Graduación – Escuela Preparatoria de Santa María, Paducah
MAYO 21	8:30 a.m. Confirmación – Santa María, Franklin 4:00 a.m. Confirmación – Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville
MAYO 23	Horas de Oficina en Paducah
MAYO 24	6:00 p.m. Confirmación – Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam
MAYO 28	10:30 a.m. Confirmación – San Enrique, Aurora 3:00 p.m. 10 Aniversario del Río Gasper
MAYO 31	6:00 p.m. Confirmación – Preciosísima Sangre, Owensboro

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otros. Pareciera que la internacionalización del terrorismo cambia la situación cada dos, tres meses. Podemos ensalzar y hasta canonizar a las voces de los que trabajaban por la paz como el San Juan XXIII, San Juan Pablo II, y Santa Teresa de Calcuta; de que realmente no se toman sus voces proféticas con seriedad cuando viene las guerras y aspectos de bélicos.

Podría ser una tentación decir que María y su Hijo no nos dan la paz porque no oramos. Sin embargo nosotros rezamos por la paz; nuestros padres y abuelos han orado por la paz. Por supuesto, todos podemos ser más devotos en nuestra oración por la paz, todos podemos promover rezar el rosario. El formulario de María no está fuera de moda.

Mientras observamos en centenario de las exhortaciones de Nuestra Señora al mundo a través de los tres niños pastores, tal vez podemos reorientar nuestras oraciones a la paz. Sí, Señor, cambia los corazones de los líderes del mundo para que busquen la justicia y la paz y no la guerra. Pero más esencialmente, tal vez, en nuestra oración podríamos hacer eco de la Oración de San Francisco de Asís. Oremos por ser instrumentos de la paz que anhelamos ver. Que trabajemos por la paz en nuestros matrimonios, nuestras familias, nuestros lugares de trabajo, nuestras parroquias. ¿Podríamos ser testigos de la paz en cada parte de nuestras vidas?



Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

Ferias Parroquiales del 2017

FECHA	HORA DE SERVIR	PARROQUIA
3 Junio	Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.	San José, Leitchfield
10 Junio	4-9pm Evento SPIRITFEST	Santo Espíritu, Bowling Green
10 Junio	Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.	San Pio X, Owensboro
8 Julio	Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.	San Alfonso, San José
5 Agosto	Sirviendo al mediodía	Santísimo Sacramento, Owensboro
9 Septiembre	Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.	Santísima Madre, Owensboro
16 Septiembre	Sirviendo de 4-8 p.m.	Cristo Rey, Madisonville
23 Septiembre	Comida y Rifa 2-4 p.m.	Inmaculada, Owensboro
24 Septiembre	Sirviendo al mediodía	San Leo, Murray
24 Septiembre	Sirviendo 1 p.m.	San Miguel, Sebree

Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

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

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

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

Las asignaciones sacerdotales

Efectivo el 13 de junio del 2017

Mikulcik, Padre Ken: Párroco, Parroquia Sagrado Corazón, Russellville.

Buckner, Padre Mark: Párroco, Parroquia de San Antonio, Browns Valley.

Thomas, Padre Shaiju: Párroco, Parroquia de Santa María Magdalena en Sorgho y Parroquia de Santa Isabel en Curdsville.

Joseph, Padre Jojy: Párroco, Parroquia de San Pablo en Princeton y Parroquia San Marcos en Eddyville.

Abiero, Padre Michael Chas.: Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia de Santa María del Bosque, Whitesville y Parroquia de San Juan, Fordsville.

Clark, Padre Gary: Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia San José, Bowling Green.

Bremer, Padre Al: Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah, sigue siendo capellán de la prisión, ayudando con el ministerio sacramental de Parroquia San Francisco de Asís en el Condado de Todd.

Thompson, Padre Will: Dedicarse a estudios de derecho canónico en la Universidad Católica de América en Washington, D.C.

McBride, Padre Larry: Ya no fungirá como co-director de la Oficina de Culto; sigue como párroco de la Parroquia del Santo Nombre, Henderson, efectivo enero 2017.



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Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

13th & Madison Streets, Beaver Dam, KY 42320

Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

Jueves – 6:30 p.m.

Sábados – 7:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Contacto: Sra. Gina Holmes (270) 777-5925

Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís, Elkton

Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

Misa en Guthrie, KY – 6:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220

Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335

o Roberto Cruz (270) 498-8559

Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134

Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús,

Henderson

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420

Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172

Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo,

Hopkinsville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Contacto: Padre Basilio Az Cuc (270) 885-8522 o Mayra

Tirado (270) 498-6456

Parroquia San José, Leitchfield

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

109 West Walnut Street, Leitchfield KY 42754

Contacto: Padre Steve Hohman (270) 784-1520

Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431

Contacto: Padre Juan Vaughan (270) 821-5494

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066

Contacto: Hermana Eloisa Torralba (270) 356-0339

Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261

Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071

Contacto: Padre Eugene Batungbacal (270) 753-3876

Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303

Contacto: Hermana Pilar Hinojosa (706) 936-3525

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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

Lourdes)

5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001

Contacto: Hermana Celia Sanchez (423) 883-5757

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

296 West 6th Street, Russellville, KY 42276

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

Parroquia Cristo Rey, Scottsville

Cada Primer Martes de Mes – 7:00 p.m.

298 Bluegrass Drive, Scottsville, KY 42164

Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree

Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.

Jueves – 12:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455

Contacto: Patti Gutiérrez (270) 302-2782 o Padre

Carmelo Jiménez (270) 881-7737



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¡El proceso del V Encuentro ha empezado en la Diócesis de Owensboro!

El quinto proceso de Encuentro en los Estados Unidos invita a los líderes diocesanos y parroquiales a tener un encuentro con los católicos hispanos, especialmente con los que viven en las periferias. La meta del V Encuentro es discernir maneras en que la Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos pueda responder, servir e involucrar mejor a los hispanos como discípulos misioneros. Póngase en contacto con su parroquia para aprender cómo el proceso del V Encuentro se está implementando al nivel local y visita vencuentro.org para aprender más sobre el proceso al nivel nacional.

El Campamento del Río Gasper existe gracias al ‘Obispo McRaith y el Espíritu Santo’

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

En febrero del 2017, más o menos un mes antes de que se falleciera, preguntaron al Obispo Juan J. McRaith cuál había sido su mejor recuerdo del Campamento Juvenil y Centro de Retiros Católicos del Río Gasper en Bowling Green.

Después de una pausa, dijo con calma, “Que podrías hacer hasta lo imposible con la gente correcta.”

La entrevista del 10 de febrero del 2017 con el Obispo McRaith era para añadir algo a este quinto artículo en la serie del Católico de Kentucky Occidental celebrando los 10 años del Río Gasper. Pero ahora es más conmovedor después de la muerte el 19 de marzo del 2017 del obispo emérito.

Siguiendo con la entrevista en febrero: “(Río Gasper) fue un éxito muy rápido,” dijo Obispo McRaith. “Y fue por el trabajo de Melinda y Ben - y muchas otras personas también,” dijo de Melinda Prunty, anterior directora diocesana del ministerio a los adolescentes y Ben Warrell, director del Río Gasper.

El Obispo McRaith le contó al WKC la historia que se ha hecho famosa del día que compraron la propiedad cerca a Bowling Green, en el año 2007, por casi \$1.5 millones. Después de comprarla, el obispo, Prunty y la Hermana José Ángela Boone, OSU (la anterior directora diocesana de administración), ya tenían hambre.

“Llegamos a un restaurant de comida rápida y ordenamos almuerzo y la Hermana José Ángela le preguntó a Melinda si tenía dinero,” contó el Obispo McRaith. “La Hermana José Ángela dijo, ‘¡tenía



Como regalo por su 25 aniversario como obispo de Owensboro, y reconocimiento a su corazón de campesino, el personal diocesano juntó un poco de tierra de los diferentes lugares donde el Obispo McRaith había servido. Se las presentaron en una vitrina con marco de madera durante un día de personal en el Río Gasper el 16 de mayo del 2008. Foto por Mel Howard.

un millón de dólares cuando salí de la casa, pero ya gasté todo!”

“Se me hace una historia tan chistosa,” añadió el Obispo McRaith. Estaba sonriendo mientras contaba la historia hasta soltó la risa antes de terminar la anécdota.

No se arrepienta

Ben Warrell habló con el WKC el 12 de abril, describiendo al difunto obispo como “un hombre fiel

que era como un abuelo a los adolescentes.”

Warrell contó que habló con el Obispo McRaith después de la fiesta de jubilación en el 2009, y recuerda que el Obispo McRaith le dijo que “no estoy arrepentido de muchas cosas que hice como Obispo, pero sí siento que hubiéramos empezado el campamento más pronto.”

Warrell dijo que la dedicación del Obispo McRaith al campamento fue basada en sus raíces campesinas de Minnesota, lo cual le dio un

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amor a la naturaleza y a “ensuciarse las manos” – y animando a otros apreciar la creación de Dios.

El Obispo McRaith vivió por muchos años un tráiler doble con un poco de terreno para sembrar, y Warrell dijo que la actitud del obispo de “ser accesible y alcanzable” incluyó también llevar a los que llegaban de visita a pasear en un carro de heno atrás de su tractor.

Su actitud también influía su compromiso al campamento y centro de retiros, comentó Warrell.

“Él mostraba su pasión por la juventud y que deben sentir importantes y necesarios para la Iglesia,” dijo Warrell.

Guiado por el Espíritu

El Padre Mike Williams es el director espiritual del campamento y centro de retiros, y ha estado involucrado con el campamento desde el principio.

“Solamente mirando el crecimiento” en estos últimos 10 años, “muestra que fue una buena decisión para nuestra diócesis y la iglesia universal,” dijo Williams.

Él contó que ve familias cambiadas a través de Gasper, y niños que se emocionan por ir a Misa y a la confesión.

“Creo que el Espíritu Santo es el que guio al Obispo McRaith comprar este lugar,” dijo. “Estoy bastante satisfecho viendo hasta donde el Espíritu Santo ha llevado (Gasper) en 10 años.”

Charles Kamuf, Sr., es el abogado de la Diócesis de Owensboro que se encargó de todos los detalles, las negociaciones y papeleo para establecer un campamento para la diócesis.

Él también contaba con el Obispo McRaith como uno de sus más queridos amigos.

“Él fue un visionario y tenía otros visionarios a su

lado,” contó Kamuf, haciendo referencia a Warrell, Prunty y el P. Ken Mikulcik, y otros que trabajaron con el Obispo McRaith para realizar el proyecto de Gasper.

Los siete nietos de Kamuf asisten a Gasper cada verano y él anima a otros abuelos informar a sus nietos sobre el campamento: “A los niños les encanta ir.”

“(El Obispo McRaith) tuvo muchos éxitos importantes, pero ninguno más grande que el Río Gasper,” comentó Kamuf. “Si no fuera por el obispo nunca hubiera empezado; y nunca hubiera tenido éxito si no fuera por el Espíritu Santo.”

Un agradecimiento

Al final de la entrevista en febrero de 2017 con el WKC, el Obispo McRaith compartió unos pensamientos sobre el 10 aniversario del campamento.

“Con frecuencia la gente me dice que la mejor cosa que ocurrió durante mi tiempo de obispo fue el campamento,” contó. “Eso fue común que alguien dijera así...pienso para sumar todo, fue el trabajo de Dios que se llevara a cabo.”

También ofreció una palabra a “la gente de fe” involucrada con Gasper: “Solo quiero agradecer a los que hicieron posible tener al Río Gasper, y gracias a los que sacrifican para que siga.”

“Ahora ha llegado ser una parte importante de la diócesis,” dijo.

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Triduo Bilingüe celebrado en Sebree



El Vía Crucis caminando el Viernes Santo 2017 en Sebree. Foto por cortesía de Jenny Glenn.



El Padre Carmelo Jiménez, párroco de la Parroquia San Miguel en Sebree bautiza a un joven durante la Vigilia Pascual el 15 de abril.

La Parroquia de San Miguel en Sebree celebró liturgias bilingües para el Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y la Vigilia Pascual el Sábado Santo. Aparte de la liturgia del Viernes Santo, San Miguel también celebró el Vía Crucis, en el cual rezaron las estaciones de la cruz caminando en las calles del pueblo.

Fotos de la Semana Santa 2017 con el Obispo Medley

Cada año en la Iglesia Católica, la Semana Santa empieza con el domingo de Ramos y llega al Triduo Pascual. El Triduo, el cual comienza en la noche del Jueves Santo y termina en la noche del Domingo de Pascua, es el tiempo litúrgico más corto en la Iglesia, y actualmente es una sola liturgia que dura tres días. El tiempo de Pascua le sigue al Triduo y concluye con Pentecostés. A continuación podrán ver fotografías del Triduo celebrado por el Obispo William F. Medley de la Diócesis de Owensboro en la Catedral de San Esteban. Fotos por el personal de WKC si no hay nota.



Monaguillos Keaton Leigh lleva la cruz en la procesión adornada con palmas durante la parte que se celebra afuera en la Misa de Domingo de Ramos con el Obispo Medley el 9 de abril del 2017.



En la Misa Crismal de la Diócesis de Owensboro llevado a cabo en el Centro Deportivo de Owensboro el 11 de abril del 2017; los acólitos trasladan el santo crisma desde el santuario después de su consagración por el Obispo Medley. Después el crisma fue colocado en pequeñas botellas individuales para el uso local de cada parroquia. El santo crisma se utiliza en los bautizos, las confirmaciones y ordenaciones.



Un hombre toca la cruz durante la Veneración de la Cruz en la Catedral de San Esteban el Viernes Santo, 14 de abril del 2017. Como parte de la liturgia del Viernes Santo, se invita a los fieles realizar un acto de veneración hacia la cruz, la cual contiene una reliquia de la Verdadera Cruz. Algunos se retiraron el calzado antes de acercarse a la cruz, basado en una antigua tradición; algunos besaron la cruz y otros simplemente hacen una reverencia.



Obispo Medley saluda al bebé Ezra Roby, quien participó en el lavatorio de los pies junto con su papá Zac en la liturgia del Jueves Santo en la Catedral de San Esteban el 13 de abril del 2017. Foto por cortesía de Rob Abney.



Las personas encienden sus velas durante la Vigilia Pascual en la Catedral de San Esteban en la noche del 15 de abril. Los temas de luz y tinieblas son centrales durante la Vigilia Pascual y simbolizan la luz de Cristo dispersando las tinieblas del pecado.



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St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

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St. Ann, Morganfield

Bryan & Nicole Hendrickson, 10
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Chapman & Debbie Ruark, 40
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Robert & Alice Griggs, 51
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St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Gene & Pauline Wink, 58
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Jim & Lillie Lanham, 60
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Harry & Rose White, 55

St. Elizabeth, Curdsville

Aaron & Emily Leach, 10

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Troy & Katie Hollowell, 5
Mathew & Shirley Valerius, 53
Matthew & Sharon DiCicco, 50
Richard & Janice Yasko, 53

St. Henry, Aurora

Robert & Mage Norman, 51
Glen & Mary Ellen Soucy, 62

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Levi & Mallery Fowler, 10
David & Jennifer Kaler, 25
Alan & Phyllis Wilson, 40
Wm. Dewey & Mary Ruth Hobbs, 66
Raymond & Norma Thompson, 63
Will Ed & Charlene Mills, 59
William J. & Donna Thomas, 62

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Louis & Linda Townzen, 25

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Roque & Maria Portillo, 5
Dane & Melinda Herman, 10
John & Denise Breen, 50
Benny & Cissy Clark, 52
Robert & Carole Lastufka, 63
William & Judith Liscomb, 56

Douglas & Roxanne Nordike, 52

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

David & Amelia Thompson, 52
Luke & Molly Critchelow, 5
Raymond & Nellie Stevenson, 56

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Raudel & Alma Delia Arellano, 10
Marvin & Ollie Lee, 58
Richard & Susie Greene, 50

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Kenneth R. & Joyce Payne, 40
Stephen & Debbie Postlewaite, 40

St. Leo, Murray

William & Cheryl Whitaker, 51
Ronald & Joyce Sallin, 55
John & Marilyn Mikulcic, 56
Samuel & Patricia Willett, 52
Richard Parker & Ann Neelon, 25
Austin & Ragan Mare Black, 5
Jason & Adrianna Zellemer, 10
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St. Martin, Rome

Sylvester & Barbara Fischer, 52
Jerry & Liz Hamilton, 57

St. Mark, Eddyville

James & Margie Hibbard, 59
Jackie & Dorothy Kirk, 52
Douglas & Maureen McCartney, 52

St. Mary, Franklin

J. Major & Joann Bradford, 60

St. Mary, LaCenter

Michael & Evelyn McGowan, 57
Danny & Judy Poole, 50
Bud & Gayle Waltmon, 52

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

John & Patsy Hartz, 52

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady

Shelby & Loretta Newton, 56

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

B. B. & Shirley Howard, 50
Fred & Phyllis Barr, 51
Ellis & Sharon Edge, 56
Floyd & Christine Edge, 54
Joseph & Jackie Head, 68
Herman & Dorothy Higdon, 58
Hugh & Mary Jo Johnson, 52
Cecil & Frances Payne, 60
Joe & Patricia Wright, 54

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Anthony & Janet Lombard, 59
Robert & Eva Maria Smith, 54

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Homer & Renee Milliner, 50

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

David & Tammy Wimsatt, 30

St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly

Jonathan & Lori Steward, 10
Malcolm & Leslie Wheatley, 52

James & Cassidy Brown, 5
David & Maryann Eckman, 40

St. Pius X, Calvert City

Harold & Fran Dacus, 5
St. Pius X, Owensboro
Ottaway & Lisa Burns Kirby, 5
Robert & Kimberly Merritt, 10

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

William & Sally Hinton, 54
Donnie & Mary Vessels, 54
Joe & Minnie Nimmo, 58
Bernie & Ginny Flood, 52
Jim & Betty Heavrin, 40
Allen & Brittany Conder, 5

St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

Thomas & Betty Mangum, 25
James D. & Barbara Mattingly, 54
Mike & Patty Rarden, 40

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Jose C. & Britney Carmona, 5
Wally & Lisa Taylor, 25
Harry & Peggy Bellew, 52
Frank & Skippy Hayden, 68
Bill & Brenda Kelley, 53
Jim & Karen Keough, 53
Mills & Monika Logan, 59
Zackary & Sarah Roby, 5

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Derrick & Erica Ferguson, 5
John & Rachel Phelan, 5
David & Lucy Shoulta, 5
Bill & Nancy Sturgis, 56
John & Lena O'Nan, 57
Mike & Betty Polashock, 57

St. William, Knottsville

Fred & Jessica Coomes, 5
Eric & Cassie Mae Howe, 5
Eric & Shana McBride, 10
Hubert & Joyce Hurm, 50
Harold & Patricia Bennett, 57
Tony & Diana Elliott, 56
Walter & Mary Isbill, 58
Joseph & Marianne McPherson, 52
Robert & Anna Turner, 66
Jack & Mary Ann Haycraft, 56

SS. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Glenn & Janette Hays, 10
Ben & Tabitha Grant, 25
Larry Ray & Arlene Dunn, 50
Lyn & Rita Hardesty, 54
William & Mary Ellen Brown, 52
David & Anna Faye Montgomery, 53
William & Carla Payne, 57
Fred & Joan Roberts, 63

SS. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Gary & Debbie Harden, 40
Michael & Mary Kay Green, 51
Donald & Mary Ann Moore, 60

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana

Summer Social

Friday, June 2, 2017 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. EDT
Saturday, June 3, 2017 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. EDT

- Two concerts on Friday • Color Run on Saturday • 35 booths •
- Virtual Almighty Duck Race • Quilt Raffle • Grand Raffle •

Come hungry! We'll have a Friday night fish fry, Saturday chicken dinners, barbecue, bratwurst, hamburgers, hot dogs, pork chops, walking tacos, baked goods, and lots more!

Monastery Immaculate Conception
802 E. 10th St.
Ferdinand, Indiana, 47532

Monastery Immaculate Conception is one mile north of Exit 63 on Interstate 64. Once in Ferdinand, turn east on 10th Street and follow the signs.



For more information:
<http://www.thedome.org/event/social>
812-367-1411

Indiana Festival License #142964



September 8-10

Mount Saint Joseph
Maple Mount, Kentucky

More details coming soon!

Join our Focus on Faith Book Study

"The Joy of Love" Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis



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

May 11

• June 8 • Aug. 10

• Sept. 14 • Oct. 12 • Nov. 9 • Dec. 14

Feel free to attend any and all sessions.

Classes led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU.

\$20 per class (includes lunch)

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

kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

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Mount Saint Joseph
Conference and Retreat Center

8001 Cummings Road
Maple Mount, Kentucky 42356

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

MAY

- 2 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Mary the Mother of God**
- 10 Owensboro Catholic 6th Grade Prayer Day
- 11 Focus on Faith Book Study**
- 12-14 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 13 Private Wedding Reception
- 20-21 Mount Saint Joseph Academy Reunion

JUNE

- 2-4 Yarn Spinners Retreat**
- 6 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Mandalas**
- 6-8 Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers Workshop
- 8 Focus on Faith Book Study**
- 9-11 Christian Women's Retreat
- 17 Ursuline Associates & Sisters Day
- 19 Living, Learning with Love lunch
- 25-30 Christian Leadership Institute

JULY

- 5 Catholic Schools Food Inservice Day
- 8 Deacon Aspirants
- 11 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Centering Prayer**
- 12-14 Ursuline Sisters Community Days
- 16-21 Women Religious Conference and Directed Retreats**
- 23-29 St. John's Youth Michigan (Habitat)
- 23-27 Diocese of Owensboro Deacons Retreat
- 31-4 Spiritual Direction Training (Week 8)**

Center-sponsored programs are BOLD. Please call to register. Also call to schedule an event. **270-229-0206**

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MAY 2017 BULLETIN BOARD

MD to KY genealogy conference in June

The 2017 Maryland to Kentucky and Beyond Genealogy Conference will be held June 22-25, 2017, at Brescia University in Owensboro. To learn more or to register for the conference, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/mdtoky3/>, follow the conference at [Facebook.com/MDtoKYandBeyondInc](https://www.facebook.com/MDtoKYandBeyondInc) or contact president of the board of directors, Jane Hagan Smith, at marylandtokentucky@gmail.com or (502) 366-4962 or (502) 552-8087 (cell).

1917-Fatima-2017: 100 Years

To help celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fatima, all are invited to come and see the 1952 classic religious movie, "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima," at St. John the Evangelist Parish (Paducah) on Wednesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the church which will be professionally shown on a 12-foot screen. This showing is sponsored by those who want to share the important message of Our Lady of Fatima even for our day, 100 years later. The evening will be free, so all can come and be inspired. For more information call (270) 554-3810.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development seeks 2017 applicants

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. Every November the Diocese of Owensboro participates in the CCHD collection, and a percentage of the collection is retained to provide funding for local organizations that meet CCHD criteria. The diocese's Catholic Charities office allocates the funding through grants. To obtain an application, contact Richard Murphy in the diocese's Office of Social Concerns at (270) 683-1545 or richard.murphy@pasto-

ral.org. Applications must be received by May 20, 2017 so grants can be awarded on or before June 20, 2017. Learn more at owensborodiocese.org/cchd.

Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation

Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. First Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. The \$20 fee includes dinner in the Center dining room. To register, contact Kathy McCarty: (270) 229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org.
June 6: Sister Ann McGrew - Mandalas
July 11: Sister Marietta Wethington - Centering Prayer
Aug. 1: Sister Ann McGrew - Lectio Divina
Sept. 5: Sister Vivian Bowles - Responding to our Losses through Healthy Grieving
Oct. 3: Sister Ruth Gehres - With Great and Longing Heart

Alzheimer's education programs in May

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease: Designed for general public; \$5 donation suggested, \$15 fee for professionals. May 18, 2017, 12-1 p.m. PADD Office, 300 Hammond Dr., Hopkinsville. **Dementia Conversations:** This workshop will offer tips on having honest and caring conversations with family members with Alzheimer's. \$5 donation suggested. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. May 18, 2017, 1:30-2:30 p.m. PADD Office, 300 Hammond Dr., Hopkinsville. **Living with Alzheimer's Series;** For Caregivers Only: This series of programs will provide answers to the questions that arise in the early, middle, and late stages of the disease. \$5 donation suggested. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. **Early Stages:** May 16, 2017, 5-7:30 p.m., Health Park, Classroom A, Owensboro. **Middle Stages:** July 20, Same Time & Location. **Late Stages:** August 17, Same time and location.

Nominate your favorite teacher

for 2017 Educator of the Year!

Attention parents and students of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Owensboro: has a teacher changed you or your child's life for the better? If so, nominate this teacher for the Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year! To find a nomination form and eligibility requirements, visit owensborodiocese.org/educator-award/. This award is sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Schools Office and the Principals Association, and the award will be determined by a committee of judges. Nomination deadline is July 1, 2017.

Intercultural competencies workshop coming to diocese in June

On June 6-8, 2017, the Diocese of Owensboro will host a workshop titled "Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers," held at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center in Maple Mount. Participants will learn how to better frame issues of diversity in terms of the Church's identity and mission to evangelize; seek an understanding of culture and how it works; develop intercultural communication skills in pastoral settings; expand one's knowledge of the obstacles which impede effective intercultural relations; and foster ecclesial integration rather than assimilation in church settings, with a spirituality of reconciliation and mission. Learn more at owensborodiocese.org/bicmworkshop.

Feisty Fifties of Immaculate going to Canada in September

Join the Feisty Fifties of Immaculate Parish and Diamond Tours as we journey northward to Canada. A passport is required. We will visit Montreal, Quebec City, and Canada's Capital City, Ottawa, with a guided tour of each location. A visit to Montreal's Notre Dame Basilica is on tap as well as seeing their "Underground City." We will also enjoy a narrated cruise on the St. Lawrence River, and visiting many other locations. The tour is 10 days and 9 nights,

9 breakfasts and 7 dinners, from Sept. 8-17 for the price of \$950 per person, two in a room. For a single add \$350 more. Deposit of \$75 is payable now and the final payment is due July 1, 2017. Learn more at www.GroupTrips.com/FeistyFifties or request a flyer at ben.mickey@juno.com or call Mickey at (270) 685-3015.

Catholic Women's Retreat Aug. 25-26, 2017

This retreat features Hallie Lord, Catholic blogger, speaker and author and Cyndi Spivey, a Christian faith and fashion blogger, and will take place at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park. Bishop William F. Medley will preside over Mass on Saturday morning. Cost is \$25 if registered by July 20. Visit owensborodiocese.org/womens-retreat/ for more information or call Staci Ellegood at (270) 804-0411

St. Pius X Vacation Bible School

St. Pius X is hosting Vacation Bible School, with the theme of Hometown Nazareth, held the week of June 19-23, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. VBS includes lunch each day, along with a t-shirt given out at the beginning of the week. VBS is FREE! We will conclude the week with a celebration Mass on Sunday, June 25 at the 11 a.m. Mass. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Jeanie Lewis at (270) 264-9818 or at lewisfamily2008@bellsouth.net.

Eucharistic Adoration at the Mount

Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel, second Sunday of each month; 4-5 p.m. Adoration will conclude with evening prayer. Adoration also takes place every Friday from 3-5 p.m.

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

One of Holy Trinity's eldest parishioners is a 'hidden jewel'

BY EUGENIA WYLIE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

One of our eldest members of our small parish, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, in Morgantown, Ky., is a hidden jewel. Elizabeth "Reid" Gent, who is 88 years young, was born on April 16, 1928, of a hard-shell Baptist father and a Catholic mother in Tonawanda, N.Y. She was the oldest of twin sisters by five whole minutes.

Sitting down with Elizabeth (Beth) after Mass one Sunday, I asked her a few questions about her life. Happily she took me down memory lane. Beth allowed me to look back with her, as she took me sight-seeing into a world before my time.

Beth, along with her twin, followed two older brothers; a houseful for working parents.

Beth's father worked hard and sent all his children to a paid private Catholic school in New York, Mount St. Mary Academy. She remembered it was five miles from their home and her dad had to pay this tuition during the Great Depression.

"It was a hard thing to do back then but he promised all us kids would be schooled in a Catholic school and we were," said Beth.

Beth's mother was a homemaker who made all their clothing by hand. She was also the taxi driver for the nuns at their church, St. Francis of Assisi in Tonawanda, N.Y. Her mother along with all the demands of her busy life found time to play bridge and became a life master at the game. Bridge was a popular card game of the time.

Beth remembers her time attending Mass at St. Francis of Assisi. She spoke of how she and her siblings would get up early to attend Mass at 6 o'clock in the morning.

"You didn't eat before Mass then and you dressed appropriately," she said. "You were not allowed to wear shorts or casual clothes to Mass. If you showed up to Mass dressed in shorts the priest would send you right back out. You would have to go home and change into a dress before being allowed to attend."

Beth recalls St. Francis of Assisi's pastor, Fr. Weissmantle, a German who was a tough guy, "but he wasn't as tough as our cemetery priest." Fr. Weissmantle did a five-minute talk and when another priest would do a sermon, Fr. Weissmantle would hold the priest at five minutes also. Beth laughed as she told us, "you could hear Fr. Weissmantle clearing his throat letting, the priest talking know -

time's up."

To read the story "A Hidden Jewel" in its entirety, (and more stories like it), visit Holy Trinity Parish's website at holytrinitycatholicchurch.net, click on News and Events, and the story will be found under Latest News.

Eugenia Wylie attends Holy Trinity Parish in Morgantown.



Elizabeth (Reid) Gent makes rosaries at Holy Trinity Parish in 2016. Photo courtesy of Eugenia Wylie.



Summer Retreats for Women Religious...

*mysticism of desire:
the way of spiritual intimacy*

July 16-21, 2017

Led by Father Daniel Renaud, OMI

*Also Available: Directed Retreats led by
Sister Helen O'Brien and Sister Mary Matthias Ward*

This retreat will rehabilitate desire as the spiritual energy nourishing our spiritual lives. Through prayer and discernment, we will deepen our intimacy with God. As we companion closely with Saint Ignatius and with other mystics, we will honor our true reality as beloved people while unmasking our many false religious imaginings. We can see when letting the Spirit of Jesus rise from our depths, our lives will irrigate our parched communities and our world.

DIRECTED RETREATANTS meet each day with a spiritual guide and spend quiet time with God.

The retreats begin at 6 p.m. Sunday. The cost to attend is \$450 or \$275 for commuters. Please join us.

To register, contact Kathy: (270) 229-0206
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Find a brochure at ursulinesmsj.org under Conference & Retreat Center



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Cursillo helps participants know, spread God's love

BY JULIE TIELL, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Kelley Wheatley, men's Cursillo coordinator, writes: "The Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Owensboro Men's 71st Weekend was blessed with five wonderful candidates. Our Cursillo Weekend went beautifully with the help of a wonderful team, Fr. Tom Buckman, Deacon Nick Nichols, and the Holy Spirit. We are looking forward to the Men's 72nd Weekend in March 2018." Pictured are: (front row) Charlie Krampe, Paul Haycraft, Kelley Wheatley, Roger Westfall, Garvise Ebert, Benjamin Hanks, Mike Fallin, Bob Stallings, Scott Elliot, Bob Payne, Tommy Wagner; (back row) Tom Torson, Ken Buckner, Denis Wheatley, Ken Woodward, Fr. Tom Buckman, Marty Schroeder, John Henning, Jim Fallin, Eddie Gray, Richard Dale, Danny Alderson.



The 73rd Women's Cursillo was the last one to occur in Hawesville. All future Cursillos for the men as well as the women will be at Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center in Maple Mount. Pictured are (left to right): (front row) Kim Haire, Julie Tiell; (second row) Ruth Dale, Mary Hagan, Sandy Hardesty, Anita Schroeder, Martha Wheatley, Vanessa Hess, Teresa Westerfield; (third row) JoAshley Hall, Mary Grace Woodward, Donna Nichols, Rachael Gily, Jan Buckner, Katherine Woodward, Amy Hess, Carrie Wheatley, Barb Isenberg; (fourth row) Cecelia Hamilton, Chris Westfall, Patricia Carr, Mary Lee, Cami Frey, Mary Moehlman, Fr. Tom Buckman, Felicia Elliott, Ashley Haycraft, Bettie Stone. Photo courtesy of the Diocese of Owensboro Cursillo.

The 73rd Women's Cursillo Weekend was held at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Hawesville on March 23-26. The theme of the weekend was Jeremiah 3:33: "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." The theme song was "Alone," sung by Aimee' Wasinski.

We experienced what it means to live a life of grace and share it with our sisters. When I attended my weekend, I went because I was seeking help. I went because it was an answer to a prayer I did not

even know I had. I learned through the grace of God that I am not alone. I experienced God's love that March weekend in 2011, and so I wanted to help others know God's love as well.

After attending a wonderfully spiritual weekend, I did not want to lose what I had found at the Cursillo. Luckily for me, Cursillo had a plan for perseverance, Group Reunion and Ultreya. It is only natural for us to want to share the Good News and bring Christ into our environments. If you want to experience this for yourself, I encourage you to come to

an Ultreya. There is one in Owensboro at Blessed Mother Parish on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m., and also in Hopkinsville at SS. Peter and Paul Parish on the third Sunday of the month at 3:30 p.m. A Cursillista will be happy to assist you with developing a closer relationship with Christ. You will also be invited to attend the next Cursillo weekend in March 2018 at Mount St. Joseph.

Julie Tiell coordinated the women's 73rd Cursillo weekend on March 23-26, 2017.

2017 Graduating Seniors: Diocesan Schools

Over the past several months, The Western Kentucky Catholic requested from the high schools and parishes within the Diocese of Owensboro the names of graduating youth. Inquiries about these names may be directed to the corresponding schools or parishes. The WKC congratulates the Class of 2017!

St. Mary High School, Paducah

Robert Bosh
Ellen Brown
Meredith Bruce
Parker Crump
Evan Culbertson
Mark DeNeve
Lauren Dossey
Vincent Duncan II
William Garland
Emily Gipson
Olivia Griffin
Julianne Koenig
Paige Kortz
John MacCauley IV
Flynn Mudd
Karina Romero
Lauren Tashjian
Caden Tillett
Ellie Vaughn
Hannah West

Brady Neil Atherton
Allie Christen Belcher
Alyssa Drew Bickett
Margaret Louise Booth
Sarah Scott Brown
Casey Leann Carmon
Nathan Alexander Carmon
William Donald Cason
Chloe Elizabeth Cecil
Chandler Richard Coppage
Ashleigh Nicole Deno
Lane Austin Dickens
Thomas Harper Dotsey
Danielle Nicole Durbin
Brittany Marie Ebelhar
Nicole Faye Edelen
Lauren Rene Flatgard
Allison Nicole Ford
Emily Marie Foreman
Alexa Grey Foster
Kimberly Dawn Frizzell
Hannah Elizabeth Garvin
Samuel Joseph Gibson
Clayton Daniel Glenn
Lauren Danielle Goodwin
Quaza Motez Gray

Keiontre Demetrius Lamar Green
Charles Patrick Hall
Kennedy Shae Hamilton
Joseph Michael Hampel
Hayden Robert Hartz
Adaira Nicole Hatchett
Brendan Paul Higgins
Payton Michael Hite
Monica Emily Hughes
Weston Thomas Jacob
Wesley Michael James
William Thomas James
Hope Victoria Johnson
Jacob Yuri Johnson
William Thomas Johnson
Alison Noel Kuntz
Kameron Nicole Lanham
Holly Ann Logsdon
Katelin Nichole Maggard
Maxwell David Maloney
William David Marshall
Kolbe Mark Mattingly
Kelsey Marie McCarthy
Megan Elizabeth McCarthy
Judson Bennett McElroy

Christopher Bailey McKay
Macey Joan Miles
Margaret Ann Mitchell
Lilly Jane Morton
Jacob Patrick Mulcahy
Shelbi Leigh Mulcahy
Madlyn Marie Murphy
Mary Anne Murphy
Regan Marie Neal
Micah Thomas Norcia
Emily Madilynne Oakes
Iona Mary Anne Palmer
Cameron Dennis Payne
Molly Anne Payne
Alyssa Nicole Ramsey
Brooklynn Taylor Reynolds
Maddex Lee Richardson
Brooke Patricia Riley
William Houston Riney
Peyton Doolen Lee Ross
Sydney Eve Sandefur
Rose Marie Schreiner
Mallory Brooke Scott
Thomas Stephen Self
Mackenzie Lynn Short
Kaitlin Marie Stanfield

Samuel Thomas Staples
Ethan Reed Taylor
Madison Alexandra Taylor
Olivia Shea Thomas
Alexandra Renee Thompson
Jacob Matthew Thompson
Patricia Marie Thompson
Matthew Gregory Tichenor
Erin Michelle Walker
Maleia Carmel Ward
Peyton Michael Warren
David Edmond Weafer
Zhen Wei
Lauren Elizabeth Willett
Jordan Adam Wood
Grace Elizabeth Wright

Trinity High School, Whitesville

Aleeyah Marie Aguilar
Shelby Madeline Aud
Zachary Keith Boarman
Abby Danielle Booker
Hope Elizabeth Boue

Katelyn Isabella Coomes
John Robert Gibson
Jackson Thomas Goetz
Casey Tyler Hamilton
Ashley Jane Haynes
James Eric Howard
Kaitlyn Ann Howard
John Riley Lambert
Colton Patrick Lanham
Allison Marie Mattingly
Breana Shae Murphy
Thomas Daniel Puckett Jr.
Chassity Lynn Roberts
Erica Beth Russelburg
Silva Ann Stauffer
Jordan Paul Tindall
Sierra Amy Valdez
Alena Grace Varble
Dylan Michael Ward
Alanna Dawn Wathen
Holly Rebecca Lynnette Williams
Dylan Scott Wright

Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro

Isaac Lee Arnold

2017 Graduating Seniors: Non-Diocesan Schools

These include students from public schools, homeschool, private non-Catholic schools and Catholic schools outside the Diocese of Owensboro.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro

Yasmeen Williams
Christ the King, Scottsville
Hannah Obermyer
Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
Madison Abbott
Brianna Anderson
Abigail Arnold
Sonia Arroyo
Josiah Blasser

Spencer Buley
Madeline Butler
Sidney Cain
Dustin Cherry
Ashley Collins
Hadlie Comer
Joshua Duncan
Julia Eakins
Maria Edwin
Adrian Etensohn
Christopher Galbraith
Maury Gomez

Maria Gonzalez
Abby Greenfield
Ireland Greenwell
Rebecca Greenwell
Cameron Hagan
Hannah Hancock
Bryce Hoffman
Tyler Holliday
Jennifer Horn
Mary Jarrett
Wyatt Jenkins
Michael Jones

Rion Krampe
Jack Mayo
Mary Jane Mayo
Gage McChessney
Ian McGowan
Mason Mortis
Joshua O'Nan
Rachel Payne
David Phillips
David Potts
Chelsea Powell
Riley Powers

Samuel Ricketts
Rebecca Robards
Casey Sartore
Conner Sauer
Kristen Schreiner
Kelsey Steinwachs
Olivia Thomas
Sarah Watkins
Ashlee Wilson
Lillian Wilson
Immaculate Conception,

Lewisport

Sarah Hess
Katherine Woodward
Jessalyn Gray
James Snyder
Vanessa Hess
Immaculate, Owensboro
Meagan Beals
Nicholas Belcher
Megan Crawford
Ben Duncan

Alexis Keesler
Kaylynn Thomas
Carly Wahl
Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
Brandon Alexander
Jake Ballard
Matthew Bell
Austin Blacklock
Cassandra Blandford
Kenny Boarman
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Collin Merkel
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Carlyn Olivia Abney
Devin Miles Roche
Tristan Michael Shimp
Brennan Allen Hughes
John Edward Higgins V
Joseph Clark Dillaha
Hallie Marie Hayden
Montserrat Morales-Solis
Tony Pacheco Ramirez
Taylor Emily Horton
Nicole Ginell Horton
Jack Watson Mills
Catherine Rebekah Miller
George William Graves
St. Agnes, Uniontown
Jessica Buckman
Rylan Ervin
Ryan French
Hannah Girten
Cassidy Hagan
Austin Hite
Zachary Pierce
Kassidy Luttrell
St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
Nicole Glenn
Emily Murphy
Sara Yeckering
Caleb Millay
St. Ann, Morganfield
Avery Louis Buckman
Kathryn Grace Dezember
Ashley Lynn Duckworth
Dalton Wesley French
Victoria Jean French
William Gavin Nelson
Erin Bryce Rigdon

Bryce Michael Sheffer
St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel
Dana Clemons
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'Led by the Spirit for Mission' is theme for 2017 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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May 7, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also designated as a World Day of Prayer for Vocations and this year marks its 54th anniversary.

We are all encouraged to make praying for vocations part of our daily

prayer. But on this day, a concentrated effort is made by Catholics throughout the world to join our voices and prayers as we respond to the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38; Lk. 10:2).

The theme for the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations is "Led by the Spirit for Mission." In his message for this day of prayer, Pope Francis offers his reflection on the "missionary dimension of our Christian calling." Given the missionary nature of the Diocese of Owensboro, this year's theme speaks to our local Church in a distinct way.

Although this diocese has always been considered mission because such a small percentage of the

population is Catholic, the missionary nature of the diocese has been reflected more recently through the many wonderful priests who have journeyed from distant countries in a selfless display of service, offering sacraments and pastoral care throughout the diocese. Several of our parishes have been or are currently being served by international priests, without whom, the sacramental and pastoral needs of those parishes might not be met. We are truly grateful for their missionary work here in western Kentucky.

The presence of our international priests also reminds us of the need to pray that young men from within our own diocese respond to God's call to the vocation of priesthood. I remain convinced that the vocations to priesthood are here but what is lacking is the courage necessary to respond. In his message for this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis says that "we must overcome a sense of our own inadequacy and not yield to pessimism, which merely turns us into passive spectators of a dreary and monotonous life. There is no room for fear!"

The harvest of this mission field called the Diocese of Owensboro is certainly abundant, but unfortunately the laborers currently are few. So on this

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are being invited to respond to that instruction of our Lord by praying that he send laborers into his harvest in the mission territory of western Kentucky.

My hope is that Catholics throughout the diocese are praying for vocations every day, but in a special way on May 7 as we join our prayers with those of Pope Francis and the Catholic Church throughout the world.

I have asked the priests of our diocese to include vocations as part of their homily for this Good Shepherd Sunday and to offer opportunities for praying for vocations in each parish. It would be wonderful if every parish in the Diocese of Owensboro is participating in this opportunity by flooding heaven with our prayers for vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Pray the rosary. Make a holy hour of prayer for vocations. Offer these prayers for our priests, our seminarians, and for those from within our diocese whom God is calling to the great vocation of priesthood, to be laborers in the harvest.

The Day of Prayer for Vocations will also be a

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great time to invite young men from your own parish to consider a vocation to priesthood. Encourage someone you know to pray about his vocation, to consider giving his life to God as a priest, to participate in one of our vocation events, discernment retreats, come and see weekends, or our Made for More camp for high school men.

Pope Francis encourages us to have a “profound friendship with the Lord, above all for the sake of imploring from on high new vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.” May our prayers assist young men in courageously responding to God’s call to priesthood and secure a healthy, prayerful, and faithful, presbyterate in service of the missionary life of the Church in western Kentucky.

Fr. Jason McClure serves as director of the Office of Vocations and vicar for clergy in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Prayer for vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Fr. Robert Drury speaks at the March 18 confirmation retreat, held at St. Edward. Photo courtesy of Susie Fenwick.



Bishop Medley administers the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 19. Photo courtesy of Susie Fenwick.

Confirmations celebrated at Fulton, Clinton

St. Edward Parish in Fulton and St. Jude Parish in Clinton celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation together on Sunday, March 19. The liturgy and confirmations were celebrated by Bishop William F. Medley and Fr. Robert Drury. Thirteen young people were confirmed including Alexander Cox, Chelsie Lortie, Aiden Bivens, Manuel Torres, Jose Morales, Kathryn Stahr, Marcela Castro Zuniga, Deniss Rico, Jazmin Sanchez Cruz, Jesus Rico, Yuliza Arellano, Miguel Sanchez Cruz and Brian Arellano. The day before, on March 18, a confirmation retreat for all candidates was held at St. Edward.

Bishop Medley celebrates Mass with St. Pius X Daycare and Pre-school

On April 4, Bishop William F. Medley celebrated Mass with the children and teachers of St. Pius X Daycare and Preschool in Owensboro, and some parishioners as well. This was the very first time Bishop Medley celebrated Mass with the parish's daycare and preschool. Photo courtesy of Chaely Andriakos.



Five parishes attend confirmation retreat at the Mount

The Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center welcomed students from five parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro to its first Confirmation Retreat Day on March 18. Ursuline Sister Michael Marie Friedman, OSU, led the day, which was held in the Mount St. Joseph Gymnasium. In the morning, participants discussed the gifts of the Holy Spirit, watched a video and took a tour of the Motherhouse Chapel, led by Sister George Mary Hagan, OSU. Sister Monica Seaton, OSU, director of vocation ministry, talked to them about religious life and then the students were invited to take part in the sacrament of reconciliation. The participants were

from Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam, St. Alphonsus Parish in West Louisville, St. Anthony Parish in Axtel, St. Joseph Parish in Central City and St. Henry Parish in Aurora.



Klemmer Nicodemus, of Holy Redeemer Parish, talks about being courageous as a gift of the Holy Spirit as Sister Michael Marie Friedman listens. Photo courtesy of Mount St. Joseph.